

Teacher/Volunteer Notes

Welcome! I'm so glad you're reading this message today. You are in the crucial and rewarding position of sharing the gospel with children. Not only is this of life-long importance, it can be fun too! This skit brings the gospel to life in a fun and interactive way. I hope you are able to open little eyes to the story of Jesus Christ and start gospel conversations. You will see that each skit in this series spotlights the role of Jesus. We feel it is critical to recognize the powerful work of Jesus throughout the Bible, not just in the New Testament. Our prayer is that hearts are opened and lives are changed by the impact of this work.

You will be presenting this well-known Bible story as a *spontaneous* melodrama. This means the "actors" will be chosen from the crowd and do not need to practice this skit beforehand. It's important to choose "actors" that are comfortable in front of a crowd, will listen and follow directions, and are willing to have fun. Make this entertaining! It's important to hook the students and gain their interest in the story.

Directions:

- 1. Read over the Biblical excerpt for this story. Be ready to answer questions that arise about the story and Jesus' role.
- 2. Read through the script before presenting it. Be familiar with the numbers and types of "actors" needed, the cues, and the main theme of the message.
- 3. Warm the audience up by introducing the story and gaining interest.
- 4. Choose actors from the crowd. Have a very brief pow-wow with them to explain their role and give them directions on where to sit and when to enter/exit.
- 5. Narrate the script to the crowd, giving cues to "actors" when you see *italicized* directions. When you come across character names, cue "actors" to act out this part.
- 6. After the skit concludes, answer any questions and look for students that may need more conversation.



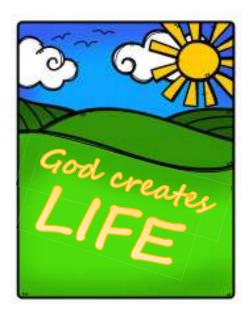
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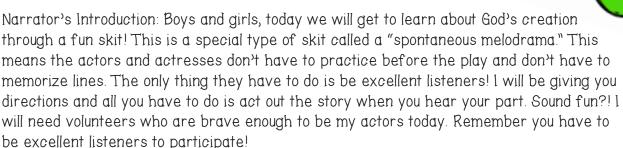
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Chapter 2: Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and "all the host of them. ² And on the seventh day God finished his work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had done. ³ So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all his work that he had done in creation.

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The next day, God created the waters and separated them from the heavens. The water covered the whole earth! God liked this and said it was good.

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On the third day, God gathered the waters together to create dry land. He called this dry area Earth and the waters Seas. Then God allowed the earth to start growing plants. Now we have the beautiful flowers, the tall trees, and the yummy fruits and vegetables! God like this creation and said it was good.

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On the fifth day, God filled the waters and skies! God created countless creatures to swim about the seas. They dove and glided through the waters with ease. He also created birds to fly through the air. The birds soared past the clouds and nibbled on the freshly created plants. God created all these and said they were good.

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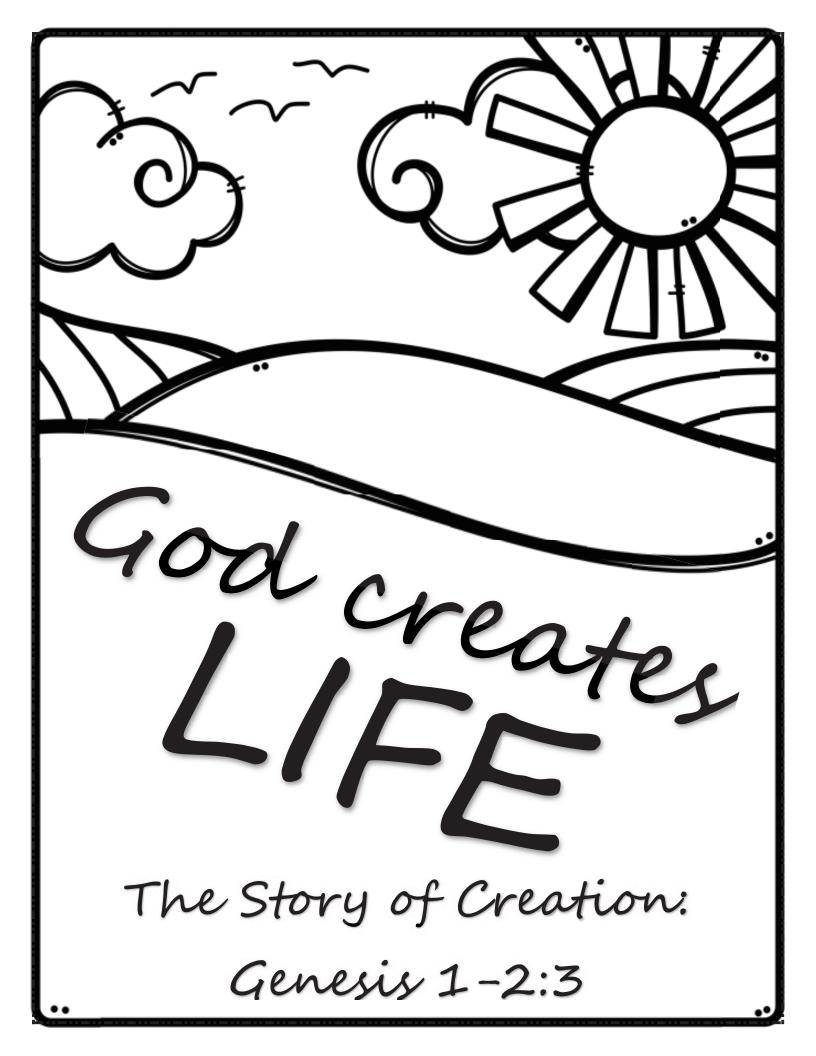
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Conclusion: Have you ever made something and stepped back to take a look at it? This is what God did on the 7th day. God looked over all He had created: all the land, waters, animals, and plants, and He was pleased. He was finished with his hard work so on this 7th day God rested. God loves his creation and takes great pride in it. Many, many, years later God would send His Son to continue to take care of this world. God gave the world life through his creation and continues to give life through Jesus Christ. Repeat after me! GOD CREATES LIFE!





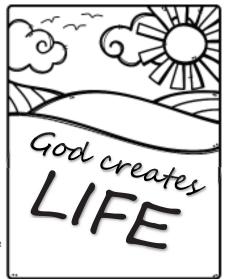
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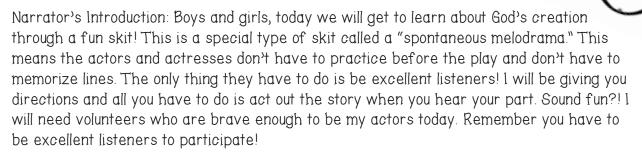
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