

# STARFISH & DOLPHINS

WEEK 4 | August 24, 2025

**Today's Bible Story:** Sea Animals and Birds • *Genesis 1:20-23*

On day five, God made the sea animals and birds.

**Key Question:** Who made everything?

**Bottom Line:** God made everything.

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

**SOCIAL: Time for fun!**

**ACTIVITY: Build A Giant Bird Nest**

**What You Need:** Yellow or white shredded paper, jumbo plastic eggs, bird plush animal, round piece of brown butcher paper, and painter's tape

**What You Do:** Tape brown butcher paper to the floor.

**What You Say:** "Let's pretend to be birds today and build a giant nest. Birds use twigs, leaves, and soft things to keep their eggs safe. (Place some shredded paper in the giant nest.) Let's add more! (Encourage kids to keep adding shredded paper and arranging the nest.) Now, add these eggs and bird plush. (Pause.) [Child's name], sit in the nest and flap your wings like a bird." (Continue with each child.) You all did an amazing job making a giant bird's nest and pretending to be birds. In our Bible Story

today, we're going to hear Who made the birds!"

**MEMORY VERSE: Out Of This World**

**What You Need:** Preschool stomp rocket

**What You Say:** "Look at this awesome rocket. It's called a 'stomp rocket' because you have to stomp on this part (*point*) to launch it. Watch this! (*Step on the launcher to send the rocket soaring.*) Wow! (*Reset.*) Let's say our verse together. '*God saw everything he had made. And it was very good.*' *Genesis 1:31.* [Child's name], come stomp the rocket. (*Pause.*) Super! Go collect the rocket, and we'll say our verse again. (*Reset and continue with each child.*) That was so much fun launching the rocket today!"

**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: Make A Mask**

**What You Need:** "Make a Mask" Activity Page (printed on cardstock, one per child), "Make a Mask Label" (Printed on Avery®)



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Labels #5160, one per child), crayons, craft feathers in a variety of bright colors, circle stickers in a variety of colors, cupcake liners in a variety of colors, glue sticks, elastic strips (one per child), stapler, baby wipes, and a permanent marker

**What You Say:** “Let’s create a mask to wear to remember that on Day 5, God made all the sea animals and birds! You can pick if you want a sea animal or a bird for your mask. *(Pause.)* Now that you’ve selected, it’s time to color and decorate them! There are crayons, feathers, circle stickers, and these cupcake liners you can use to make your mask super-special! *(Pause.)* Turn your mask over and add this label to the back. It tells you where you can find today’s story in the Bible! Okay! I’ll add the elastic so you can wear your masks. *(Staple either end of the elastic at either side of the mask with the bend facing in. Cover the staple bends with circle stickers.)* Would you like to wear your masks while I review the Bible Story?” *(Help children put their mask on.)* On Day 5, God made everything that swims in the sea! But that’s not all God made on Day 5. God also made birds—all kinds! God is so creative!”

## ACTIVITY: Under The Water

**What You Need:** “Under the Water”

Activity Page (printed on dark blue cardstock, one set per small group) light

blue plastic tablecloth, green crepe paper streamers (20 pieces, each 2 ft. long), tape  
**What You Do:** Tape streamers to the edges of light blue plastic tablecloth and allow them to hang down like seaweed. Have leaders hold the tablecloth parallel to the ground, with cutouts on top, so that children can swim underneath.

**What You Say:** “Let’s pretend to be different sea animals and swim under the water. What sea animal do you want to pretend to be? A puffer fish or a clown fish? A dolphin or a whale? Or maybe a seahorse or an octopus? Swim under the water. *(Stop when you get to the area with the tablecloth.)* Wow! Look up! Look at the animals swimming in the water! How cool! Let’s keep swimming! *(Pause.)* Alright now, let’s take a little rest. *(Stop and sit underneath the tablecloth area.)* That was fun swimming like the different sea animals. Today we learned that on Day 5, God made everything that swims in the sea! God made jellyfish and clown fish and octopus and dolphins and giant whales! God even made the puffer fish and the axolotl! God is so creative! **[Bottom Line] God made everything! Who made everything? [Bottom Line] God made everything!”**