

God Creates the World

In the Beginning

Genesis 1:1-25

Bible Point

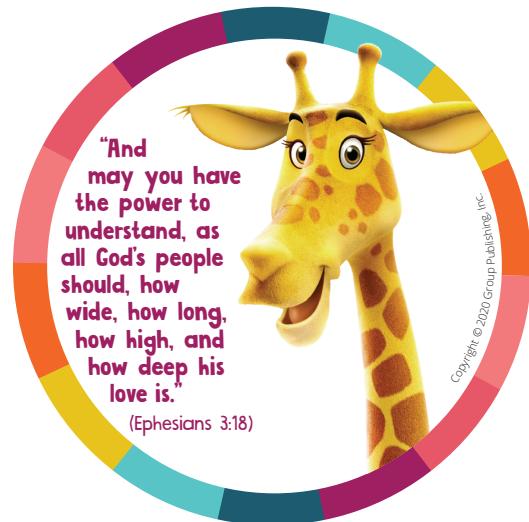
God always loves us.

Purpose

Stop what you're doing, and look outside. Even better, go outside. Look up at the sky. Look down at the ground. Take a deep breath. Notice the little things—the tweets, the crawling critters, the breeze, the sunlight, or maybe even the stars.

Now think about this: God lovingly created this world for *you* to live in. The breathable air? It's for you! The rain that falls from the sky? A refreshing gift. God made the world in an orderly and extraordinary way. The Creation story in Genesis 1 shows us God's power, his goodness, and ultimately his love for his creation—including you *and* the kids you teach.

Young children are good at noticing and marveling over the little things—dandelions, butterflies, and bubbles! Follow kids' lead and celebrate God's little wonders today. They're all reminders of his great big love that he shows us through creation and ultimately through Jesus!



Prayer

God, thank you for creating the world. It's amazing to think that the same God who made the world always loves me. Thank you. I love you, too. In Jesus' name, amen.

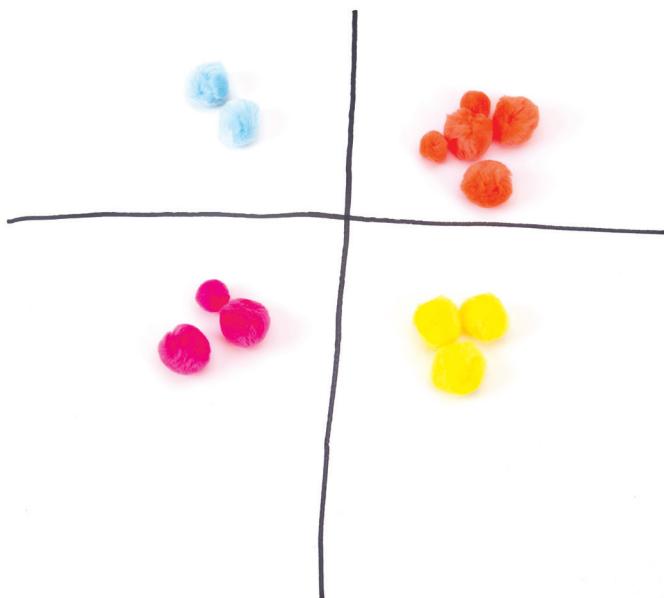
Prep

Opening Options	Sing & Play	Bible Discovery & Goodbye Circle	Apply-It Options
<input type="checkbox"/> Option Cards* <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Pompom Color Sorting</i> : multicolored pompoms, white bulletin board paper, markers <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Play Dough Creations</i> : play dough, cookie cutters (<i>optional</i>)	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Music CD*</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Buddy Video DVD*</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Music Video DVD*</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Savanna Bible Memory Buddy poster*</i> <input type="checkbox"/> media player <input type="checkbox"/> Bible (bookmark Ephesians 3:18)	<input type="checkbox"/> "God Creates the World" Bible Story poster* <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Music CD*</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Savanna Bible Memory Buddy stickers*</i> (1 per child) <input type="checkbox"/> media player <input type="checkbox"/> Bible (bookmark Genesis 1:1, 20, 25) <input type="checkbox"/> fan (<i>optional</i>)	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Game</i> : no supplies <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Food-n-Friendship</i> : snack, napkins, hand cleanser, <i>Music CD*</i> , media player <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Coloring Creation</i> : "God Creates the World" Coloring Creation pages* (1 per child), crayons, glue sticks, wet wipes, real or artificial leaves, <i>Music CD*</i> , media player

* in your **Simply Loved Kit** 

Opening Options

Set up one—or both—of these intro activities to start your time together. Each activity connects kids to the Bible Point and to each other. Cut apart these Option Cards, and place one by each activity you choose. Crew Guides will follow the directions and build friendships with kids as they make discoveries together!



