

# CREATION STORY

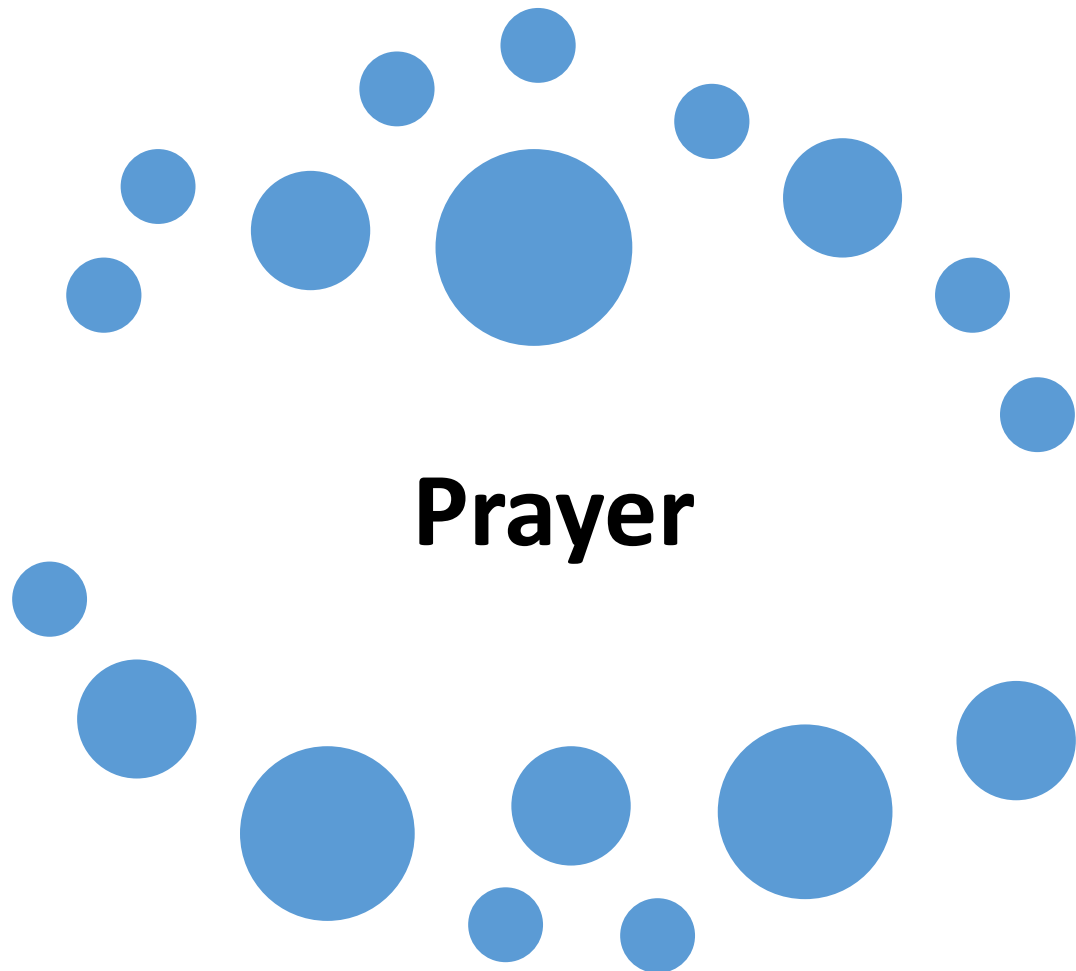
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# Opening Activity: What's in a Name?

- Invite the children to sit in a circle. Ask children to think of either a type of animal or an animal noise that matches the first letter of their name.
- Then move on to the next child in the circle, who will attempt to share the first child's name as well as his own unique name.
- Continue around the circle this way, with the last child attempting to remember the name of every child before him.

