TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

Creation

GENESIS 1 AND 2

MEMORY VERSE

“Lord, you are more powerful than the roar of the ocean. You are stronger than the waves of the sea.”

PSALM 93:4 , NIrV

KEY QUESTION

Who can help you change the world around you?

BOTTOM LINE

God can help me change the world around me.

BASIC TRUTH

God made me.

LARGE GROUP

ENGAGE KIDS’ HEARTS THROUGH A DYNAMIC AND INTERACTIVE WORSHIP, BIBLE STORY, AND PRAYER EXPERIENCE IN A LARGE GROUP SETTING.

WORSHIP

WHAT YOU NEED: paperclip the “Memory Verse Card” in your Bible at Psalm 93:4 (NIrV); music player with the worship songs, “Making Waves” and “Anything at All”

WHAT YOU SAY:

WORSHIP LEADER: “Hey friends! Guess what time it is? It’s worship time! This is when we can sing and dance and tell God how much we love Him. God is big and awesome and strong! He can help us make waves that change the world. When I ask, who can help you change the world around you? I want you to say, God can help me change the world around me. Who can help you change the world around you?”

CHILDREN AND LEADER: “God can help me change the world around me.”

LEADER: “Great job! We have a brand-new song this week! Everyone, stand up on your feet and sing with me.”

Lead children in singing “Making Waves.”

LEADER: “Great job! With God’s love inside us, we can change the world! God is SO powerful. That’s what our Memory Verse is all about. The Bible teaches us that, ‘Lord, you are more powerful than the roar of the ocean. You are stronger than the waves of the sea,’ Psalm 93:4. Let’s learn our Memory Verse together. Are you ready? Say it with me.”

“’Lord, you are (point up) more powerful than (muscle arms) the roar of the ocean. (Hands by mouth.) You are stronger than (muscle arms) the waves of the sea,’ (Arms make waves.) Psalm 93:4, NIrV.” (Open hands like a book.)

Say the verse and do the motions several times together.

LEADER: “Great job, friends. We’ll say that verse all week long to remind us that God is powerful and He can do ANYTHING! Only God can hang the stars in outer space or make a rainbow from the rain. There’s nothing God can’t do. Let’s sing another song together.

Lead children in singing “Anything at All.”
LEADER: “Great job! When God is with us, we can do big things. Remember [Basic Truth] God made me and God made you! When we follow Him, He can help us make waves that change the world around us! Who can help you change the world around you?”

CHILDREN: “God can help me change the world around me.”

STORY

WHAT YOU NEED: Adam and Eve” Activity Page, cardstock, Bible, large basket, variety of toy fruits, variety of toy vegetables, several artificial flowers, a small watering can for each child, and a variety of small plush/toy animals

Option: If you do not have enough small watering cans for each child, use one large watering can for the leader and small paper cups for each child.

WHAT YOU DO:
BEFORE THE STORY: Make one copy of “Adam and Eve” on cardstock. Place all of the items listed in What You Need in the large basket.

DURING THE STORY: Gather the children around you and the basket. When prompted, use the items in the basket to tell today’s Bible story.

WHAT YOU SAY: “It’s story time! I want everyone to come sit with me.

   Wait for the children to gather around.

“This is the . . .

   Hold up the Bible.

“. . . Bible!

   Lay the Bible open at Genesis 1.

“Our Bible story is about how God made everything! God made . . .

   Choose one toy fruit and hold it up for the children to see.

“. . . [name of fruit]! Yay! God made [name of fruit]! God made . . .

   Choose one toy vegetable and hold it up for the children to see.

“. . . [name of vegetable]! Yay! God made [vegetable]! God made . . .

   Choose one artificial flower and hold it up for the children to see.
“. . . flowers! Yay! God made flowers! God made . . .

Choose a toy animal and hold it up for the children to see.

“. . . [name of animal]! Yay! God made [name of animal]! God made . . .

Choose a second toy animal and hold it up for the children to see.

