

The Creation

Purpose: To help your young children understand that Heavenly Father and Jesus created the world for them.

Songs: My Heavenly Father Loves Me, pg 228/ All Things Bright and Beautiful pg. 231

Scripture: Genesis Chap. 1-2, Moses Chap. 2-3

Lesson: (*written for very young children, adapt as needed.*)

When the great plan of happiness was presented in the Council in Heaven, we shouted for joy. Thanks to our Father in Heaven and His Son Jesus Christ, we were given the opportunity to progress, to learn, to grow, and to become like Them. What a great blessing!

This great plan included the creation of a beautiful world, where we would come to live our mortal lives. The Creation took six days and was done by Jesus Christ under the direction of Heavenly Father.

Relay the following account using the included pictures. Lay them out in a row as you tell the story or attach them to a popsicle stick and have your child hold them. The following creation story is from a poem from The Friend by Lisa Phipps. This follows Genesis chapters 1-2.

On the first day God said, “Let there be light,” And He separated the day and night. (First, God divided the light from the darkness, making day and night.) *Ask the children what they do during the day? Have them to pretend they are asleep to show what they do at night.*

On the second day God created sky. He painted it blue with clouds floating by. (On the second day, He organized the heaven and the earth.)

On the third day God made the land and seas. He added green grass, bright flowers, and trees. (On the third day, He divided the land from the waters and created grass, flowers, trees, fruit, and herbs.) *Sing “Give Said the Little Stream” and use a blanket as the stream. Each family member should grab a corner and shake the blanket pretending it is water. Ask the children to name some fruits or plants that Jesus created for them.*

On the fourth day God made stars twinkle bright. He made the moon for a little more light. (On the fourth day, He created the sun, moon, and stars.) *Sing “Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star.” Go to the window and look at the sun or the moon.*

On the fifth day God made owls, ducks, and larks. He filled the sea with whales, dolphins, and sharks. (The fish and fowl were created on the fifth day.) *Pretend to fly around the room like a bird or swim like a fish.*

On the sixth day God made creatures on land. Like deer, frogs, dogs, zebras, woman, and man. (On the sixth day, Jesus Christ created the animals and people.) *Ask the children to name some animals Jesus created for them.*

Then Heavenly Father created man “in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them” Genesis 1:27.) *Point out our various body parts and explain that Heavenly Father has them too. We were made to look like Him. Sing “Head, Shoulders, Knees...”*

On the seventh day God said all was blessed. He smiled happily and took a rest. (On the seventh day, Jesus Christ rested as his work was completed.) *Explain how we also rest on the Sabbath day and set it apart as a special day.*

What a great deal we have to be thankful for! Life’s whole experience and all the beauties around us are gifts from our Father, who loves us. *Share your testimony of The Creation.*

Activity: The Creation Matching Game (Which follows the order from Moses 2-3)