



THE BEGINNING

WEEK 2 : LIGHT, SKY, SEA, LAND & PLANTS

GENESIS IV3-13

Play Dough

Add pipe cleaners or sticks as stalks and create flowers (see photo).

Tell me about your flower.

Dressing Up

Put sleeping bags, glo sticks, torches and night lights into a dark tent. *What happens when we turn everything off? Or one thing on?*

Messy Play

Add spades, spoons and watering cans to a large tray/box of compost. Include leaves, twigs, flowers, grass and water (see photo). *Can you make hills and mountains or rain and rivers?*



PLAYTIME

Explore light, dark, water, land, plants and words.



Craft

Make shadow puppets using black card and lolly sticks. Shine a lamp or torch onto a white wall and play. *Tell me what is happening. How do we make light? How do we make darkness?*

Bricks

Add to a tray of water. *How could we separate the water? How do you think God might do it in our story today?*

Big Play

Play Simon Says. *Let's use our words to make things happen. What might happen when God speaks?*

STORYTIME

1. Welcome

Sing a welcome Hello song.


Is everyone sitting on their story spot?

2. What's in the box?

- Torch
- Bottle of water
- Compost
- Leaf

What's in the Box? Let's shake and guess! Let's take a peek! Wow!! In today's story God uses his words to make light, and then the sky, the sea, the land and the plants.

3. LET'S ALL SAY...
"GOD HAS A PLAN"

Actions: The Makaton sign 'G'  for God, followed by one hand writing on the other hand, for plan.
Let's all say... God has a plan. Do the actions as you say it. Let's all say, 'God has a plan'. Say it in a BIG voice, 'GOD HAS A PLAN'. Say it in a small voice, 'God has a plan'.

STORYTIME CONTINUED...

4. Story Bag

What story is in our Story Bag today?

• **Bible:** Who knows what this book is? It is the Bible. God's story of his love for us, and his plan of rescue. Today's story is from the very beginning of the Bible...

• **Black material:** In the very beginning, at the very start of everything, there was NOTHING (spread out the black material). It was a bit like this material. There was nothing. Nothing to see (shut eyes), nothing to touch (lift hands), nothing to hear (hands on ears).

• **Torch:** But God had a plan. First he spoke LIGHT (turn on torch and remove black material). God didn't press a button like me. He just said, "LIGHT!" and light flashed into the nothingness. God called the light day and the dark night. God said, "You're good." (sign thumbs up). Everyone say, "You're good!" (everyone signs thumbs up).


• **Blue material (x2):** (Spread 2 pieces of material next to each other). Next God spoke WATER...and the water split into the sea below and the sky above (move the 2 pieces of material apart). God said, "You're good." (sign thumbs up). Everyone say, "You're good!" (everyone signs thumbs up).

• **Green material:** Then God spoke LAND...and hills and mountains and cliffs and beaches and islands and rocks burst up out of the sea! (spread green material between the 2 pieces of blue material). God said, "You're good." (sign thumbs up). Everyone say, "You're good!" (everyone signs thumbs up).

• **Leaves and flowers:** Finally, God spoke PLANTS, TREES and FLOWERS... and they popped up, sprouting all over the land (throw the leaves and flowers over the green material). God said, "You're good." (sign thumbs up). Everyone say, "You're good!" (everyone signs thumbs up).



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TALKING TIME

God is here. He wants to talk and listen to us.

Today we discovered how God used his words to make light, separate water and grow plants. Sometimes we need help to know what to say to God. Talk to him today using a copycat thank you prayer...

Pray Simon Says: Pray a short Simon Says prayer for everyone to copy. Encourage everyone to take a turn as 'Simon'.

Work together to create some actions for *Lovely Jubbly* and *God Loves Me*. This will help little ones join in, and older kids remember the words.

Thank you God that your words are strong and powerful. They made light and land, separated water, and made plants grow.

You will need:

- Bible
- Torch
- Bottle of water
- Compost, leaves & flowers
- Black, blue (x2) & green material
- Songs
- Playtime resources

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