

Adventures with GOD!

GOD MADE THE SUN, MOON AND STARS

(A.1.FALL.6)

Biblical Reference	Genesis 1:14-19
Key Verse	Genesis 1:10
Key Concept	With the light of the sun, the moon and the stars I can appreciate the beautiful world God made.
Educational Objectives	At the end of the class today, the children will be able to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Explain why we need the sun, the moon, and the stars 2. Distinguish between the activities we do during the day (sun) and at night (moon and stars) 3. Give thanks to God for what was made on the 4th day

LIFE APPLICATION

Children need to have the opportunity not only to express their love to their creator, but also to the things God created. One way we show our love for God is by taking care of the creation. The small children can begin to find ways to take care of nature. It would be good to write a letter to the parents, inviting them to help their children build this routine of taking care of nature. They should encourage their children to take care of the things that God made.

Possible Activities and Class Plan

Activity	Materials	Time
Opening Prayer	Candle	1 minute
Activity	Stars, moon, sun	10 minutes
Bible Story	Stars, tape, questions	10 minutes
Bible Verse		10 minutes
Creation Calendar	Sheets of paper, crayons, scissors, clothes hangers, yarn or string	10 minutes
Closing Prayer	Candle	1 minute



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INSTRUCTIONS

Opening Prayer

Gather children around a candle and explain that we are entering into a special time with God. Encourage the children to hold their hands out in front of them palms up as a sign they are ready to receive what God has for them today. Light the candle

Prayer: God we light this candle remembering: you made light, you made us, and you are with us now. Amen

(For safety sake, you may wish to extinguish the candle after the prayer)

Decoration: As a suggestion, you can decorate the room for this lesson. Cut out a bunch of stars, a moon, and a sun to hang from the ceiling. Get creative and make the stars to form a constellation.

Activity: Take the children for a walk around the room to observe the stars, the moon and the sun. Talk with them about the importance of each of these things that God made to light up the world. Ask them why they think these things are important? Talk about how humans have visited the moon and have had the chance to walk on it. Who knows maybe someday people will live on the moon. Take some time to work on the creation art project – making the sun, the moon and the stars. Find a way to hang them above the project.

Bible Story: We have seen that God made day and night, the sky, the earth, the sea and the plants. But the plants need the warmth of the sun to be able to grow. The world would be a very cold and sad place without the warmth of the sun. And the night would be so extremely dark without the soft light of the moon and the stars. Help the children to think about the activities they do during the day and the ones they do at night. Also, what are things they can do during the day or at night. If you have pictures of these different activities it would be good to show them. Or simply put up the pictures of the activities and have them identify which ones they do during the day or during the night. Cut out the picture of a sun and of a moon and have them tape the pictures of the corresponding activities under the 2 pictures. This is the perfect time to stop and thank God for the light of the sun, the moon and the stars.

Bible Verse: Have pictures of all of the things you've talked about that God created. Then repeat the verse, reminding them that what God made is good.

Creation Calendar: Today the children will color the number 4. While they are coloring, you can go ahead and serve them the snack. When they've finished coloring and cutting out their number they can hang it on their mobile.

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Closing Prayer

Gather children around the candle again. Light the candle

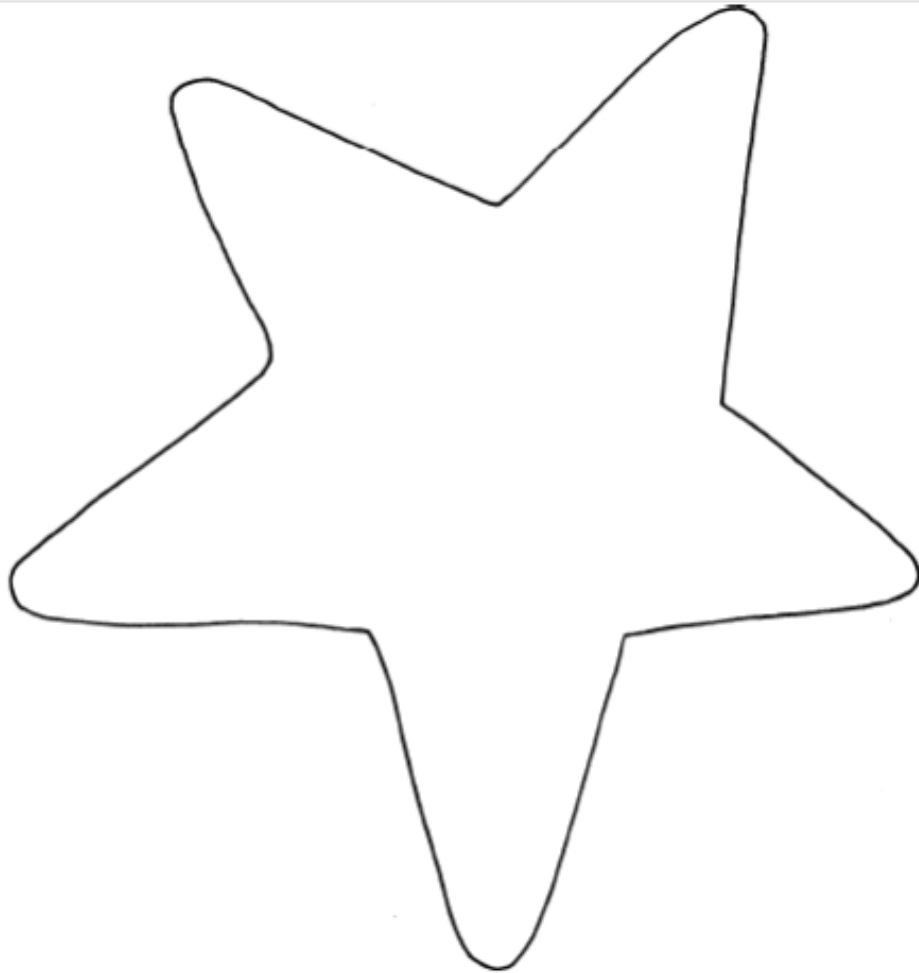
Prayer: Thank you God for making us, Thank you God for making the world. Amen

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GAME

Memory

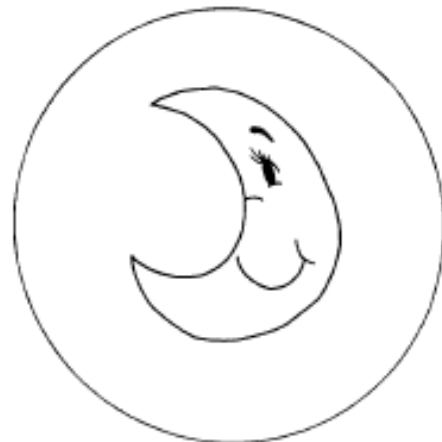
Cut out 12 stars. Behind each star put a picture of something God made during the first four days of creation. Each picture should be on two stars – so that there are 6 pictures, and 6 pairs of stars. You will find the pattern for the star, as well as the different images that you can put on the stars. Then, put the stars face down on the ground (so they can't see the images), try to make sure the pairs aren't right next to each other. The children can form two teams and each team can take a turn turning over 2 of the stars. If they match the same pictures, they take the pair and get another turn. If they don't then the other team has a turn. Do this until all six of the pairs are found.



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PATTERNS

Color and cut out 2 of each of these pictures and glue them to 12 stars



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CRAFT

Creation Calendar