Pompon Color Sorting

Supplies

- multicolored pom-poms, white bulletin board paper, markers

Cover a table with paper, then draw lines to make separate areas.

Sort pom-poms by color.

God always loves us. When God made the world, he separated darkness and light.

? What lights help you see in the dark?

Play Dough Creations

Supplies

- play dough, cookie cutters (*optional*)

Make plants and animals.

God always loves us. God's filled our world with beautiful plants and amazing animals. Let's make some!

? What plants or animals do you love? Why?

Opening

Now's a great time for Opening Options. Choose one—or both—to introduce today's Bible discoveries.



"The Cleanup Song" (Music CD track 1)

Help kids transition by cleaning up before sitting with their Connect Crews. A Connect Crew is a smaller group of kids with one Crew Guide.

Sing & Play

Welcome

Hello, friends! I'm so glad you're here today. Let's sing our welcome song.

"Hello, My Friends" (Music CD track 2)

Let's say hello to our Crew Guides. They're our go-to friends who are here to have fun and learn along with us.

- Kids give their Crew Guides a high-five.

Bible Point

Let's find out today's Bible Point: **God always love us.** Every time you hear the words **"God always loves us,"** I want you to open your hands and say, "Wow, God!" Let's try that together. Repeat several times.

Let's celebrate God's love. Do what I do!

God always love us. (Wow, God!)

God loves us when we sleep. (pretend to sleep)

God loves us when we eat. (pretend to eat)

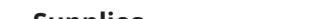
God loves us when we're sad. (make sad faces)

God loves us when we're glad! (make happy faces)

God always loves us! (Wow, God!)

Let's do that again! Repeat several times.

Repetition cements learning, so be sure to say today's Bible Point A LOT. Have fun with it! Kids will love listening for it and responding with "Wow, God!"



Supplies

- Bible
- Music CD
- "Hello, My Friends" video
- Buddy Video DVD
- Savanna Bible Memory Buddy video (Week 1)
- Music Video DVD
- "One Thing Remains (Your Love Never Fails)" music video
- "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands" music video
- media player
- Savanna Bible Memory Buddy poster

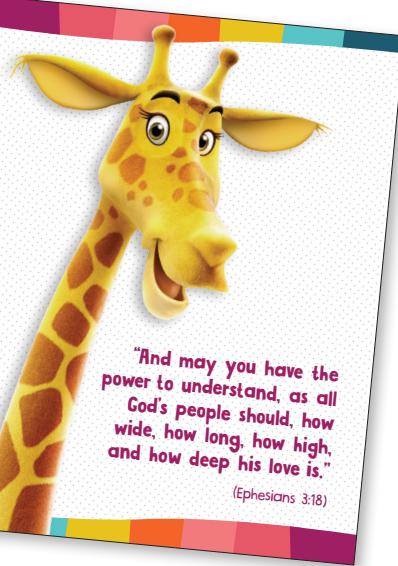


Wow, God!

Now let's sing a song to tell God we love him, too!



"One Thing Remains (Your Love Never Fails)" music video



Bible Memory Buddy & Verse



It's time to talk to our friend Buzzy Bee. Buzzy will introduce us to a Bible Memory Buddy friend. Let's call for Buzzy.

- Flap hands quickly like a bee.
- Make buzzing sounds.



Savanna Bible Memory Buddy video (Week 1)

God made animals, and God made Savanna, our Bible Memory Buddy.

- Show the Bible Memory Buddy poster.
- Explain that Savanna is a tall giraffe with a long neck.
- Invite kids to stretch up and lift their arms high to look like a giraffe's neck.

Savanna helps us see that God always loves us. (Wow, God!)



Show the Bible. **The Bible is God's true story of love. Our Bible Memory Verse comes from the Bible. Let's say our Bible verse together. I'll say a line, and then you repeat it after me.**

"And may you have the power (make muscles with arms) to understand, (point to head) as all God's people should, (sweep hands in front of you) how wide, (spread arms wide) how long, (move arm in front like tracing a long line) how high, (stretch up with hand above head) and how deep (crouch down) (God's) love is." (hug yourself)
(Ephesians 3:18)

It's hard to understand how much God loves us because we can't see God. But we can see God's creation, including animals like Savanna, to see God's love for us. God always loves us. (Wow, God!) Let's celebrate with another song!



