

Preschool

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From the moment children begin to understand words, they can learn about God's creation. It's comforting and exciting for little ones to discover that God created everything. From their earliest ages, children love to look at all the things God created—animals, plants, trees, clouds and people. Present God to your child as our powerful and all-knowing Creator, emphasizing his goodness and how much he cares for each of his children. We can all rest in God's goodness and trust in his love.

Paul Teaches In Athens

Acts 17:16-31

Parents:

You can help your child know **God created heaven and earth**. The following lessons are designed to help you. Do it YOUR way. There is no right or wrong way. Do what works for you and your family. These are merely guidelines to help you.

Bold text is spoken aloud.

LESSON	WHAT CHILDREN DO	SUPPLIES	EASY PREP
<p>1 Bible Exploration</p>	<p>Paul Teaches Put on a play about what Paul taught in Athens.</p>	<p>Bibles, paper, markers</p>	
<p>2 Weaving Faith Into Life</p>	<p>Shout It Out! Think of words to describe God, and make megaphones to use to tell who God is.</p>	<p>Bibles, paper, tape, markers</p>	

► **Bible Point**

God created heaven and earth.
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Key Verse

“Do you not know?
Have you not heard?
The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth” (Isaiah 40:28).
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Weaving Faith Into Life

Kids will learn that God created everything and that they can tell others about his Son, Jesus.
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Paul Teaches

What You'll Do

This Bible story is found in Acts 17:16-31. Say: **Today's Bible passage comes from the book of Acts. In Acts, the Bible tells us that ► GOD CREATED HEAVEN AND EARTH. That means God created everything in the heavens and on the earth, too!**

The Bible tells us about a man named Paul who followed Jesus. When Paul taught in a town called Athens, he saw a sign on a temple that said "To an unknown god." Paul taught the people about the one and only true God so they'd know our real God! Let's put on a play to show what Paul taught people in Athens.

Paul told them about Jesus, and he taught them that ► GOD CREATED HEAVEN AND EARTH. And he made everything *on* heaven and earth.

Everyone will act. For the first scene, everyone will take turns jumping up and saying one at a time, "heaven," "earth," "heaven," "earth," and so on. Then they can all shout ► **GOD CREATED HEAVEN AND EARTH** and wave their hands in the air.

Say: **And cut! We've just finished the first part of our play. Now let's find out more things that Paul taught the people! Paul taught that God gives all people life and breath. We are all God's children!**

For this scene, everyone will stand one at a time and say their names. Next, everyone will put their arms around one another's shoulders and say together, "We are all God's children!"

Say: **End of part two! Excellent work! Wow! Isn't God an awesome creator? Can you believe that he created us and that we're all his children? And you know what—there are still more things Paul taught the people! Next Paul taught God gives everything life and breath!**

Everyone will pretend to be anything that's living. For example, put hands together and move them like a fish swimming through the water, or crawl on all fours and oink like a pig.

Say: **What a great scene for our play. God created everything that has life! One more thing Paul taught is that we say we're sorry for the bad things we've done.**

Each person will kneel one at a time, fold their hands, bow their heads, and say "I'm sorry." Then each person will stand one at a time, raise both hands high, and say "Thanks for Jesus!"

Because of Jesus, we'll live forever. Let's Thank Jesus! Everyone will say, "Thanks for Jesus!" together.

Say: **Our play is finished! You all did a great job in our play about what Paul taught the people in Athens.** Everyone will applaud themselves for their wonderful performances.

Say: **Paul taught the people in Athens all about God. He taught them that God is the creator of everything in the world. Let's draw some of the things that God created.** Everyone will draw their favorite creations using the paper and markers.

Paul wanted the people in Athens to know about God so that they could believe in him and in Jesus. Paul wanted them to live forever with Jesus in heaven.

Talk With Kids

Ask:

- **Tell about your favorite thing God created.**
- **How can you be like Paul this week and celebrate how ► GOD CREATED HEAVEN AND EARTH?**

Say: Wasn't it fun being in a play about what Paul taught the people in Athens? Paul wanted others to know that ► GOD CREATED HEAVEN AND EARTH. Let's tell everyone about our God who loves us so much.

2 WEAVING FAITH INTO LIFE

Shout It Out!

What You'll Do

Say: We learned when Paul was in Athens, he told the people that God made the whole world. He told them that God sent Jesus to earth. Jesus died and then came back to life, and Paul told them that if they believed in Jesus, they could live forever with God in heaven. Let's practice what we would say.

