



BIBLE STUDY



This Is My Father's World

God Is Our Creator

TODAY'S VERSE

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Isaiah 44:24

Decoration Ideas

- Room decorated with things from nature, bring the outside in! (Flowers, plants, fresh veggies from garden, pictures or drawings of clouds, sun, rainbows, water, etc)
- Daily theme posters (available on CD-Rom and online)

Supplies Needed

- Bibles for everyone
- Passages marked ahead of time in Bible that you will be reading
- Roll paper hung on wall
- Markers, crayons, or colored pencils
- Additional verses ready for leaders
- CD player with *This Is My Father's World* playing as kids come in
- Setup to play Go Fish video

Special Needs Suggestion

Allow the children to draw what they love about God's creation on a clipboard while you are talking. They can then choose one of their ideas to add to the wall with the large group at the end.



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Getting Started

When you look around outside, how can you tell it's summer? The green grass, the beautiful colors of all the flowers in bloom, the blue sky with puffy white clouds...what is your favorite part of summer?

Allow some of the children to answer

Don't worry if you didn't get to share. After our lesson today, you will get a chance to help decorate our room and add your favorite thing.

Today we are going to talk about God as our Creator. Our verse is from **Isaiah 44:24**.

It is important that the children see you reading the verse from the Bible so have it marked ahead of time.

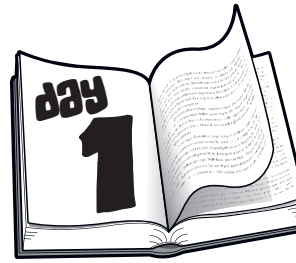
It says, "I am the Lord who made all things, who alone stretched out the heavens, who spread out the earth by myself." God created everything. It wasn't an accident and he didn't need any help. He created the hot sun and the water you swim in to cool off. He created the sky and the rain that falls from it. He even created the lightning you see during a storm and the rainbow you might see after the storm.

Did you know that God's creation has a voice?

Again have passage marked and read verses 1 and 4 from Psalm 19

Psalm 19 says "The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. Their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world." Remember the song that we sang today called This is My Father's World? That's what the song talks about! God created the world because he wanted to share his goodness with everyone.

Do you know what else God created that has a voice? You! We can use our voices to speak the truth about Jesus, to sing praises to him, to give thanks to him, and to tell others about him.



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Play Go Fish Video: Day 1 Bible Study

Found on the "Kickin' It Old School" DVD

Raise your hand if you know the story of Adam and Eve. Most of you probably even know right where to look in the Bible to find that story. The very first book of the Bible, Genesis, tells how God created everything, including the first man and woman, Adam and Eve. They were made in God's image, just like you, and they lived in a garden that had everything they could want. God created this garden for Adam and Eve and told them that they could eat from any tree except for one. However a serpent, or snake, came and told them that eating from the tree would make them just like God. So instead of listening to and trusting God, Adam and Eve trusted the serpent. They disobeyed God and ate from the tree. When we ignore God and do things our way instead of God's way, it's called sin. Adam and Eve sinned because they decided for themselves what was

right and what was wrong.

It says in the Bible that in the perfect garden there was no need for clothing. However, once Adam and Eve disobeyed God, their hearts changed and they felt shame because of their nakedness. Shame means guilt. Adam and Eve knew they made the wrong choice and they tried to cover themselves up with leaves and hide from God because they were guilty. God was very hurt that they did not listen to him and made them leave the garden. Adam and Eve could no longer be close to God because they sinned. God is perfect and holy and cannot be anywhere near sin.

God also covered Adam and Eve with something besides leaves. Let's turn to **Genesis 3:21** and see what God did.

Provide some time for leaders to assist the children in turning to the passage.

“The Lord God made garments of skin for Adam and his wife and clothed them.”

What does it say God covered them with?

Garments of skin

Where do you think the skin came from?

Some type of animal

Because Adam and Eve sinned or disobeyed God, there had to be a sacrifice to make things right with God. The sacrifice was an animal. One sacrifice for Adam and his sin and one for Eve and her sin. Then God took the skins of the animals and covered both Adam and Eve.

Let's continue reading **Genesis 3:22**.

“And the Lord God said, ‘The man has now become like one of us, knowing good and evil. He must not be allowed to reach out his hand and take from the tree of life and eat, and live forever.’”

This story shows us how much God hates sin. Adam and Eve didn't rob a bank or beat someone up. They ate from the wrong tree. God told them they needed to leave the garden, to move away from where God was, and that one day they would die instead of being able to live forever. The penalty for their sin was death.

How do we know what sin is? Once again, the Bible gives us the answer. God gave us the ten commandments which we also sang about today!

The Bible says that God's law, the ten commandments, helps us know what sin is and shows us how we can tell the difference between right and wrong (*Romans 3:20*).

The Bible also says that nothing can be hidden from God. **Hebrews 4:13** says:

“Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account.”

That means that God knows everything! He knows our thoughts, our words, and our actions. Can we hide our sin from God?

No

Just like Adam and Eve, God gives us the choice to love him or ignore him. He gives us the choice to love others or to hurt others. What choice are you going to make? Are you going to choose to listen to God and what he says is right and wrong? Or are you going to listen to those around you?

From the very beginning every person has sinned against God. However don't forget that he is still in control! The same God that created the whole world is the one who knows your name and loves you very much. Even though sin is all around us, we can be confident that this is still our Father's world!

Allow time for children to decorate the room with their favorite part of God's creation. If you have a large group, you can take turns and have the others look up additional verses with their leaders.



Additional Verses

Genesis 1:1

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

Genesis 1:27

So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

Psalms 50:12b

For the world is mine, and all that is in it.

Psalms 90:2

Before the mountains were born or You brought forth the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

Isaiah 40:28

Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth.

Acts 17:25b

He Himself gives all men life and breath and everything else.

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