"He's Got the Whole World in His Hands" music video

Bible Discovery

God always loves us! (Wow, God!) Hold up a Bible. **Our Bible story today tells us God made the whole wide world!**

- Get comfy and sit in knee-to-knee circles with Connect Crews.
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- What have you seen in God's world so far today?** Invite Crew Guides to share first.
- Crew Guides give thumbs-up when everyone has shared.

God created the world, and that means God made everything in our world.

 Read aloud Genesis 1:1.

Let's explore things God made. First, he made day and night. Do this with me.

- Pretend to be sunshine and stretch arms up high when the lights are on.
- Pretend to fall asleep with the lights off or dimmed.
- Turn lights on and then dim them. Do this a few times, and end with lights dimmed.

God always loves us. (Wow, God!) **He loves you in the daytime and in the nighttime. Let's rise and shine and see what else God made!** Turn lights on. **God made the sky, the land, and the water. He said it was good! Let's look at our Bible Story poster.**

- Show the Bible Story poster.
- Identify the sky, the land, and the water.
- Give thumbs-up to show those things are good!

God made all these good things, and God always loves us. (Wow, God!) **God made plants and trees, too.**

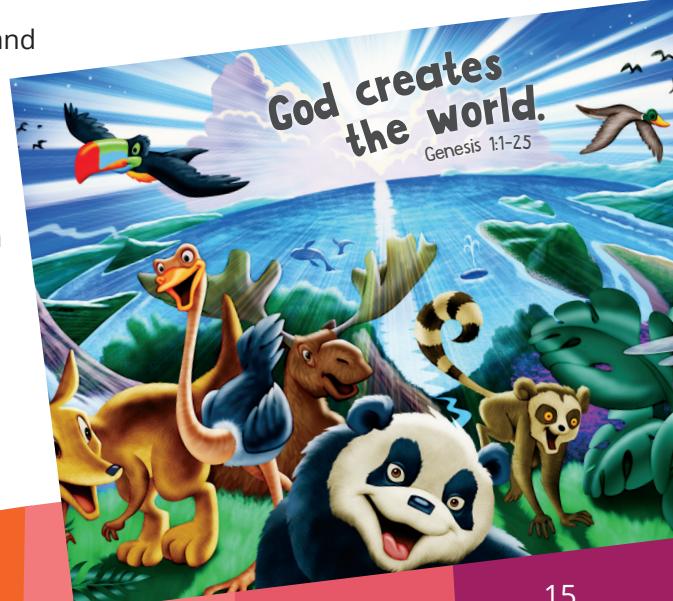
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- What plants have you seen in God's world? Shout out some for me to hear.**

- Identify plants on the Bible Story poster.
- Have everyone pretend to be flowers by standing straight and tall with their hands circled around their heads.
- Have everyone pretend to be apple trees by stretching their hands and feet like tree limbs.
- Have everyone pretend to be Christmas trees or evergreen trees standing tall with their hands shaped like a triangle over their heads. Sing a few lines of "Jingle Bells."
- Have everyone pretend to be grass and move gently in the wind as the fan blows (optional).

Supplies

- Bible
- "God Creates the World" Bible Story poster
- fan (optional)

We call helpers Crew Guides. If you lead a small class, you can be the Crew Guide. Simply gather kids in a cozy circle around you. If you have helpers, form smaller groups so each child can be known—and so kids can befriend your helpers, too!





Read the verse from the Bible. You're showing kids that God's Word is special. Don't worry—we've kept the verses short for young attention spans.

Next, the Bible says God made fish, and birds, and animals!



Read aloud Genesis 1:20 and 25.

Sing to the tune of "Mary Had a Little Lamb."

God made all the fish that swim, (*move hands together like fish swimming*)
fish that swim, fish that swim. (*continue moving hands*)

God made all the fish that swim (*continue moving hands*)
and said that it was good. (*give thumbs-up*)

God made all the birds that fly, (*flap arms like wings*)
birds that fly, birds that fly. (*continue flapping arms*)
God made all the birds that fly (*continue flapping arms*)
and said that it was good. (*give thumbs-up*)

Assign everyone different animals, such as giraffes, elephants, lions, and monkeys. Have kids move like those animals during the last verse.

Repeat, repeat! Feel free do activities more than once. You'll give kids time to catch on and jump in.

God made all the animals, (*move like animals*)
animals, animals. (*continue moving like animals*)
God made all the animals (*continue moving like animals*)
and said that it was good. (*give thumbs-up*)

Let's talk with our Connect Crews again.

