

UNIT 1: CREATIVITY • LESSON 1:

“God Creates the Earth”

GENESIS 1:1-19



BIBLE STORY:

There are 2 creation stories in the Bible - in Genesis - this is the first one and very poetic and beautiful. It reminds us of God’s great love for the world. This portion of the story shows the importance of light and dark. Plants were the first form of life that God brought to beautify the world. God let us know that all of this was and is GOOD.



When God created the heavens and earth, the earth was without shape or form. It was dark. God’s wind swept over the waters. God said: **let there be light. It is good. The light will be**

called Day, and the darkness will be called Night. There was evening and there was morning: **the first day.** God said **let there be a dome in the middle of the waters to separate the waters from each other.** God named the dome Sky. There was evening and there was morning: **the second day.** God said **let the waters under the sky come together into one place so that there an be dry land.** God named the dry land Earth and named the gathered waters Seas. God said **it is good. Let the earth grow plants with seeds and trees bearing fruit with seeds in them.** Living things grew as God commanded, and God saw how good it was. There was evening and there was morning: **the third day.** God said **let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night.** God made the stars and two great lights. The larger light was the sun, which ruled over the day. The smaller light was the moon, which ruled over the night. God saw how good it was. There was evening and there was morning: **the fourth day.**



We can bring light to the world. Through our creativity we are an expression of light. God’s light lives within each one of us and reminds us that together, with God, we can create God’s world.

WONDER QUESTIONS & ACTIVITIES:

- What would it be like if we did not have light?
- Go on a nature walk. Where do you see God’s creativity? Bring back a few things to put on your home altar.
- How much light can you bring into the world? Print out the Celebration Chart on the next page and see if you can complete it over the next week!

Place the chart on your refrigerator, kitchen table, or in an easy-to-access place. Throughout the week, have your child mark a space each time he or she completes an item on the chart. When a vertical, horizontal, or diagonal line is completed, celebrate together!

CELEBRATE				
<i>Saw beauty in nature</i>	<i>Was kind to animals</i>	<i>Cared for living things</i>	<i>Was kind to a friend</i>	<i>Helped someone</i>
<i>Saw something good</i>	<i>Spent time in nature</i>	<i>Cleaned up trash</i>	<i>Took care of plants</i>	<i>Recycled</i>
<i>Laughed</i>	<i>Made someone laugh</i>	<i>Free Celebration!</i>	<i>Encouraged a friend</i>	<i>Showed hospitality</i>
<i>Said a table blessing</i>	<i>Shared with someone</i>	<i>Prayed for blessings</i>	<i>Prayed for good choices</i>	<i>Blessed someone</i>
<i>Prayed for someone</i>	<i>Prayed for peace</i>	<i>Made peace</i>	<i>Was friendly</i>	<i>Prayed for community</i>