

# GOD *the* Creator



## Overview

In the Listen Lab, preschoolers will explore amazing truths from God's Word, the Bible. In this session, kids will discover that God is their Creator. Our God is the Almighty God who created everything. He created the sun, moon, stars, and everything beyond the earth. He also created plants, animals, people, and everything on the planet. But people were created uniquely—in His image and likeness. He lovingly designed us with an individual plan and a purpose for our lives. He is the ultimate Creator, and we are His loved creation.

## Bible Lesson:

Story of Creation  
Genesis 1:1–31; 2:7

## Faith Fact

God is my Creator.

## Faith Verse

*"I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you."  
~Psalm 119:11 (NLT)*

## Order of Service

### Preservice Activities

#### Large Group – 20 Minutes

- Bible Lesson & video
- Worship
- Faith Verse Video
- Wrap-Up

### Small Group – 20 Minutes

- Group Connection (5 Minutes)
- Hands-On Learning (5 Minutes)
- Feet-to-Floor Game Time (5 Minutes)
- Create Time (5 Minutes)

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## Supplies and Preparation

 Leader Preparation Time: 20–25 minutes

### You Will Need:

#### Preservice

- Toy animals
- Animal-shaped snacks

#### Large Group

- Bible
- Worship songs
- Downloaded videos if applicable

#### Small Group

- **Animal Matching Game** printable, two per small group
- **Creation Coloring Page**, one per kid
- **Crayons**
- **Creative medium** (play dough, blocks, paper and crayons, etc.)

### Getting Ready:

#### Preservice

- Set out toys and snacks.

#### Large Group

- Download videos and slides if needed.
- Select worship song(s) and have them ready to play.

#### Small Group

- Print two copies of the **Animal Matching Game** printable for each small group. Cut apart to separate animal pictures.

First time leading *Listen* Preschool? Check out the Leader Helps.

# Preservice Activities

## Bible Story Sneak Peek

### You Will Need:

- Toy animals

### Getting Ready:

- Set out toys and games for preschoolers to play with as they are dropped off.

As kids play with the toys, ask questions like these to introduce Creation:

- **What animal is this?**
- **Who created (made) the animal?**
- **What is your favorite animal?**
- **Who created all the animals?**

That's right! God made all the animals. God is the Creator. He created you.

## Snack: Animal Shapes

### You Will Need:

- Snacks that connect with creation (fish-shaped crackers, animal crackers, animal fruit snacks, etc.)

## Free Play

*Any extra time can be spent playing with toys.*

## Transition

*A few minutes before service begins, have kids make their way to the large group area and sit in their designated spots.*

# Large Group Time

 (20 minutes)

## You Will Need:

- Bible
- Worship songs (Song suggestions: “*God Made Everything*” by The Village Kids or “*Creation Song*” by Saddleback Kids, featuring Jared Rich)
- For groups not using a phone or tablet only, add:
  - Projector or TV
  - Laptop
  - Listen Lab Rules video or slide
  - Faith Fact Slide 1.2
  - Listen Lab Video 1.2A
  - Listen Lab Video 1.2B

## Introduction

 (2 minutes)

Hi, kids! It’s so good to be with you today. My name is \_\_\_\_\_, and I’m your Listen Lab leader. We’re going to have so much fun exploring God’s Word together! (*Hold up the Bible.*)

We’re going to find out all kinds of new things. We’ll hear supercool stories all from this special Book—the Bible. (*Point at the Bible.*) The Bible shows us where we need to go. Hold your hands up by your head. Then wiggle your toes and fingers if you’re ready to get started!

## Rules Review

Awesome! First, we have to go over just a few things to keep us all having fun. Let’s watch this together.



**Play Listen Lab Rules video.**

You never know what we’ll discover together in Listen Lab, so let’s make sure we’re all having the best time!

# Bible Lesson

 (6 minutes)

One of the most important things we do in the Listen Lab is learn about God from His Word, the Bible. *(Hold up Bible.)* We've got someone very special to help us do that. Let's see what Lily's doing.



**Play Listen Lab Video 1.2A.**

That was awesome! You did a great job helping Lily solve all the clues. The carrot and the dog were part of our Bible story. God made everything—the light, the sky, the moon and stars, the land and sea, the fish, and the animals. And you know what else He made? You and me! He made each of us so special!



**Faith Fact sound**

Perfect timing! Let's shout out our Faith Fact. **God is my Creator!**

## Worship

 (6 minutes)

Let's spend some time singing songs and thanking God for creating all the things that we love!

### Praise

Are you glad God created this beautiful earth and all the plants and animals? Wave your hands up high. *(Group response)*

Are you glad that God made you and me? Wave your hands down low. *(Group response)*

Who wants to tell God thank You? Wave your hands up high. *(Group response)*

### Prayer

Now let's bow our heads and pray.

*Dear God, Thank You for creating me! You made me special, because You love me. Amen.*

### Sing

One way to give God thanks is worshipping Him by singing.

*Lead the kids in singing one or two songs. See suggestions at the top of the session.*

## Faith Verse

 (4 minutes)

*"I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you."  
~Psalm 119:11 (NLT)*

We've got one more special thing to do. Did you know that remembering words from the Bible is worshipping God too? He wants us to read the Bible and think about it. God wants us to remember what the Bible says when we're at home, when we're playing, and even when we're lying in bed. We can think about God and His Word all the time, no matter where we are.

Hmm. I thought Lily was going to show us some actions for the Faith Verse. I wonder if she forgot. Let's check.