## ***DEVELOPMENTALLY SPEAKING***

*Because young children can feel uncomfortable when trying to remember facts in a group, encourage the kids to help each other by providing the noise their animal makes as a fun hint!*



**Prayer**

**Keep your eyes closed for  
a moment and tell me  
what you see**

*Interact with  
responses. When I close my  
eyes, I can't see anything—  
only darkness! Invite  
children to open their eyes.*

- **The Big God Story tells us it was like this in the very beginning.**
- **Before God created the animals or the trees or the sun, everything was empty. There was nothing—nothing except for God.**

**He is eternal**

# What does eternal mean?

- Invite responses.
- It means that God has always been and will always be.
- Ever since creation, God has been working to tell His big story to the world and to invite every person to know and love Him.

# Creation Story


- God created the heavens and the earth.
- God spoke, and with His words He began to create the world. God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light.
- God continued by creating the land and the seas.
- God also created plants—fruit trees and flowers and bushes
- God created the sun, the moon, and the stars.
- He created animals on the land, fish in the sea, and birds in the air.
- Then God created people in His image.
- And instead of speaking mankind into being, God used dirt from the ground to form a man.
- Then God breathed into the man, and he lived!
- Then God created a woman to be the man’s partner. He took a rib from the man and made a woman to be his wife.

# Creation Story

- Does anyone know the names of these first two people?
- God put Adam and Eve in the garden of Eden, a beautiful place where they could live and take care of the things God had created.
- In the garden, they enjoyed a perfect relationship with God and each other.
- God told Adam and Eve they could eat anything in the garden except the fruit from the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil.
- God told them that if they ate from this tree, they would die.
- God is eternal, which means He knows the beginning and the end. He didn't want harm to come to Adam and Eve.
- One day a snake spoke to Eve. Can you hear him coming? Invite children to make hissing sounds with you.
- The snake told Eve that the things God had said about the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil weren't true. The snake told Eve that God was trying to keep her from being like God—the eternal One. Eve believed the snake. She took a piece of fruit and ate it. Then she gave a piece of fruit to Adam, and he took a bite too.
- When Adam and Eve ate the fruit, they disobeyed God, and sin entered the world. Their choice broke their relationship with God

# Conclusion of the story

- Adam and Eve's choices broke the relationship between God and people.
- But because God is eternal, He made a plan to send His Son Jesus to die for our sins so we could be in relationship with Him forever.
- God loves us so much that He invites each of us to know Jesus and accept His forgiveness for our sins.
- God is eternal. He has always existed and will always exist! He created all that we can see, taste, touch, hear, and smell.
- He created you and me. He invites you, me, and everyone to be a part of The Big God Story.



Share a personal story  
about how you've seen  
the eternal God in  
creation.

# Questions

**What existed  
before  
creation?**

**What did God  
create?**

**How was God's  
creation of man  
and woman  
different from  
His creation of  
everything else?**

**What happened  
when Adam and  
Eve disobeyed  
God?**

**What did God  
do so we can be  
in relationship  
with Him?**

## **God is eternal.**

He created the world and everything in it.

No one else helped God create the world.

He has always existed, and He is the one true God who rules over everything.

Whenever we see a mountain or a beautiful flower or a buzzing bee, we can know that God created its beauty.

**What is your favorite part of God's creation?** *Allow responses.*

Amazing that even after people chose to disobey God, He provided Jesus so we could have a perfect relationship with Him again. When we accept Jesus' gift of salvation, God cleans us from all our sin and invites us to be a part of **The Big God Story!**

# Game

- If you say, "God said, 'Let there be light!'" they should jump up and wave their hands over their heads.
- God said, 'Let there be water!'" they should move their arms in a swimming motion.
- you say, "God said, 'Let there be animals!'" they should make an animal noise or move like an animal
- In order to do the action, the kids need to hear you say, "God said." If you don't say this first, the kids should remain still. Any kids who start doing the action anyway are out.
- Play until one child remains, and feel free to play a few rounds.

- What was easy about this game? What was hard?
- How is this game similar to listening for God?
- How does God talk to us today?

Our God simply spoke and things started happening. All of creation listened to what God had to say.

We can continue listening for God's voice because we know we're a part of The Big God Story, which began with creation and continues today!

Thank you