

## Summer Bible Story Activities

# Creation

### Where to find the story of Creation

- Genesis 1-2
- *The Spark Story Bible: Family Edition* pages 6-17
- *The Story of Creation*



### This week's activities

- Craft activities
  - Fancy Flowerpots
    - Kids decorate flowerpots to use as a reminder that God gardens—and so can we!
  - I “Can” Care Creation
    - Making something new out of something old shows kids one way they can care for creation.
- Cooking activity
  - Creation Crunch
    - Kids learn how our creative God made everything
- Activity pages
  - Finish the Creation!
  - Imaginanimals
- Coloring pages
  - Let kids color their way through the Creation story

### Making faith connections

Here are a few suggestions for ways you can enrich your child's engagement and learning with the Creation story.

- Together with your child, go outside into God's creation. Look around and talk about everything God made. Say a prayer together, thanking God for all of creation.
- Talk about favorite things that God created. What are your child's favorites? What are yours? Discuss how your favorite things make a difference in your family.
- If you could give God ideas about new things to create, what would you suggest? What would your child suggest?

### A Prayer to Say Together

Dear God, thank you for birds that fly, bunnies that hop, fish that swim, and horses that run. Bless all of creation! Amen.



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# Creation Craft Activity

## Fancy Flowerpots

Kids decorate flowerpots to use as a reminder that God gardens—so can we!

### Supplies:

- Newspaper
- Acrylic paint
- Shallow containers
- Whiteboard or chart paper and supplies
- Clean, dry terra cotta flowerpots, one per kid
- Paint shirts
- Paintbrushes
- Black markers
- Markers, assorted colors (optional)

### Set-up:

Cover a worktable with newspaper. Pour paint into shallow containers.

### Instructions:

**God made the world and everything in it! Let's think of some of those things that God made.** Invite kids to list different things that God created. Record kids' responses on a whiteboard or piece of paper. **God made all of creation, and God made lots of things that grow. Animals and plants, you and me. God's creation is like a beautiful garden. God gardens, and so can we! Let's make something special to use when we garden.**

1. Give each kid a flowerpot.
2. Ask kids to put on their paint shirts and begin painting their decorations.
3. Encourage kids to paint natural things like vines, flowers, leaves, and bugs on their pots.
4. Once the paint dries, invite kids to use black markers to add details to their artwork. Kids may add veins in leaves or antennae on bugs.

**When you pot your plant, remember that God gardens—so can we!**

If you have less time . . .

Invite kids to decorate their pots with markers, rather than paints.

# Creation Craft Activity

## I "Can" Care Creation

Kids make a canister with creation-colored stripes to be used as a pencil holder. Making something new out of something old shows kids one way they can care for creation.

### Supplies:

- Recycled tin cans/canisters
- Blue and green electrician tape
- Yarn
- Scissors
- Colored dot stickers, optional
- Bright colored ribbon, optional

### Set Up:

1. Thoroughly wash a tin canister for each kid and ensure that there are no rough or sharp edges.
2. Cut yarn pieces the circumference of each canister.
3. Depending on your kids, some kids will work well teaming with a partner cutter. For others, strips of electrician tape may need to be precut.
4. Stick the pieces of tape along a table edge.

### Instructions:

Hold up tin can. **I found this can today. It's obviously garbage, so I'll just throw it away, right? What other things could I do with this can? (Recycle it. Make something out of it. Keep pens in it.) Sometimes people are very wasteful and throw lots of things away that could be reused or recycled. God cares for creation, and God wants us to care for creation, too. Today, instead of throwing cans away, we will take these old cans and make them into new pencil holders.**

1. Use the yarn piece as a guide to cut pieces of electrician tape to fit around the canister.
2. Cover the canister with strips of blue and green tape. Kids can start wrapping at the bottom and move to the top. Or wrap diagonally around the whole can. Maybe they'll choose to use small pieces to make a patchwork look. Welcome any ideas.
3. Decorate with dot stickers and tie ribbon around the can, if desired.

