

Dear Children's Ministry Leaders,

In light of churches across the country closing in response to COVID-19 safety precautions, we at Group Publishing want to ensure that your children continue to receive spiritual nurturing. As a result, Group is allowing churches who use our materials to send families lessons and student materials your kids would normally participate in at church. We hope you enjoy using this content in a different way, and that your kids are impacted.

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- 1. Permission to share the included student materials with families from your churches via email, postal service, or a privately accessible, password-protected website that only families from your church can access.**
- 2. Permission to share other elements from the week's lesson, such as the teacher guide that goes along with this lesson, with families from your churches via email, postal service, or a privately accessible, password-protected website that only families from your church can access.**
- 3. Permission to share a video recording presenting this lesson with families via your church website or platform of your choice. (We ask that you remove the video each week when you post a new one.)**

You may decide to offer a video broadcast or pre-recorded video where you and your regular Children's Ministry crew lead these lessons digitally for families to partake in at home. Or you may encourage parents to lead these lessons, which creates a fun opportunity for them to see what a typical lesson for their kids is like.

**This permission is granted on a limited basis for as long as your church is unable to meet in person. Families are encouraged to use these materials within their households, but may not publish or share them in any way outside of your church family.**

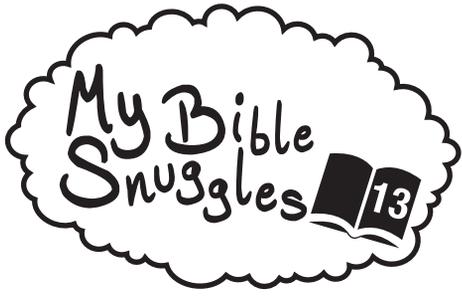
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We hope God blesses your congregation through this unusual season, and that your community remains strong even though for a time you may not be meeting together.

God bless you, and stay healthy!

- Your friends at Group Publishing





# God's Creation



# Growing With Jesus



Your child learned that God created heaven and earth (from Acts 17:16-31). Your child participated in one of the following activities today. You can do these activities with your child to help your child grow with Jesus throughout the week.

## INFANT

### Bubble Creation

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Sit on the floor, and support your infant with your body. Dip a bubble wand into bubble solution.

Say: **Let's create a bubble. Can you help me blow?**

Put your mouth close to baby's mouth as if you and your baby are jointly providing the air for the bubble.

Say: **God blew the breath of life into people. God created people. God created heaven and earth.**

## TODDLER

### Modeling-Dough Faces

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Say: **God created everything in the world. He created every person, and he made everyone different. Let's make a face.** Give your child a modeling dough ball about the size of a golf ball, and help your child press features into the dough, creating several different faces.

Say: **Each of your faces was different. God made a world full of different faces. God made heaven and earth.**

## 2-YEAR-OLD

### Shout With Joy

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Say this action rhyme with your child and do the actions together.

**Shout with joy!** (*raise hands above head*)

**Shout with joy!** (*raise hands above head*)

**Let's all shout with joy for the Lord!** (*clap on "joy"*)

**Shout it loud! Sing for joy!** (*raise hands above head*)

**Yeehaw!**

Afterward, say: **God created heaven and earth.**



## A Great, Big, Wonderful God

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How wonderful that from the moment children can understand words, they can learn the security of our God, who is the originator and master of all things. When you present God to your child as our powerful and all-knowing creator, emphasize how much he cares for each of his children. He isn't a mean God to be feared for his power. Rather, we can rest in God's omnipotence and trust in his love. God created us and loves us.



### Help your child become a FaithWeaver with these ideas:

Take a walk outside with your child and take note of all the things God made. Say a brief prayer of thanks for God's creation.

Together, compare your hands with your child's hands. What's the same? What's different?

Remind your child that God made you both.