*Play Listen Lab Video 1.BA.*

## Closing

 (2 minutes)

Did you have fun in Listen Lab today, kids? We've heard all about God as our Creator from the Bible. We've worshipped by singing. And we're beginning to learn our Faith Verse too. That's amazing! You're amazing! Do you know why you're amazing? You're amazing because God created you!



*Faith Fact sound*

Do you remember what we're supposed to do? (*Shout out the Faith Fact.*) Let's say our Faith Fact now.  
**God is my Creator.**



*Show the Faith Fact slide.*

Great job, friends!

## Dismissal to Small Groups

Now it's time to go to our circles where we will spend time in our very special small groups with our leaders.

*Dismiss the kids by groups.*

*Leader tip: This can be done by assigning color teams or by age groups. Note that some young preschoolers may not know their age. Using a colored sticker, jersey, or wristband will help separate the kids and help identify their small groups*

## Small Group Circle Time

 (20 minutes)

### You Will Need:

- **Animal Matching Game** printable, two per small group
- **Creation Coloring Page**, one per kid
- **Crayons**
- **Creative medium** (play dough, blocks, paper and crayons, etc.)

### Getting Ready:

- **Animal Matching Game:** Cut apart the animal pictures. Set up the Animal Matching Game by placing one of each animal picture face down on a table or the floor in front of you and placing the other pictures in a stack.
- **Create Time:** Collect the creative medium you have selected (play dough, blocks, paper and crayons, etc.).

*Leader Tip: Small groups can alternate to each circle, or all groups can do each activity at the same time. If you choose to alternate, you will need at least one leader per circle.*

## Circle 1

## Group Connection

### Animal Matching Game

 (5 minutes)

### You Will Need:

- **Animal Matching Game** printable, two per small group

**Getting Ready:**

- Cut apart the animal pictures.
- Set up the Animal Matching Game by placing one of each animal picture facedown on a table or the floor in front of you and placing the other pictures in a stack.

Animals are one of my favorite things that God created. Let's see if we can name all of these animals.

*Go through the stack and let the kids name each animal. As each animal is named, place it face down in the playing area.*

Kids, there are two pictures of each animal. You will each get a turn to flip over two pictures. The rest of us are going to name the animals that you show us. For example, if you pick the card with a dog, we're going to say, "God created dogs."

You want to pick two cards that match. If they match, we're going to say, "God is the Creator of \_\_ (animal name) \_\_!" You can hold onto the pair until the game is over. If the two cards don't match, you'll flip the pictures back over. Are you ready to play? (*Group response*)

- *Keep playing until all the matches have been made.*
- *If time permits, you can collect the animal cards, shuffle, and reset the game.*
- *At some point during the game, interrupt and practice the Faith Fact: **God is my Creator.***



Play Faith Fact sound

## Circle 2

# Hands-On Learning

## Creation Coloring

 (5 minutes)

**You Will Need:**

- **Creation Coloring Page**, one per kid
- Crayons

**Getting Ready:**

- Print one page per kid.

Who is the Creator of the world? (God) God was very creative when He made the world. He used a lot of color.

My favorite color is \_\_\_\_\_. What's your favorite color?



(Hold up the coloring page.) Let's see how colorful you can make these things that God created.

- Hand out a Creation Coloring Page to each kid. Provide crayons.
- Give kids time to color the pages. Help kids write their names on the pages.
- At some point during the activity, interrupt and practice the Faith Fact: **God is my Creator.**



Play Faith Fact sound

## Circle 3

# Feet-to-Floor Game Time

### You Will Need:

- Optional: Three stickers per kid

### Getting Ready:

- No prep needed.

## Share the Faith Verse

 (2 minutes)

Today we heard a special Bible verse that tell us about God. We're going to practice the first part of the Bible verse now. Say it after me. (*Group response*)



Show Verse Part 1 Slide Art

**"I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.**

**~Psalm 119:11 (NLT)**

I want to see how many times you can say the Faith Verse to others in our group. When I say, "Go," I want you to move to someone else and say, "I have hidden your word in my heart." Keep telling people until I tell us to stop. Any questions? (*Group response*) Ready? Go!

- Time the kids for 30 seconds.
- Optional: Give kids three stickers each before they begin. When someone tells them the Faith Verse, they give that person a sticker.

## Telephone Truths

 (3 minutes)

I'm ready to rest now. Sit in a circle and rest with me. Did you know that God rested after He created the world? But He didn't take a nap. He was still very involved in what was happening.

While we rest, we're going to listen. I'm going to whisper the name of something God created to the person next to me. For example, I might say, "God created worms." Then that person is going to tell the next person and so on. The last person is going to tell me what they heard. Do you think it will match what I said?

*(Group response) Let's see.*

- *Time the kids for 30 seconds.*
- *Optional: Give kids three stickers each before they begin. When someone tells them the Faith Verse, they give that person a sticker.*

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## Circle 4

# Create Time

## Creative Creations

 (5 minutes)

### You Will Need:

- Play dough, blocks, or paper and crayons, etc.

### Getting Ready:

- Using the medium you chose, plan things for the kids to make, like the sun, moon, fish, an animal or two, or themselves.

God made everything! He made the sun, moon, and stars. He made the fish in the sea and the birds in the air. He made animals of all kinds everywhere. And best of all, God made you and me! Let's see how many of those things we can make.

- *Pass out the supplies, and allow the kids to be creative.*
- *At some point during the activity, interrupt and practice the Faith Fact: **God is my Creator.***



Play Faith Fact sound

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## Dismissal to Small Groups

*Remind the kids of the Faith Fact before they go home.*

*Send home the **Creation Coloring Page** with each kid.*

*Remind parents to do the **Family Devotions** with their kids.*