



STARFISH & DOLPHINS

WEEK 2 | September 13, 2026

Today's Bible Story: Creation Days 3 & 4 • Genesis 1:9-19

Key Question: Who makes good things?

Big Idea: God makes good things.

Memory Verse: "God saw all that he had made, and it was very good." • Genesis 1:31

SOCIAL: Time for fun!

ACTIVITY: Sun, Moon, and Star Search

What You Need: Large, yellow pom-pom "suns" (10), Gray crumpled construction-paper ball "moons" (10), White die-cut stars (10), Yellow construction paper (1 sheet), Gray construction paper (1 sheet), White construction paper (1 sheet)

What You Do: Scatter the suns, moons, and stars around the room and place the construction paper sheets on the floor. Have the children search for all the suns, moons and stars that are hidden around the room. When they have found the items, have the children run to the construction paper sheets. Help the children sort the three items, placing the suns on the yellow construction paper, the moons on the gray construction paper, and the stars on the white construction paper.

What You Say: We've got some fun things hidden around the room. (Hold up a pom-pom.) There are yellow pom-poms that look like tiny yellow suns. There are grey construction-paper balls like this (hold up example) that look like little moons! And, there are white paper stars (hold up die-cut star). I need your help finding all the suns, moons and stars. When I say, "go!" I want you to search around the room for all of them. When you find them, bring them here to sort onto these sheets of paper. We'll put the suns on the yellow paper, moons on the gray paper, and stars on the white paper. Do you think you can help me? (Let children respond.) Ready? Set... Go! Wow! You found them all and got everything sorted!

MEMORY VERSE: Practice the Verse

What You Need: Bible, Fun stickers

What You Do: Open the Bible to remind the children that our verse comes from the Bible.

What You Say: Are you ready to practice our Bible verse? (Let children respond.) Okay, let's all say it together. "God (point up) saw all that he had made (spread arms out), and it was very good (thumbs up)" Genesis 1:31. (Open hands like a book.) Now, who wants to try saying it by yourself? (Reward each child with a sticker for saying the verse.)



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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: Handprint Flower

What You Need: "Handprint Flower"

Activity Page (1 per child, printed on white cardstock), Stamp pads (various bright colors), Green tissue paper squares, Glue sticks, Baby wipes, Crayons

What You Do: Give each child an Activity Page. Help them make a handprint at the top of the flower stem to create a flower. Using the baby wipes, clean the stamp ink off their hands. Have them add green tissue-paper under the flower for the grass.

What You Say: Today we learned that God made plants and those are very good things that God made! Our Bible verse is all about that. Let's say the verse together: "God saw all that he had made, and it was very good." Genesis 1:31. Great job! Now, let's make something to help us remember that. We're going to make flowers with our hands! You'll start by making a handprint on top of this flower stem to create the flower petals. Next, you can use the green tissue-paper to make the grass. Then, you can color your page. Your flowers look amazing! Take them home and tell your family the Bible verse!

ACTIVITY: Land and Sea Jump

What You Need: Brown construction paper (1 sheet), Blue construction paper (1 sheet), Painter's tape

What You Do: Tape a line on the floor about 6' long. Tape the brown construction paper on the floor on one side of the line and the blue construction paper on the floor on the other side of the line.

What You Say: Everyone, line up between our "land" and "sea." I'm going to tell you something I like to do, and then we'll all jump onto the land (point to the brown paper) or into the sea (point to the blue paper) to show where we do that activity. As we jump, let's shout, [Big Idea] "God makes good things!" Let's practice. In the summertime, I like to dig in my garden—on land! Everyone, jump to the brown paper and shout, [Big Idea] "God makes good things!" (Demonstrate.) Everyone, pretend to dig! Great job! Okay, everyone, step back into the middle again. Now let's really play! In the summertime, I like to (*Give more scenarios that you like to do, such as jump rope, go down a slide, ride a bike, climb a tree, go on a boat ride, go fishing, plant a garden, or look for seashells.*)