As kids work, ask them what they can do/already do to help care for creation. Talk about little things like using paper bags instead of plastic when shopping, turning off lights, and taking a shorter shower/not filling the bathtub as full.

**Lesson:** Our creative God made everything.

Read the Creation story with your child. You can find it in any Bible in the first two chapters of Genesis.

*Questions to ask your child:*

What did God use to make Adam and the animals?

Who made the animals?

Who made the plants?

Who made the land and water and sky?

**God made everything!**

Explain that God made everything out of dust and that you are going to create something out of dust today, too!

# Creation Crunch

## Ingredients

(Serves 8)

- 6 cups (1440 ml) fruit ring cereal
- ¼ cup (60 ml) butter
- 1 10-ounce (300 grams) bag marshmallows
- Cooking spray

**Before you begin:** Cut placemat-sized squares of wax paper. Coat the wax paper pieces with cooking spray. Measure the butter and marshmallows into a mixing bowl. Measure 4 cups of cereal into a large mixing bowl. Divide the rest of the cereal into 4 plastic bags, ½ cup (120 ml) per bag. Remove the air and seal. Keep the other supplies handy.

## Steps

Help the your child wash their hands with soap and water.

1. Have your child crush the cereal. Give him/her a sealed bag of cereal and a canned good.

**Remind your child that the most important ingredient for the recipe is dust! Roll the can over the cereal to crush it into dust.**

2. Meanwhile, coat a spatula with cooking spray. Melt the butter and marshmallows in a microwave-safe bowl in 30-second intervals. Stir the mixture every 30 seconds until it is smooth.
3. Invite your child to pour his/her bag of dust into the marshmallows, stirring the mixture until even and gooey. Then add the 4 cups of uncrushed cereal to the mix.

## Supplies

Hand soap  
Water  
Dish soap  
4 Sealing plastic bags  
4 Canned goods  
Microwave  
Oven mitts  
Microwave-safe mixing bowl  
Spatula  
Wax paper  
Cleaning supplies  
Wet wipes

4. Scoop ½ cup (120 ml) of the gooey mix onto each square of waxed paper. While the mix cools, talk about God's creative creatures.

**Ask you child to tell you about their favorite animal. What makes that animal unique? Remind them that our creative God made the earth and everything on it! We know from the story that Adam and Eve named the animals. Now you and your child will get a chance to play in the dust you made.**

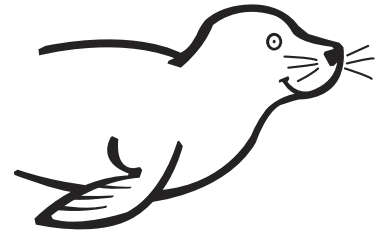
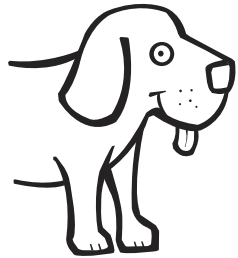
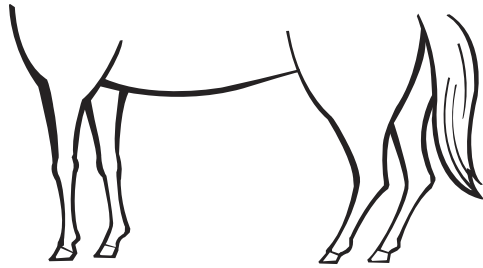
5. Give your child a square of cooled cereal goo.
6. **Shape your pile of dust into a new animal and give it a name.**

## Prayer Time

**God, thanks for making these hands! Only you could come up with the idea to make so many interesting people and animals from ordinary dust. You made everything with careful hands. Make our hands careful and gentle as we play and learn each day. Amen.**

