

## Creation Station

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At this stop on your faith trek, you'll read the creation story in the Bible. Then, you'll take a trip to a special place to remember God's love for the world.

### For

Just for Kids

### Season

Spring

### Needed

- Your Faith Trek: Through the Bible book
- Optional: camera and photo prints

### Prepare in Advance

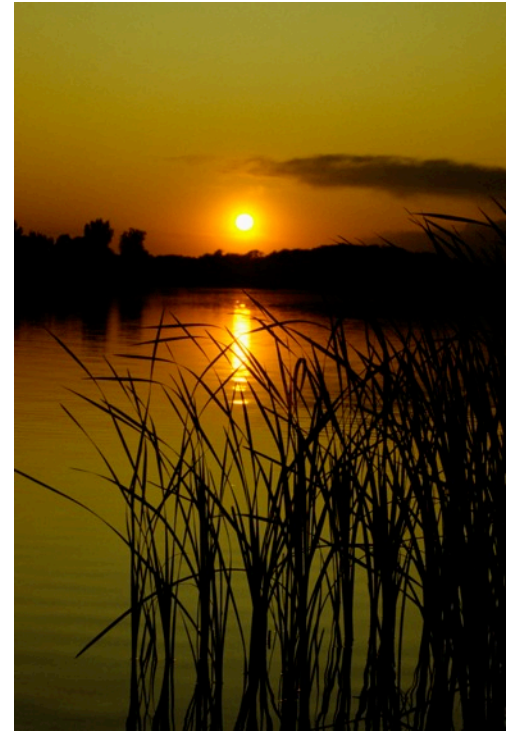
For this stop in your faith trek, you'll need to go to a special place outside and draw or take some pictures. It should be a place that you think is amazing, or a place where you feel God's presence or love. It could be a favorite park, a beach, or even your own back yard.

Talk with a parent to plan a good time and place.

### Activity Plan

1. Read the creation story in Genesis 1:1-31 (see last two pages).
2. Read or listen to this commentary for kids.

In this story, we learn that the world is not an accident! Instead, we learn that God is somehow behind the existence of the vast universe. In this story, we learn that God cares for all of the creation, and gives people the responsibility to care for it. People have a very special place in God's heart. God loves each one of us, and wants us to love God and love others.



3. Go to a special place outside. It should be a place that you think is amazing; a place where you feel God's presence or love. It could be a favorite park, a beach, or even your own back yard. Be sure to get permission from a parent before you go.
4. Draw or take pictures to show God's creation.
5. Use your pictures to tell the story of creation for your Faith Trek: Through the Bible book.
6. Show your work to a parent, or a grandparent, friend or neighbor and talk about these questions together. You could even use Skype to talk to someone far away!
  - Which parts of creation do you love most?
  - If you could ask God anything about the world, what would you ask?
  - At the end of each day, God saw that the creation was good. What are some things that are especially good about you?
7. Pray together by reading Psalm 139:6-16.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to attain.  
Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence?  
If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.

If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea,  
even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast.

If I say, "Surely the darkness will hide me and the light become night around me,"  
even the darkness will not be dark to you; the night will shine like the day, for  
darkness is as light to you.

For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb.  
I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are  
wonderful, I know that full well.

My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place, when I was  
woven together in the depths of the earth.

Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your  
book before one of them came to be. Amen.

## Genesis 1:1-31

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness. God called the light "day," and the darkness he called "night." And there was evening, and there was morning—the first day.

And God said, "Let there be a vault between the waters to separate water from water." So God made the vault and separated the water under the vault from the water above it. And it was so. God called the vault "sky." And there was evening, and there was morning—the second day.

And God said, "Let the water under the sky be gathered to one place, and let dry ground appear." And it was so. God called the dry ground "land," and the gathered waters he called "seas." And God saw that it was good.

Then God said, "Let the land produce vegetation: seed-bearing plants and trees on the land that bear fruit with seed in it, according to their various kinds. " And it was so. The land produced vegetation: plants bearing seed according to their kinds and trees bearing fruit with seed in it according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the third day.

And God said, "Let there be lights in the vault of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them serve as signs to mark sacred times, and days and years, and let them be lights in the vault of the sky to give light on the earth." And it was so. God made two great lights—the greater light to govern the day and the lesser light to govern the night. He also made the stars. God set them in the vault of the sky to give light on the earth, to govern the day and the night, and to separate light from darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the fourth day.

And God said, "Let the water teem with living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the vault of the sky." So God created the great creatures of the sea and every living thing with which the water teems and that moves about in it, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them and said, "Be fruitful and increase in number and fill the water in the seas, and let the birds increase on the earth." And there was evening, and there was morning—the fifth day.

And God said, "Let the land produce living creatures according to their kinds: the livestock, the creatures that move along the ground, and the wild animals, each according to its kind." And it was so. God made the wild animals according to their kinds, the livestock according to their kinds, and all the creatures that move along the ground according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good.

Then God said, "Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground."

So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground."

Then God said, "I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food. 30 And to all the beasts of the earth and all the birds in the sky and all the creatures that move along the ground—everything that has the breath of life in it—I give every green plant for food. " And it was so.

God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the sixth day.