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Small Group

August — Week 5

GROUPS 2/6

# God Made Match

## Bible Story Review

### Faith Skills

Hear from God

Pray to God

Talk about God

Live for God

### What You Need

- "God Made Match" Activity Page
- Cardstock
- Scissors
- Paper plates
- Glue sticks
- Painter's tape



## ① What You Do

### Before the Activity

1. Copy "God Made Match" on cardstock and cut, two sets per Small Group.
2. Glue one picture to each plate.
3. Place one set of picture plates around the room, taping some of the plates to the wall, furniture, etc. at child's height.
4. Stack the other set of picture plates face down.

### During the Activity

1. Encourage children to pick a plate, identify the picture, then ask the child to run find the matching picture.
2. Shout: "Yay, God made (picture that was matched)."
3. Continue until all the matches are made.
4. Shuffle the plates and repeat as desired.

### After the Activity

1. Review the Bottom Line.

## ② What You Say

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### Inclusive Pro-Tips

For a version with less movement, seat children at the table. Copy "God Made Match" on cardstock and cut, two sets per Small Group. Shuffle both sets together and place them face down on the table in a 4 x 4 grid. Instruct children to play a game of memory, matching the corresponding items. If using this version, adjust the wording in the What You Say section accordingly.

## ② What You Say

### Before the Activity

"Let's play a game and review today's true story from the Bible! There are pictures around the room of some of the different things that God made. This stack of picture plates has a matching picture plate somewhere around the room. When it's your turn, you'll get to pick a picture plate, then go find the match."

### During the Activity

"Are we ready? (PAUSE.) All right! Here we go! [Child's name], pick a plate. (PAUSE.) Your plate has a picture of [image]. Go find the matching picture. (PAUSE.) You found the match! Yay! God made the [image]! [Child's name], pick a plate. (CONTINUE WITH EACH CHILD UNTIL ALL THE MATCHES HAVE BEEN MADE.)

"Hooray! We found all the matches! Look at all the amazing things God made on Day 6! God made land animals—like sloths! (HOLD UP THE SLOTH PLATE.) He made tall giraffes (HOLD UP THE GIRAFFE PLATE) and small skunks too! (HOLD UP THE SKUNK PLATE.) On Day 6, God also made people! (HOLD UP THE PEOPLE PLATES.) People are His most special creation!!

"Let's review. On Day 1, God made light and separated it from the dark. God called the light 'day,' and the dark 'night.' On Day 2, God made the sky and water. On Day 3, God made land, plants, and seas. On Day 4, God made the sun, moon, and stars! On Day 5, God made sea animals and birds. On Day 6, God made land animals and people. On that day, God saw everything He had made. And it was very good. Then, on Day 7, God rested!"

### After the Activity

"Look what we did together! Wow! Thank you for helping me! God made so many amazing things, because [BOTTOM LINE] God made everything! Who made everything? [BOTTOM LINE] God made everything! And it was very good!" (TWO THUMBS-UP.)

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GROUPS 3/6

# Creation Bingo

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What You Need

- "Creation Bingo," and "Creation Bingo Cards" Activity Pages
- Cardstock
- Pom-poms

Inclusive Optional Supplies

- Laminate pouches or sheet protectors
- Dot Markers
- Baby Wipes

Inclusive Pro-Tips



Assist as needed.

Laminate or place each bingo card into a sheet protector. Model and encourage children to cover the called picture with the dot marker.



## ① What You Do

Before the Activity

1. Copy "Creation Bingo" on cardstock, one card per child.
2. Copy the "Creation Bingo Cards" on cardstock and cut, one set per Small Group.
3. Give each child a 5 × 5 bingo card.
4. Point out the items on the card.
5. Set out the pom-poms where everyone can reach them.

During the Activity

1. Stack the individual bingo cards face down in front of you.
2. Draw a card and show the card to the children.
3. Ask children to look for the matching picture on their card.
4. If they have a match, cover it with a pom-pom.
5. Continue until a child gets bingo.

After the Activity

1. Review the Bottom Line.

## ② What You Say

Before the Activity

"Friends, come sit at the table! Let's play Creation Bingo! I have cards here with all the amazing things God made!"

During the Activity

**(DRAW A CARD.)** "Okay, the first card has a picture of [creation]. If you have it on your card, cover it with a pom-pom. You might have more than one on your card! **(PAUSE.)** We'll keep playing until someone gets five in a row across, up or down, or diagonal! The next card is a picture of [creation]. **(CONTINUE UNTIL SOMEONE GETS A BINGO.)** [Child's name] you got BINGO! Hooray! **(RESET AND REPEAT AS DESIRED.)** That was fun playing a game all about creation!"