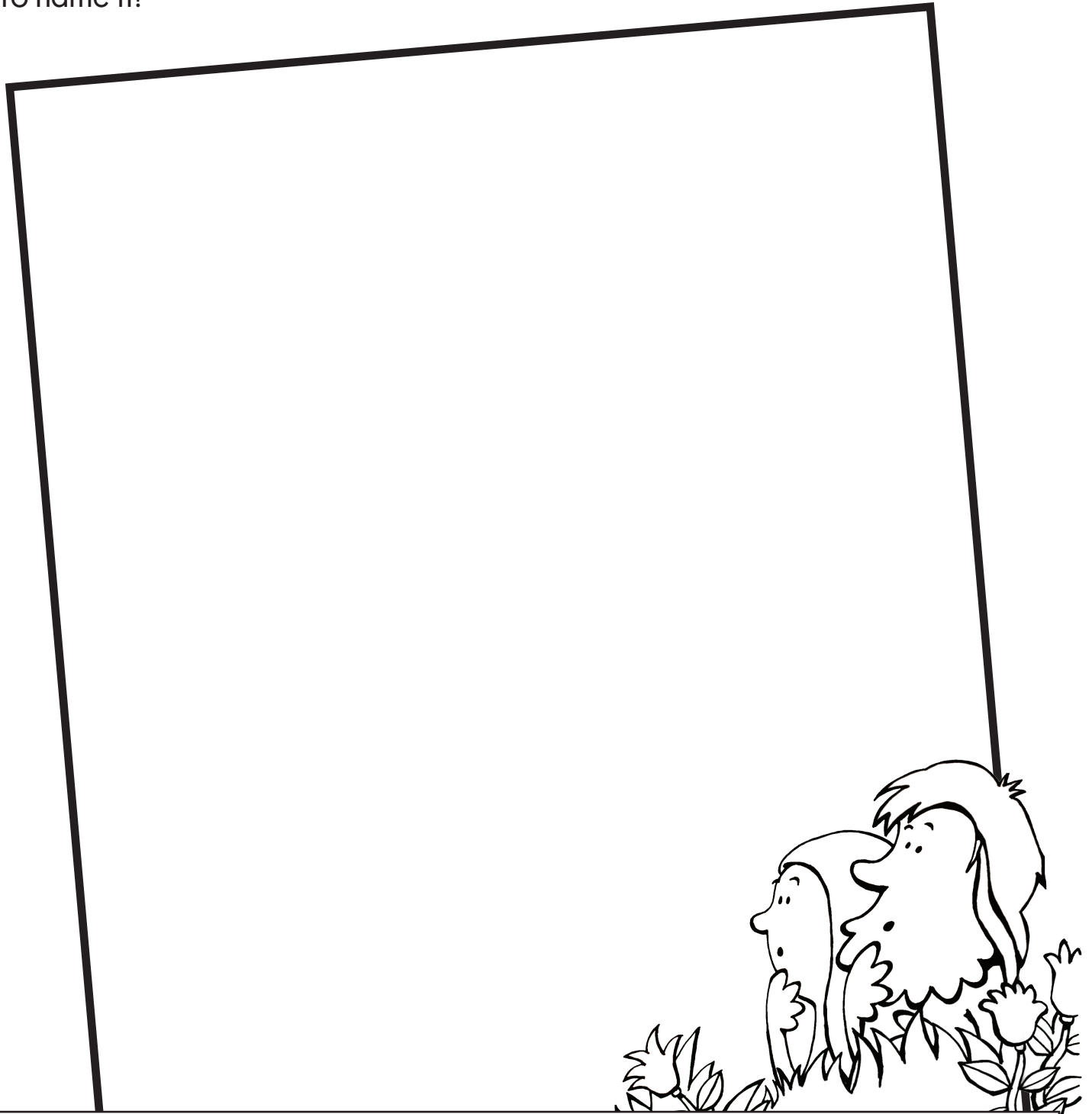
# Finish the Creation!

These animals are only half done! Finish drawing each animal. Will you finish it the way God did, or will you finish it as your own crazy creation?



# Imaginanimals

Imagine you were there when the world was created. God has asked you to help create a new animal. What would your animal look like? What would it be called? Draw your new, creative animal in the box below. Don't forget to name it!

