

## Lesson 1

# Creation

**Lesson aim: to teach that God made everything and it was good.**

### Preparation

1. Read Genesis 1:1 - 2:3.
2. Think about the way God made the world:
  - God made everything (v.1),
  - he made it from nothing (v.1-2),
  - he made it by feeding the information in (using his word - vv.3,6,9,11,14,20,24,26),
  - he made it in stages,
  - it was all good (v.31).
3. Pray for the children you teach, asking God to help them understand that he made everything and it was good.
4. Choose appropriate visual aids.



On the sixth day God made all the animals - (Ask the children to name animals as they are stuck in place). And right at the end God made a man called Adam, and a woman called Eve. And God saw that it was all very good.

And on the seventh day God rested.

### Prayer

Dear God, thank you for making a lovely world for us to live in. Amen.

### Visual aids

Pictures from a Child's Story Bible.

### Activities

1. Give each child a sheet of coloured paper on the bottom of which is written, *God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. Genesis 1:31.* Either make cut-outs of sun, moon, stars, birds, fish, etc. from coloured sticky paper (see page 10), or cut pictures out of magazines. Place a set of cut-outs in an envelope for each child. The children stick them onto the paper.
2. Make a creation booklet with each child. This activity takes more time than activity 1 but makes the stages of creation clearer. Fold 2 A4 pieces of paper in half to make a booklet of 8 pages. Staple at the join. Write *Creation* plus the Bible verse from activity 1 on the front page. Name the remaining pages from Day 1 to Day 7. On Day 1 draw a big circle to represent the world and draw a line across the centre of the circle. Either make cut-outs of sun, moon, stars, birds, fish, etc. from coloured sticky paper (see page 10), or cut pictures out of magazines. Place a set of cut-outs in an envelope for each child. Make the booklet with the children. They can colour in the light and dark sections on Day 1 and then glue the pictures in the appropriate places in the rest of the booklet.



To-day we are going to learn how the world was made.

When God first made the world it was dark and empty. Then God said, *'Let there be light.'* God called the light Day, and the dark Night. And it was good. That was the first day.

On the second day God made the sky and it was good.

On the third day God separated the land from the sea. And God made all the plants - the trees and their fruit, the flowers, and the grass. And they were all good.

On the fourth day God made the sun to shine by day, and the moon and the stars to shine by night. And they were good.

On the fifth day God made the fish to swim in the sea, and the birds to fly in the air. And they were good.