Everyone will need a piece of paper and markers. Everyone will write words to describe God near the center, top part of the paper. Examples of words are: "Creator," "powerful," "loving," "died for us," "forgives," or "friend." Kids who cannot write can draw a picture, such as a heart for God's love, crosses, or globes because God is the creator.

Next, everyone will practice telling each other about God, using what they wrote or drew.

Say: Paul told everyone he could about God, and we can, too. We can tell others about God every day, no matter where we are. We can start by telling others that ► GOD CREATED HEAVEN AND EARTH. Let's make something to help us tell others about God.

Now let's tape our papers into megaphones. A megaphone makes whatever you say sound a little louder. That way more people can hear you. And since we want everyone to hear about God, we're going to make our own megaphones!

Everyone will roll the sheet of paper they wrote on into a megaphone, making the wide end where the words are and the narrow end at the opposite end. Tape can hold it in place.

Talk With Kids

Ask:

- **What were some of the words on your megaphone that you think your friends would like about God? Why?**
- **What sometimes makes us not want to share with others about God?**
- **What are ways we can overcome our fears about sharing God with others?**

Say: Keep your megaphone as a reminder that you can share about God because he is wonderful! You don't have to shout at people, but you don't have to be afraid, either, because ► GOD CREATED HEAVEN AND EARTH—that means God created you. Just as he did for Paul, God has given you the creative skills you need to share Jesus in your own way.

Colors of Creation

Supplies:

Color page

Markers or crayons

Glue stick

Tissue paper, crepe paper or construction paper

Small silk flowers or flower stickers or animal stickers (or cut pictures from a magazine)

God made our world full of color. Let's use our supplies to make this page full of color.

Glue green tissue paper to the grass. Put the silk flowers, stickers or tissue paper on the flowers.

Draw a smile face on the page. Say: Then God created people to enjoy the world

GOD CREATED HEAVEN AND EARTH

God's Creation



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Growing With Jesus

Your child learned that God created heaven and earth (from Acts 17:16-31). Your child participated in one of the following activities today. You can do these activities with your child to help your child grow with Jesus throughout the week.

A Great, Big, Wonderful God

How wonderful that from the moment children can understand words, they can learn the security of our God, who is the originator and master of all things. When you present God to your child as our powerful and all-knowing creator, emphasize how much he cares for each of his children. He isn't a mean God to be feared for his power. Rather, we can rest in God's omnipotence and trust in his love. God created us and loves us.

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INFANT

Bubble Creation

Sit on the floor, and support your infant with your body. Dip a bubble wand into bubble solution.

Say: **Let's create a bubble. Can you help me blow?**

Put your mouth close to baby's mouth as if you and your baby are jointly providing the air for the bubble.

Say: **God blew the breath of life into people. God created people. God created heaven and earth.**

TODDLER

Modeling-Dough Faces

Say: **God created everything in the world. He created every person, and he made everyone different. Let's make a face.** Give your child a modeling dough ball about the size of a golf ball, and help your child press features into the dough, creating several different faces.

Say: **Each of your faces was different. God made a world full of different faces. God made heaven and earth.**

2-YEAR-OLD

Shout With Joy

Say this action rhyme with your child and do the actions together.

Shout with joy! (*raise hands above head*)

Shout with joy! (*raise hands above head*)

Let's all shout with joy for the Lord! (*clap on "joy"*)

Shout it loud! Sing for joy! (*raise hands above head*)

Yeehaw!

Afterward, say: **God created heaven and earth.**

Help your child become a FaithWeaver with these ideas:

- Take a walk outside with your child and take note of all the things God made. Say a brief prayer of thanks for God's creation.
- Together, compare your hands with your child's hands. What's the same? What's different? Remind your child that God made you both.

Paul Teaches in Athens

Week 13



► Bible Point

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Sneak Peek

Don't miss next week
when we discover that
God cares for needy
people.

We learned this week that Paul was upset to find the city of Athens full of idols to false gods. And we heard how Paul told the people of Athens that God is the creator of heaven and earth (Acts 17:16-31). Strengthen your family's faith learning and growth at home with this easy idea:

Parents ■■■■

In two minutes, share with your children the most important things you know about God. You might talk about how God created the world and every person in it. Or you might share how God sent Jesus to die for the sins of the world. When the two minutes are up, encourage your children to tell what they know about God. Talk about the amazing things God has created and what those things reveal about God, such as a love for color, creativity, and being very big.

Pray ■■■■

God, there is no other like you. You are the Creator of heaven and earth. We will worship only you. Thank you for making such wonderful things for us to enjoy. In Jesus' name, amen.

Our family thanks God for:

Our family talks to God about:

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