

August 17, 2025, Week 3 - 3's Classroom

Today's Bible Story: Sun, Moon, and Stars • Genesis 1:14-19

On day four, God made the sun, moon, and stars.

Memory Verse: "God saw everything he had made. And it was very good." Genesis 1:31, NIrV

Key Question: Who made everything? **Bottom Line:** God made everything.

- 1. Moon Walk
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1. Moon Walk

Made to Move

What You Need:

Bubble wrap
Painter's tape

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Lay sheets of bubble wrap on the floor in an open area of the room. Secure the edges with painter's tape.

During the Activity: Encourage children to walk from one end of the bubble wrap to the other. Move in different ways like tip toe, march, dance, etc.

After the Activity: Introduce the true Bible Story.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "Wow! Look at the floor over here. (Pause.) There are bubbles and bumps. Let's pretend this is what I imagine the moon looks like."

During the Activity: "Do you want to pretend to be astronauts and walk on the moon? Alright astronauts come line up behind each other at this end and we'll go one at a time. (Pause.) [Child's name] walk to the other end on your tip toes. (Pause.) Great job! (Continue with each child.) Did that feel squishy and bumpy? (Pause for answers.) This time let's march across. (Pause.) Amazing! Now let's dance across. (Repeat as desired.) Wow we walked on the moon! That was fun!"

After the Activity: "In today's true story from the Bible, we're going to hear about the sun, the moon, and stars! I can't wait to hear all about it!"

2. VIDEO

3. Rocket Verse

Hear from God | Memory Verse Review Made to Create

What You Need

"Rocket Verse" Activity Page
Cardstock
Smoothie straws
Paper or plastic straws
Scissors
Crayons
Clear tape
Permanent marker

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Copy "Rocket Verse" on cardstock and cut, one cutout per child and leader. Cut smoothie straws in 2" pieces, one per child and leader. Pinch one end of each smoothie straw closed and tape to secure. Write each child's name on their rocket. Say the Memory Verse and do the motions together.

During the Activity: Encourage children to color their rockets. Tape the smoothie straw to one side of the back of each child's rocket. Fold the two sides together and tape the edges together. Help children insert their straw into the base of their rocket. Stand up and spread apart with everyone facing the same direction. Say the verse together then launch your rockets. Collect and send home.

After the Activity: Connect the Memory Verse to the Bottom Line.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "Rocket over here and let's say our verse together with the motions. Ready? 'God (flat hand with thumb to forehead, pull down) saw everything he had made. (Binocular eyes) And it was very good,' (two thumbs up) Genesis 1:31. (Open hands like a book) Great job! Now let's sit down at the table."

During the Activity: "We are going to make rockets we can launch! Color your rocket ship. (Pause.) Now I'll help you put it together. (Turn their rocket ships over and tape the smoothie straw with the opening towards the bottom of one side.) Now we'll fold the two sides together and tape the edges. (Tape only the sides together from the top to the bottom.) Pick a straw and we'll insert them into your rocket like this. (Demonstrate.) Stand up and walk over here with your rockets. (Pause.) Let's say our verse together. 'God saw everything he had made. And it was very good,' Genesis 1:31. Now launch your rocket like this. (Demonstrate.) I'll count down for you. Three, two, one, blast off! (Pause.) Whoa! That was fun! Find your rockets and sit back down at the table. (Help as needed. Collect straws and place in each child's rocket to send home.)"

After the Activity: "God is so creative! God made the light and separated it from the dark; sky above water; land, plants and sea; and the sun, moon, and stars! God had so many more plans of what to make next... because God made everything! Now when you look around at the great big world and all the amazing things God made, you can say, "Wow! [Bottom Line] God made everything! And it was very good! Who made everything? [Bottom Line] God made everything!"

4. Reach for the Stars Live for God | Application Activity Made to Move

What	You Need:
	String or ribbon
	Paper or foil star cutouts

☐ Masking tape

☐ Scissors

☐ Limbo stick or pool noodle

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Cut string/ribbon to different lengths ranging from 6"-24" lengths, five per Small Group. Tape stars to one end of the string/ribbon and tape the other end to the limbo stick/pool noodle.

During the Activity: Set the limbo stick or hold at a high level. Encourage the children to reach up high and try to touch the stars. Then, have children take turns going under the limbo stick while pretending to move under the night sky. Lower and raise the limbo stick as they play. Repeat as desired.

After the Activity: Review the Bottom Line.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "Look up, friends! Do you see all the stars? God made each one!"

During the Activity: "Let's see if we can reach them. Can you stretch up high? (Pause.) Wow! You're doing a great job reaching for the stars! Now, let's take turns moving under the stars like we're walking under the night sky! [Child's name] you go under first and this time just look and don't touch the stars. (Pause.) Next friend! [Child's name], your turn. (Continue with each child.) Great job, everyone!"

After the Activity: "Today we learned that God made the sun, moon, and stars! God is so creative. [Bottom Line] God made everything! Who made everything? [Bottom Line] God made everything!"