“. . . [name of animal]! Yay! God made [name of animal]!

“And then, God made His most special creation. God made . . .

Hold up “Adam and Eve” Activity Page.

“. . . people! The very first people God made were named Adam (point to Adam) and Eve (point to Eve). Say, ‘Hi, Adam!’”

CHILDREN AND LEADER: “Hi, Adam!”

LEADER: “Say, ‘Hi, Eve!’”

CHILDREN AND LEADER: “Hi, Eve!”

LEADER: “God made people, and He made them to do important things. That means God gave Adam and Eve important jobs to do. Adam named all of the animals. And, Eve helped Adam take care of the special garden God made.

“Let’s pretend we are Adam and Eve and help take care of the garden God made.

Make a “garden” by placing toy fruit and vegetables all over the floor.

“I need everyone to help water the garden.

Give each child a watering can or a paper cup and show them how to pretend to water the garden.

“Thank you for helping me water the garden. Now it’s time to pick all of the fruit and vegetables.

Encourage the children to pick up the toy fruit and vegetables and put them in the basket.

“Thank you for helping me take care of the garden. Now let’s sit down and listen to the rest of our story.

Gather the children to sit around you.

“God made people and He made them to do important things. That means God made YOU and God made YOU to do important things!
“God made you to be friends with Him.

“God made you to share your stuff.

“God made you to use kind words.

“God made you to be a happy helper.

“God made you to do all kinds of important things! And, when we do the things God made us to do, He can help us change the world around us!

“So, when I ask you, ‘Who can help you change the world around you?’, I want you to say, **God can help me change the world around me.** Ready? **Who can help you change the world around you?**

**CHILDREN AND LEADER:** “God can help me change the world around me!”

**LEADER:** “Let’s say that again. **Who can help you change the world around you?**”

**CHILDREN AND LEADER:** “God can help me change the world around me!”

**LEADER:** “He sure can! Now, let’s put our hands together, close our eyes, and talk to God.”

**PRAYER**

**LEADER:** “Dear God, thank You for making the whole world and everything in it. Thank You for making people. Help us to do all the important things You made us to do. We love You, God. In Jesus’ name we pray these things. Amen.”
Gather children for a Large Group time that includes interactive worship and the Bible story. Some children (especially the younger ones) may wander. That’s okay. They’re still listening and learning!

**WORSHIP: INVITING PEOPLE TO RESPOND TO GOD (10 MINUTES)**
A Worship Leader and live instruments are recommended to sing along with the music tracks. Encourage children to be active during worship by incorporating the appropriate hand motions.

**STORY: COMMUNICATING GOD’S TRUTH IN ENGAGING WAYS (10 MINUTES)**
Choose an engaging adult to tell the Bible story. This person should be able to command the attention of preschoolers and control the group through animated storytelling. These scripts are written to be “told” and not “read.” Advanced preparation is necessary.

### 1. WORSHIP
**WHAT YOU NEED:**
- Leader
- A music player
- “Memory Verse Card” paperclipped in your Bible at Psalm 93:4, NIV

**MUSIC AND SOUND EFFECTS:**
- Today’s worship songs, “Making Waves” and “Anything at All”—which are included in your files

**OPTIONAL VIDEOS (AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE):**
- Dance Moves Music Video for both songs are available in your files

**WHAT YOU DO:**
- Download all songs and have them ready to use.

### 2. BIBLE STORY
**WHAT YOU NEED:**
- Bible
- “Adam and Eve” Activity Page
- Cardstock
- Large basket
- Variety of toy fruits
- Variety of toy vegetables
- Several artificial flowers
- Small watering can for each child
- Variety of small plush/toy animals
- Optional: One large watering can and small paper cups

**WHAT YOU DO:**
- Make one copy of “Adam and Eve” on cardstock.

**SUPPLEMENTAL RESOURCES**
**Bible Story Videos:** There are Bible story videos available for each day in your files. These can be used in addition to or as a replacement for a live telling of the story.

**First Look Pinterest Page**