STARFISH & DOLPHINS

WEEK 3 | August 17, 2025

Today's Bible Story: On day four, God made the sun, moon, and stars.

Sun, Moon, and Stars • Genesis 1:14-19

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

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

SOCIAL: Time for fun!

ACTIVITY: Star Power

What You Need: No supplies needed

What You Say: "I'm going to call out something we see in the sky, and then we can move and act like it. Okay, first, let's be a star up in the sky! Stand up really tall and spread your feet out. Now, put your arms in the air, and then move your fingers around like you are a sparkling star. (Pause.) Great! Now let's be a big, bright sun. (Pause.) Put your arms up over your head like a circle. The sun shines during the day—shine this way, and that way. (Pause.) Now let's be the moon. The moon shines brightly at night. The moon is a circle, and sometimes that's what it looks like to us—a great, big moon circle. Put your arms up over your head, and put your fingers together in a circle. (Demonstrate.) And sometimes the moon looks like a crescent. Put one hand above your head, and put your fingers in the shape of a 'c,' like this. (Demonstrate.) Great job! You were awesome at being the stars, sun, and moon! In our true story from the Bible, we're going to learn about what God made on Day 4! I'm so excited!"

MEMORY VERSE: Pass The World

What You Need: Inflatable globe ball

What You Say: "This ball represents our great big world. Look at all the colors! Do you see the land and water? Our Memory Verse reminds us that [Bottom Line] God made everything—including everything on this world! (Point to the globe ball.) Let's pass the ball around the circle as we say our verse. Ready? (Pass the globe ball to the first child.) 'God saw everything.' [Child's name], say that with me. (With child.) 'God saw everything.' Now pass the ball to the friend next to you. (Pause.) 'He had made.' [Child's name], say that with me. (With child.) 'He had made.' Now pass the ball to the friend next to you. (Pause.) 'And it was very good.' [Child's name], say that with me. (With child.) 'And it was very good.' Now pass the ball to the friend next to you. (Pause.) 'Genesis 1:31.' [Child's name], say that with me. (With child.) 'Genesis 1:31.' Hooray! Let's keep going! (Continue until each child gets a turn) That was so fun!"

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LARGE GROUP: Time to Praise & Worship God

Worship: Inviting people to respond to God. Story: Communicating God's truth

SMALL GROUP: Time to connect with the children! PRAY: Praise God, Thank God!

CRAFT: Sun, Moon, and Stars

What You Need: "Sun, Moon, and Stars Label" Activity Page (printed on Avery Labels #5160, one per child), black dessert paper plates (two per child), silver or gold star stickers, yellow markers, aluminum foil, glue sticks, double sided tape, twine (8 inch piece per child), baby wipes, and a permanent marker.

What You Do: Cut a black plate into a crescent shape, one per child. Double side tape each crescent-shaped plate upside down to another black plate along the rim. (The back of the crescent will be facing out. It will be white.) Punch a hole at the top of each plate set. Thread a piece of twine through the hole to serve as a handle. Tear or cut aluminum foil into 3" squares, three per child.

What You Say: "See the moon shape? (Point.) Let's make it shiny! Glue the pieces of foil to the moon shape. God made the moon to light up the night. What other lights did God put in the night sky? (Pause for answers.) Yes! The stars! Add some stars to the black sky. (Pause.) Let me give you each a label to place on the top of your craft! This sticker tells you that [Bottom Line] God made everything, and it also tells you where to find the part of the story in the Bible where God made the sun, moon, and stars! So, the moon and stars light the

night, but what lights the day? (Pause for answers.) Yes! You are so smart! The sun lights the day! Turn your moon and stars over. (Pause.) This side will be your sun. Color it with the yellow markers. (Pause.) Beautiful! Now you have the sun, the moon, and the stars to take home with you today!"

ACTIVITY: God Made...

What You Need: Black container, and aluminum foil rolled into balls

What You Do: Ball up aluminum foil to create "moon rocks," one per child.

What You Say: "Friends, come line up over here with me! I have a game for us to play. [Child's name], pick up a moon rock, and I want you to name one thing God made. (Pause for answers.) Yes! God made [child's answer]! Toss your moon rock into the container. (Pause.) Great job! (Continue with each child. Reset and repeat as desired.) Friends, who made the moon? (Pause.) God did! And who made the sun? (Pause.) God made that too. Who made the stars? (Pause.) Yes! On Day 4 God made the sun, moon, and stars! God is so creative!"