After the Activity

"Wow, God made everything you see on your cards because **[BOTTOM LINE]** God made everything! God made light and separated it from the darkness; the sky above the water; land, plants, and seas; the sun, moon, and stars; sea animals and birds; and land animals and people! Who made everything? **[BOTTOM LINE]** God made everything!"

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GROUPS 6/6

# Journal and Prayer



## Prayer Activity

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### What You Need

- "Memory Verse Card" Activity  
Page from Week One in Bible,
- A journal
- Fun-shaped pen
- Animal stickers or handstamp

### Note

You can find examples of hand motions in the "Memory Verse Hand Motions" PDF and video, included in the Prelude folder and on Pinterest.

## ① What You Do

### Before the Activity

1. If you do not have the "Memory Verse Card" in your Bible, copy "Memory Verse Card" on cardstock and cut, one per Small Group.
2. Place one card in your Bible at Genesis 1:31.
3. Encourage children to pretend to be an animal as you walk to your Small Group spot.
4. Sit down and gather the children around you.

### During the Activity

1. Review the Bible Story and Memory Verse Hand Motions.
2. Then, make a list in the journal of each child's name and their favorite animal.

### After the Activity

1. Pray with the children using the list you made in the journal.

## ② What You Say

### Before the Activity

"It's Small Group time! Today we're going to pretend we're animals while we walk to our Small Group spot! Pick the animal you want to be and follow me! (PRETEND TO BE AN ANIMAL AS YOU LEAD THE CHILDREN TO YOUR SMALL GROUP SPOT.) Here we are, animals! You can be children again. We're going to sit down so we can talk about today's Bible Story. One, two, three, sit down with me!"

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### During the Activity

(OPEN THE BIBLE AND LAY IT IN FRONT OF THE CHILDREN.) "In our Bible Story today, we learned that God made all the land animals. That is SO cool! Then God made His most special creation. God made people! People are the only thing God made like Him. God loves every person, and He wants them to be with Him forever. After [BOTTOM LINE] God made everything, He looked at it, and saw that it was very good. Then God rested. Everything in the world can help us remember that [BOTTOM LINE] God made everything, because [BOTTOM LINE] God made everything! Who made everything? [BOTTOM LINE] God made everything! Yay, God!

"Our Bible verse says: 'God (FLAT HAND WITH THUMB TO FOREHEAD, PULL DOWN) saw everything he had made. (BINOCULAR EYES.) And it was very good,' (TWO THUMBS-UP) Genesis 1:31. (OPEN HANDS LIKE A BOOK.) Did you hear that? It is very good! Let's stand up and say that Bible verse together! Just say what I say and do what I do! 'God (FLAT HAND WITH THUMB TO FOREHEAD, PULL DOWN) saw everything he had made. (BINOCULAR EYES.) And it was very good,' (TWO THUMBS-UP) Genesis 1:31. (OPEN HANDS LIKE A BOOK.) Way to go! (TWO THUMBS-UP.)

"I think you're ready to try and say that verse by yourself! I want everyone to sit down, and we'll take turns saying it. Who wants to go first? I have my animal stickers/handstamp ready! Way to go, [child's name]! (GIVE TWO THUMBS-UP.) Here is a sticker/stamp for you! (SAY AND DO THIS WITH EACH CHILD AS THEY TRY AND SAY THE BIBLE VERSE.) I'm very proud of you for trying to say that Bible verse. When I count to three, I want everyone to stand up and show me your sticker/stamp. One, two, three! (PAUSE TO LOOK.) Yay! (CLAP.)

"Now let's sit back down so we can write in our prayer journal and talk to God. (OPEN JOURNAL.) Since God made people, I'm going to write each of your names in our journal. God made [child's name]. (WRITE DOWN EACH CHILD'S NAME AS YOU SAY, 'GOD MADE [CHILD'S NAME].') Now, when I say your name, I want you to tell me your favorite land animal, and I will write it in our journal. Then, we can use the list when we pray. (REMEMBER TO PRINT AS YOU WRITE IN THE JOURNAL, SO THE CHILDREN CAN RECOGNIZE THEIR NAMES AND THE LETTERS.)

### After the Activity

"I see some very special things on our list. (HOLD UP JOURNAL.) Let's pray and thank God for making land animals and people. Would anyone like to pray before I pray? (GIVE EACH CHILD WHO WANTS TO PRAY THE OPPORTUNITY TO DO SO.) Dear God, thank You for making the (READ THE LIST THE CHILDREN MADE). They are our favorite land animals! And God, thank You for making (SAY EACH CHILD'S NAME). Every person is so very special, because You made them. We love You, God! In Jesus' name. Amen."