

April 27-May 1

Religion Project

Celebration of Creation

Last week we celebrated Earth Day. It is a special day to help us realize how lucky we are to have such a beautiful planet to live on. Earth Day can remind all of us that we need to care for our planet each and every day. This week we can continue to celebrate our Earth by remembering the story from the Bible that tells how God created the world.



This week, let's create a poster, picture, or collage of the Earth, according to the chapter in the Bible called Genesis. This story tells how God created the world in 7 days.

You can use crayons, markers, colored pencils, paints, colored paper, stickers, pictures from the computer, and/or cut-outs from magazines. You can make this poster as simple or fancy as you want! Be creative! You can do it all in one day or add a little each day, just like God did! Read each part, or have someone help you, so you know just what to do. (Start with a white poster or paper.)

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In the beginning there was no earth or sky or sea or animals. And then God spoke in the darkness: "Let there be light!" And right away there was light, scattering the darkness and showing the infinite space. "That's good!" said God. "From now on, when it's dark, it will be 'night' and when it's light, it will be 'day'." The evening came and the night passed and then the light returned. That was the first day. On the second day, God made the earth and above it, the sky. He stood back and admired His creation. "That's good, too!" said God, and the second day was over.

1. To do: Draw/paint, cut paper to color the top part of your poster. Make some of it dark blue and some of it light blue.

The next morning God looked around and thought, "The earth needs to be a bit more organized." So, He put all the water in one place and all the dry land in another. When He had finished that, God made plants to cover the land. Dandelions and daffodils appeared. All sorts of trees and grasses began to grow. "It's looking great," said God, and that was the end of the third day.

2. To do: Color some blue water on the lower half of the page, but leave plenty of space for drawing the land, too. Now add grass, trees, plants, and flowers.

On the fourth day, God looked around and thought, "The daylight still needs a bit more work and the night is just too dark." So, He made the sun to light the sky during the day and the moon and

stars to add a bit of sparkle to the night. He hung them in the sky and stepped back to look at his work. "This is coming along very well," said God.

3. To do: Put the moon and stars in the dark blue sky, and add the sun and clouds to the light blue part of the sky.

The next day, God turned his attention to the water he had collected in the oceans. "I want these waters teeming with life!" As soon as He said it, it was so. In no time, there were millions of small fish darting through the shallow water and huge fish swimming in the ocean. God made birds, too. He sent them soaring through the air. "Ahh, that *is* good!" said God. The dusk fell over the water and the sky grew dark and that was the end of the fifth day.

4. To do: Add lots of sea creatures to the ocean and many birds in the sky.

On the sixth day, God added creatures to the land. He made lions and tigers and bears. He made rabbits and sheep and cows. He added everything from ants to zebras to the land. But He still felt something was missing. So God added Mankind to enjoy and take care of all that He had created. God looked around and was happy with all He had made!

5. To do: Add lots of your favorite animals to the land. Then add people.

After six days, the whole universe was **completed**. On the seventh day God had **a nice long rest and enjoyed looking at all He had made!**

If you can, please send me a picture of your creation when it is **completed**. Take **a nice long rest, and I will enjoy looking at all you have made!**

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Love, Mrs. Persoon