- Get comfy and sit in knee-to-knee circles with Connect Crews.
- **What do you love most about God's world?** Invite Crew Guides to share first.
- Crew Guides give thumbs-up when everyone has shared.

I love so many things God made, including each one of you. God's love is everywhere! I'm so glad **God always loves us.** (*Wow, God!*)

Now's a great time for Apply-It Options. Choose one or more that fit your time frame to support today's Bible discoveries before the closing Goodbye Circle.



Apply-It Options

Choose one—or all—of these activities to support kids' learning after Bible Discovery.

Game

Sit in a circle and play a game like Duck, Duck, Goose. Instead of "Duck" and "Goose," choose names of baby animals and their corresponding grown-up animals to say each round. For example: kitten and cat, puppy and dog, cub and lion.

God made animals. He said that grown-up animals should have baby animals! God made sure there'd always be animals in our world. God is so great! And God always loves us! (Wow, God!)



Food-n-Friendship

Supplies: snack, napkins, hand cleanser, *Music CD*, media player

- Give a napkin to a friend and say, **"God always loves us."** (Wow, God!)

"God, You Are So Good" (Music CD track 3)

- Eat snack together.
- When we pray, we talk with God. Who has something we can talk with God about?**
- Pray together.

God always loves us. (Wow, God!)
God loves us through special people in our lives. Let's show our friends we love them by cleaning up their snack!



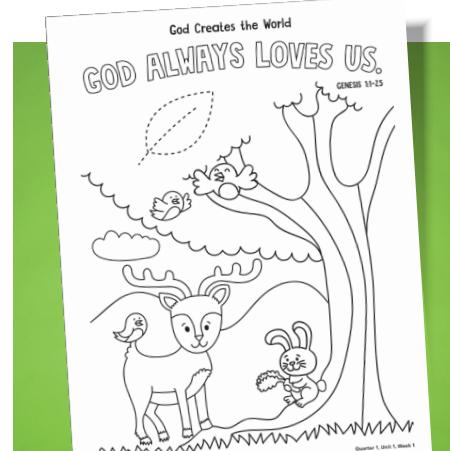
Coloring Creation

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God always loves us. (Wow, God!)
God created the whole wide world for us to enjoy!

- Identify on the picture things God made.
- Color the picture.
- Use glue sticks to attach a leaf to the craft page.
- Play music as kids create.

"How Wide?" (Ephesians 3:18) (Music CD track 5)

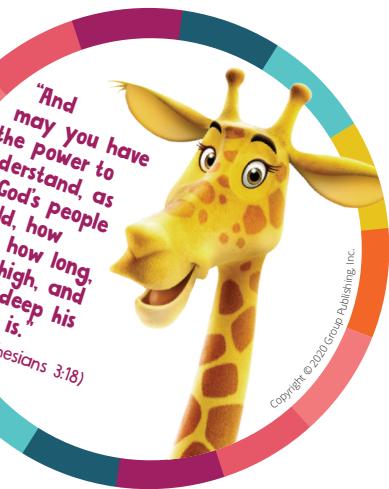




Supplies

- Music CD
 - “Goodbye, My Friends”
 - “How Wide?”

(Ephesians 3:18)
- media player
- Savanna Bible Memory Buddy stickers (1 per child)



Goodbye Circle

It's almost time to say goodbye! Let's sing our goodbye song as we join hands and make one big circle!



“Goodbye, My Friends” (Music CD track 4)

God always loves us. (*Wow, God!*) We look at God's beautiful world and see his love for us! The Bible tells another way God shows us his love. God loved the world so much he sent his only Son, Jesus, to be our friend. Let's celebrate God's love for us and our friend Jesus! Do this with me.

Jesus loves you when you sleep. (*pretend to sleep*)

Jesus loves you when you eat. (*pretend to eat*)

Jesus loves you when you're sad. (*make sad faces*)

Jesus loves you when you're glad! (*make happy faces*)

Jesus will always love you! (*point to one another*)

- Repeat the rhyme several times.
- Pray, thanking Jesus for loving us.
- Show the Bible Memory Buddy poster, and remind kids that Savanna helps us remember **God always loves us.** (*Wow, God!*)
- Invite Crew Guides to give kids the Savanna stickers to wear or take home. As they give one to each child, have them say, “[Child's name], **God always loves you.**”



“How Wide?” (Ephesians 3:18) (Music CD track 5)

- Do Bible Memory Verse motions and move to the music!



Saying each child's name in a loving way helps kids simply experience God's love through you!