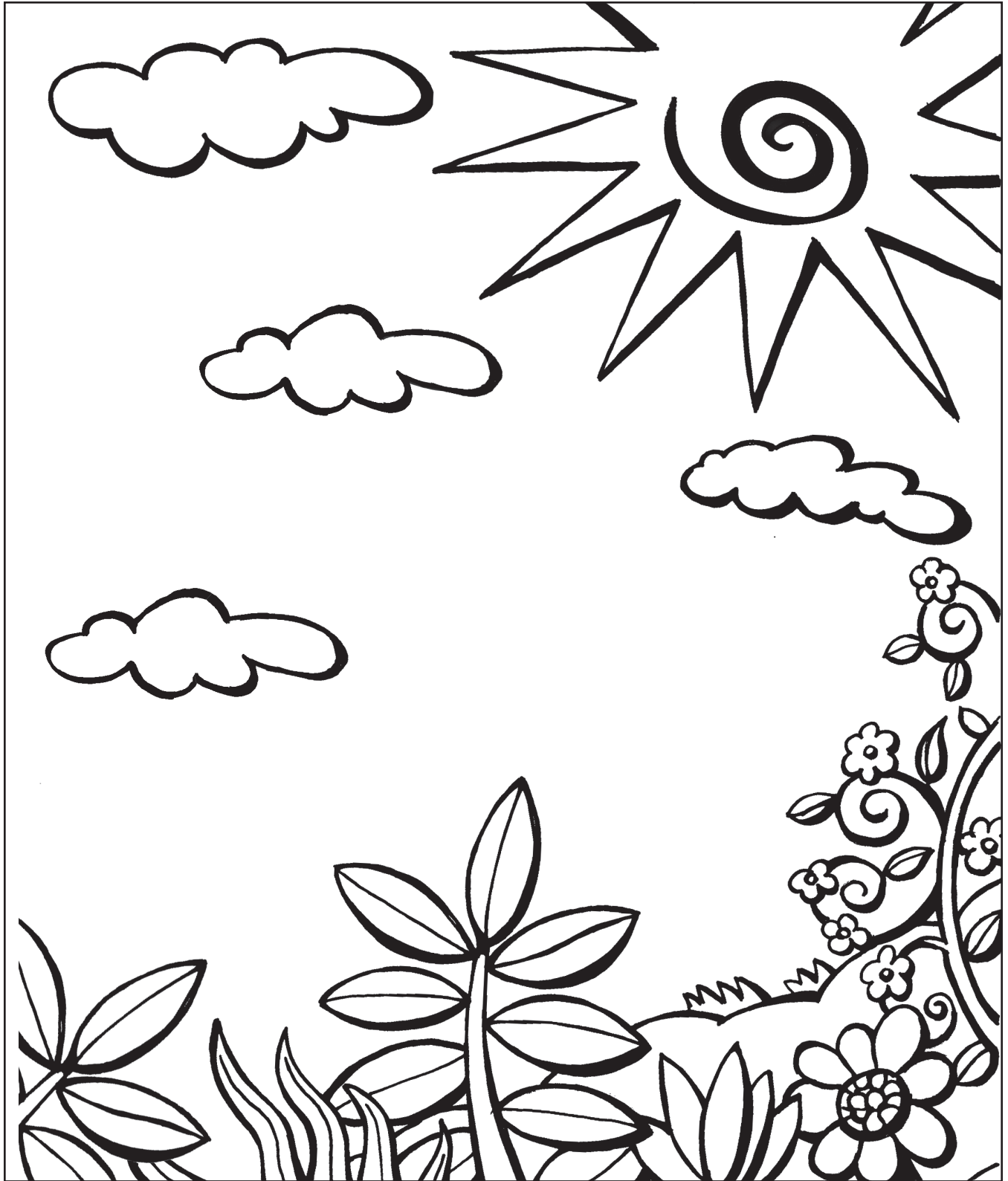


The name of my animal is:

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# Creation



God saw that the plants and trees were good.

# Creation



On the sixth day, God said, “Let there be animals of every kind on earth!”

# Creation



Then God said, "Let there be people on the earth!"

# Creation



God asked Adam to give all the animals names.

# Creation



God was happy to see that Adam and Eve were taking such good care of everything in creation.

# Creation



God said to Adam and Eve, "I need someone to help me take care of this amazing world!"