

LESSON 5

Something from Nothing

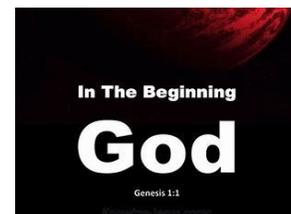
Day 1

Check in with Uncle Peter, Jon and Carol
What was Jon using to make his model of the world?
How was the real world made?
What did God use to make the world?
Did God just speak and there was light?
Did someone tell God how to make the earth?



Day 2

Read together Genesis 1:1-2
Last week we learned that God created everything that we cannot see. This week we will begin learning how God also created everything that we CAN see. Look up the word *void*. Take a moment to close your eyes and think of nothing. It is really hard to think of nothing! Even what we think of as nothing might still contains sound, light, breath and life. Before God began creating there was literally nothing but God in existence.



Day 3

Read together Hebrews 11:3
Take some time to memorize the bible verse. It does not matter what version of God's word you memorize, but we use NKJV in class. (For younger kids: By faith we understand that the worlds were formed by the word of God,) Discuss what the verse means. Talk about the opposites *visible* and *invisible*. Look up the word *faith*.

By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible. Hebrews 11:3

Day 4

Read together Genesis 1:3-5
Imagine the time before there was light. God spoke and light was immediately created. God does not have to plan, gather materials, and wait for the weather to change. He spoke at the perfect time and created light from nothing but HIS own voice. Imagine how perfect and pure that light was. No one but God was there to see it, but imagine together and discuss what it would have been like to be a witness to the first moment of light.

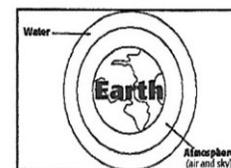


Think it through and thank God for it.

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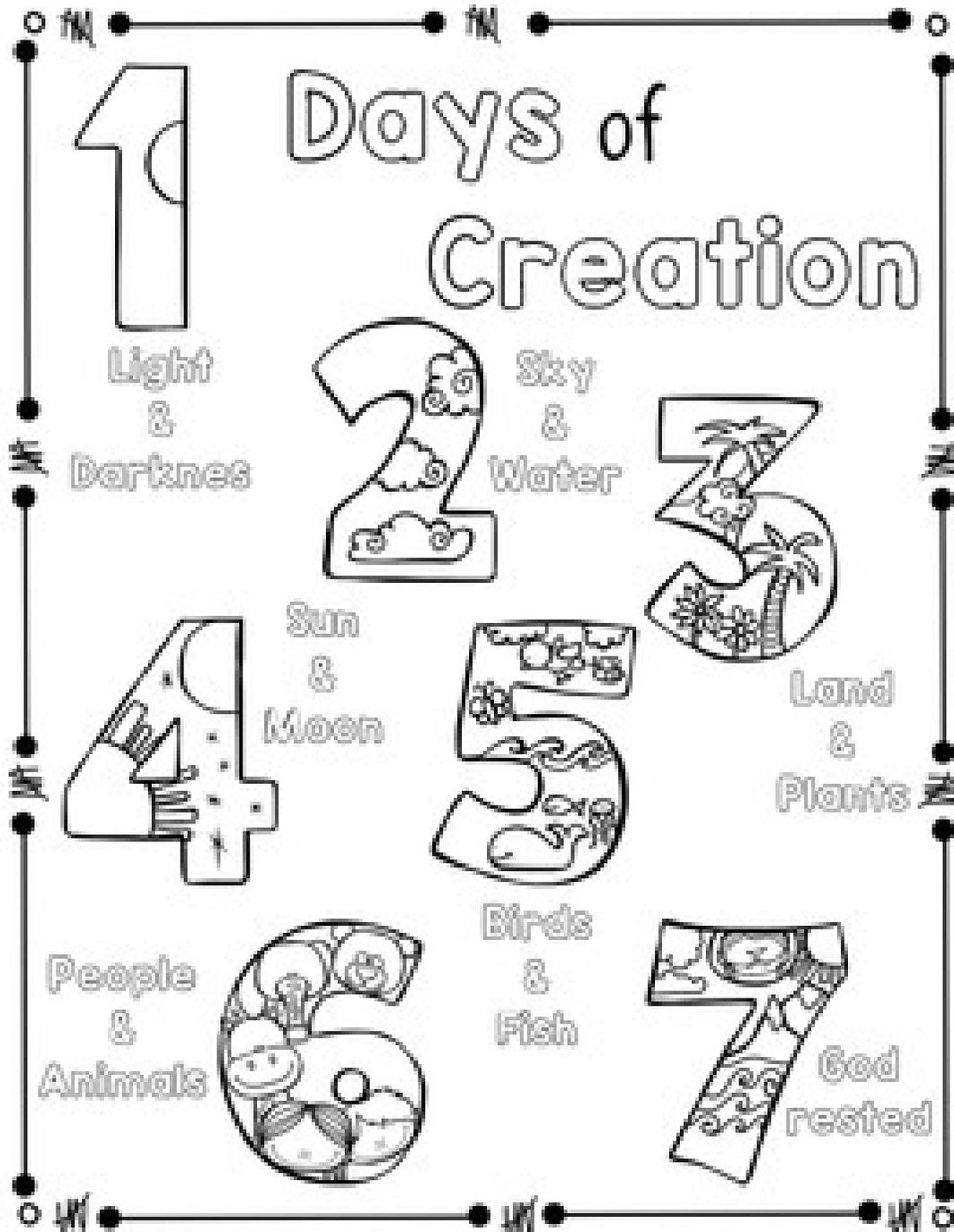
Read together Genesis 1:6-8
Look up the word *firmament*. We do not know exactly how God held some water above the atmosphere apart from the earth, but we are talking about the same God that just spoke light into existence the day before! God is awesome and powerful! Mankind has always tried to figure out how the universe came to be. People try all the time to leave God out of creation and they change their minds with each new "discovery". Unlike people, God is steadfast. That means HE never changes. His word is truth and we can trust Him!
Psalm 18:30 says: As for God, His way is perfect.

