

# IN THE BEGINNING

**Timeless Truth:** Humans are God's crowning creation.

**Bible Basis:** Genesis 1:1–2:5, 18–25

**Key Verse:** In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. —Genesis 1:1 NIV

**Resource:** *The Story for Little Ones*, Chapter 1: "In the Beginning"

## PARENT TIPS

Read chapter 1 in *The Story for Little Ones* several times this week and talk about the key point. Reading the story several times will help your preschooler to remember it. Use the Table Talk questions to talk about the lesson. Use the questions anytime throughout the week, not just at the table. The Living Faith activity is designed to help your child experience the joy of creation and know that he is perfectly created by God. The Extra Mile ideas give you more ways to help your child remember the lesson.

## GET THE POINT

God made everything. He made you, too.

## TABLE TALK

- What animal is your favorite? Why do you like that animal the best?
- What is your favorite thing that God created? Why do you like it best?
- How are you different from a flower? A rock? A bird? Add other things that God created to compare with humans. This question will help your child see how God made people different than the rest of creation.

## LIVING FAITH

This week's lesson focused on God creating everything. Let your child explore what this means by making a creation out of play dough and other decorative items such as feathers, pompoms, small rocks, and sticks. Say, **God created everything. Create means to make something out of nothing. Only God can make something out of nothing, but we can create with things God has given us. Can you create a new animal from our things?** Work with your child, asking questions about the

creation. If you want, you can let the creation dry as a reminder that God created everything, or save the play dough to make more creations.

When you are done with your creation, look in a mirror. What do you see? Remind your child that God made us like him. He created us perfectly, just the way he wanted. Name some of the things you love about your child and the way God created him.

## EXTRA MILE

As you travel in the car this week or while at home reading a picture book, play "I Spy" with things that God created. Always end with, "I spy God's treasured creation." God's treasured creation is your child.

Look at an age-appropriate book on the human body to discover some special ways that God created people.

Look through family pictures of times you have been in God's creation. Have fun remembering your trip and talking about God's wonderful creation.

Act out the Key Verse using the same motions that your child learned in class.

**When God** (*Point up.*)

**Created** (*Cup hands as if you are forming a mud ball in them.*)

**Man** (*Point to yourself and those around you.*)

**He** (*Point up.*)

**Made him** (*Cup hands as if you are forming a mud ball in them.*)

**In his own likeness** (*Act like you are holding up a hand mirror and then point up.*)

**Genesis 5:1** (*Open hands like a book.*)