

LEARNING TIME – JULY 5, 2026 - THE STORY OF CREATION..... VBS...June 29-July 3

Genesis 1 Living Bible

Genesis 1:-31

¹ When God began creating the heavens and the earth, ² the earth was a shapeless, chaotic mass, with the Spirit of God brooding over the dark vapors.

³ Then God said, “**Let there be light.**” And light appeared. ⁴⁻⁵ **And God was pleased** with it and divided the light from the darkness. He called the light “**daytime,**” and the darkness “**nighttime.**” Together they formed the **first day.**

⁶ And God said, “Let the vapors separate to form the **sky above** and the **oceans below.**” ⁷⁻⁸ So God made the sky, dividing the vapor above from the water below. This all happened on the **second day.**

⁹⁻¹⁰ Then God said, “Let the water beneath the sky be gathered into **oceans** so that the **dry land** will emerge.” And so it was. Then God named the dry land “**earth,**” and the water “**seas.**” **And God was pleased** . ¹¹⁻¹² And he said, “Let the earth burst forth with every sort of grass and seed-bearing plant, and fruit trees with seeds inside the fruit, so that these seeds will produce the kinds of plants and fruits they came from.” And so it was, **and God was pleased.** ¹³ This all occurred on the **third day.**

¹⁴⁻¹⁵ Then God said, “Let bright lights appear in the sky to give light to the earth and to identify the day and the night; they shall bring about the seasons on the earth, and mark the days and years.” And so it was. ¹⁶ For God had made two huge lights, **the sun and moon,** to shine down upon the earth—the larger one, **the sun,** to preside over the day and the smaller one, **the moon,** to preside through the night; he had also made the stars. ¹⁷ And God set them in the sky to light the earth, ¹⁸ and to preside over the day and night, and to divide the light from the darkness. **And God was pleased.** ¹⁹ This all happened on the **fourth day.**

²⁰ Then God said, “Let the waters teem with fish and other life, and let the skies be filled with birds of every kind.” ²¹⁻²² So God created great sea animals, and every sort of fish and every kind of bird. **And God looked at them with pleasure,** and blessed them all. “Multiply and stock the oceans,” he told them, and to the birds he said, “Let your numbers increase. Fill the earth!” ²³ That ended the **fifth day.**

²⁴ And God said, “Let the earth bring forth every kind of animal—cattle and reptiles and wildlife of every kind.” And so it was. ²⁵ God made all sorts of wild animals and cattle and reptiles. **And God was pleased with what he had done.**

²⁶ Then God said, “Let us make **a man**—someone like ourselves, to be the master of all life upon the earth and in the skies and in the seas.”

²⁷ So God made man like his Maker.

Like God did God make man;

Man and maid did he make them.

²⁸ And God blessed them and told them, "Multiply and fill the earth and subdue it; you are masters of the fish and birds and all the animals. ²⁹ And look! I have given you the seed-bearing plants throughout the earth and all the fruit trees for your food. ³⁰ And I've given all the grass and plants to the animals and birds for their food." ³¹ **Then God looked over all that he had made, and it was excellent in every way.** This ended the **sixth day.**

Genesis 2:1-3 Living Bible

2 Now at last the heavens and earth were successfully completed, with all that they contained. ² So on the seventh day, having finished his task, **God ceased from this work he had been doing,** ³ and God blessed the seventh day and declared it holy, because it was the day when he ceased this work of creation. **The day of rest.**

So on day 1 the VBS folks learned about Genesis 1: 1-5

Light refraction and the disappearing coin under the glass after water is put into the glass. and how things look like they break when put into the water and how it looks above and below the water line.

Then they made Galaxy Jars with water, oil and glitter. And went outside to see the refraction of the blowing bubbles.....

They got to have light and darkness for a snack..... They had Vanilla pudding and Popcorn covered with black napkins, before they ate them.

So on day 2 the VBS folks learned about Genesis 1: 6-10

The ocean and waters, and keeping them clean. Some creatures help by cleaning up after us in the ocean, and others get in trouble with eating stuff we put in the ocean and waters.

And about how the water has a bead or seal on it..... when they put oil on it or gets spilled on it by boats, litter etc. The oil floated, and would not mix up with the water..... when they put soap on it, the soap made the oil run away to the edge. But it was still there, they talked about ways to clean it up....

They learned how to make water filters out to dirt, sand, gravel, cotton balls and grass Went on a scavenger hunt..... Sung the Nibi Song. And had blue jello ice cubes and watermelon.

So on day 3 the VBS folks learned about Genesis 1: 11-13

We learned how God made the big sea creatures and the vegetation that grows around us. We talked about keeping the environment clean and well looked after, and how we can do that. Then we made posters that could let people know about saving the Water, and the Earth to help make Climate Change slow down, and stop. About how hot the oceans get, and the land gets, and start forest fires and cause flooding in towns and cities close to the sea. Then we went down town and decorated our bikes, and had a bike parade. And Cupcakes too.

So on day 4 the VBS folks learned about Genesis 1: 14-19

Science.....The sun moon and stars..... They made the moon phases out of Oreo cookies, and were able to eat them afterwards.

They also made star constellations out of marshmallows and got to eat them too.

And the snack was making veggie creatures and shapes, and eating more watermelon.

Making play houses out of frames and cover them with blankets and had fun inside them.

So on day 5 the VBS folks learned about Genesis 1 20 – 2:3

Learned about the animals and bugs and crawly things..... Like worms.....

They also talked about the Memory Clean Up Crew..... and what helps to keep our memory working well when we sleep, and ways to help.

The snack of the day was dirt and worms... (chocolate pudding covered with Oreo cookies and worms coming out of it. IT WAS DELICIOUS.

And finished with making Fairy Houses, or places they would like to be on earth, the beach, the forest, the lake, the jungle and lots of great ideas... they got to take all their crafts home, and after they cleaned up the room and supplies..... they.....

HAD A CAR WASH, AND EVEN IN THE RAIN KEPT WASHING CARS AND HAVING FUN WITH ALL THE BUBBLES, THE WATER, AND WRINGING OUT SPONGES..... And cleaning up.

Thank you to all who helped make this happen.

- Whitney, Kieara, Sharon, Ruth, Laurie, Gail and Tate

If you brought donations, we have some left in the hall if you would like to ck out and take them home.