CREATION

Day 4 - SUN, MOON AND STARS - WEEK 2

MEMORY VERSE – "I am the one who made the earth and created people to live on it. With my hands I stretched out the heavens. All the stars are at my command." Isaiah 45:12

FOCUS VERSE – "After this interview the wise men went their way. And the star they had seen in the east guided them to Bethlehem. It went ahead of them and stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they were filled with joy!" Matthew 2:9-10

STORY – Let's sing or say our chant that helps us remember what God created. *God created what on the 4th day?!* That's right, the sun, moon and stars!

God made the moon and stars to give us some light during the night. Remember how we talked about how even though there is darkness God will always give us light? That's true when it comes to the moon and stars too! God knew that night time would come, but He still provided a light source. *Isn't if fun to gaze up at the stars and see the different shapes of the moon?*

There's a story in the bible (Matthew 2:9–11) where 3 wise men noticed a new and really bright star in the sky and it led them to Bethlehem where baby Jesus was born! Let's read our focus verse. Why do you think they were filled with joy? They knew the star meant Jesus had been born and they wanted to visit Jesus and bring Him gifts! They followed the star and it took them to Him.

So when you look up into the sky and see the stars, look for the brightest one! It can remind you of our story about the wisemen following the star to baby Jesus!

PRAYER – Lord, thank you for making the sun, moon and stars! And always giving us a light even when there is darkness.

SNACK - Oreos

CRAFT - Pipe cleaner stars with beads. Coloring book - Day 4 page

GAME – Musical moon and stars. Tape one moon and many stars on the ground in a circle. Kids will walk in a circle while music is playing, or your singing your Creation "song or chant" and when it's finished the person to land (stop) on the moon gets a star sticker.

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Day 4 - SUN, MOON AND STARS - WEEK 1

MEMORY VERSE – "I am the one who made the earth and created people to live on it. With my hands I stretched out the heavens. All the stars are at my command." Isaiah 45:12

FOCUS VERSE – "Then God said, 'Let lights appear in the sky to separate the day from the night. Let them be signs to mark the seasons, days, and years. Let these lights in the sky shine down on the earth.' And that is what happened. God made two great lights—the larger one to govern the day, and the smaller one to govern the night. He also made the stars. God set these lights in the sky to light the earth, to govern the day and night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And evening passed and morning came, marking the fourth day." Genesis 1: 14–19

STORY – We are learning about Day 4 today! Let me see four fingers! Let's read our focus verse to remind us what God created on Day 4! The sun, moon and stars.

So on Day 1, God made the Light. Day 2, God made the sky. Day 3, God made the plants, trees and land!

Did you know that plants need the sun to grow and produce oxygen for us? Oxygen is in the air that we breathe. Everyone, take a deep breath with me. We all need the sun to survive and God was thinking about us and the plants when He made the sun! He knew that we would need a source of light, even though He made light before there was a sun, the sun is our source of light here on Earth and when the sun is shining we call that day. Remember how God always provides a light for us, even in darkness? The sun is a pretty bright!

There's a story in the Bible (Joshua 10:12-15) about a man named Joshua who prayed for the sun to stop moving. He trusted in God and had so much faith that God allowed the sun to stop so they would be able to escape and get back home safely. Because God made creation, He is in charge of it! He can tell the sun to stop, or ocean to make waves, and even for clouds to make rain!

PRAYER – Lord, thank you for making the sun, moon and stars! Thank you that you knew we would need the sun to survive and for giving us day time.

SNACK - Make a sun using Ritz crackers and cheese cut into triangles.

CRAFT - Tissue paper sun on a paper plate Coloring book - Day 4 page Suns, moons and stars for Day 4 poster board

GAME – Day time-night time. Just like red light-green light. Friends will all line up on one side while someone is on the opposite side. That person yells, "day time" everyone runs towards the caller but when they yell, "night time" they have to fall down and sleep until the person yells day time again. The first person to get to the caller is the next person to call out.