CHART 5: Earth's Atmosphere



Jeopardy Questions

1. How many books are in the Bible? (66)
2. What is the first book of the Bible? (Genesis)
3. What does the word *created* mean? (Made something from nothing)
4. When the earth was created, what was it covered with? (Water)
5. What did God create on the first day? (Light, night and day)
6. What did God create on the second day? (Air and sky, he also divided the water on the earth- some above the sky and some covering the earth)
7. Could anyone else have created the earth? (No)



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LARGE GROUP TIME REVIEW

(Use to prepare for Small Group Time.)

STORY

"Hi, kids!" greeted Uncle Peter. "What are you making?"

"Hi, Uncle Peter," said Jon and Carol at the same time.

"Oh, I'm working on a project for one of my school classes," said Jon. "But I'm having a problem with it."

Uncle Peter looked and looked at the project Jon was making and asked,

"What is it supposed to be, Jon, a ball?"

"No, it is supposed to be a model of the world," replied Jon. "But I don't have all the things I need to finish it. I didn't realize how many items I would need. I only have some clay and wire ..."

"Yes, and he's making a mess!" interrupted Carol.

"She's right, I'm making a mess," agreed Jon.

"Well," exclaimed Uncle Peter, "that's a pretty big project — it will take a lot of work to make. Do you know how the world really was made?"

"I don't know," said Jon. "Does anyone really know?"

"Yes," replied Uncle Peter, "because the One who made it had someone write down how He did it!"

"Where is it written?" asked Carol.

"In the Bible," answered Uncle Peter. "God, who created all the spirits, also created the earth. He was the only one there in the beginning, and He knew exactly what happened. Remember, God is one, yet God is three in one — God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit — all having part in the mighty act of creation."

"Does the Bible say how He did it?" asked Jon.

"Yes," replied Uncle Peter. "It says that God created the heaven and the earth. He simply spoke, and there was light."

"Wait a minute!" interrupted Jon. "What did He use to make the earth, and where did the light come from?"

Smiling, Uncle Peter said, "In Genesis, the very first book of the Bible, it tells us that God made everything from nothing. God is all powerful; nothing is impossible for Him to do."

"But how did God know how to make heaven and the earth?" asked Carol.

Uncle Peter explained how we have to learn how to do all the things that we do. We are not born with knowledge and understanding. Some people go to school to learn, yet they will never learn about everything. God did not need someone to teach Him how to make the heavens and the earth, because He knows and completely understands everything. God is all knowing. "It is hard to understand how someone can be so powerful and wise, isn't it?" asked Uncle Peter.

"It sure is!" agreed Jon, "Next time I want to hear how the rest of the earth was made too."

