

God makes the world

Use these stories with **Big Sheets 1-4**.

Early years expert Judith Wigley writes:

"As Christians our work with bringing children into both a knowledge about and relationship with God... We want [them] to learn about God's love and, most importantly, to experience it for [themselves]. We long for the thousands of under-5s to enjoy their Maker now. Yes, we want to lay important foundations for an ongoing relationship but, first and foremost, we want under-5s to discover a valuable and meaningful relationship with God now, in their early years, when I believe they are most open, most aware and most responsive to him."

1 God makes light and sky

At first there was nothing at all. Then God made a world. God wanted it to be a wonderful place. But everything was dark and empty. God did not want it to stay that way. God made light. Now there was light and there was darkness. God looked at what he had made and said, "This is good. I'm glad I made the light." Then God made the sky. Up above the world, as far as we can see, and more. God looked at what he had made and said, "This is good. I'm glad I made the sky." Day and night.



The world and the sky.

That's the way God made it and that's the way it is now. It's the world we live on today.

God looked at what he had made. "This is very good," he said. "It will be a good place for people to live, when I've finished making my world."

And it is.

Genesis 1:1-8

2 God makes land, sea and plants

God's new world was covered with water. God said, "I want to make the sea and the land." All at once, the water rushed together. It made seas and rivers, lakes and ponds, oceans and puddles. And that left the dry earth. God made it into rocky mountains, gentle hills, dry deserts and sandy beaches.

God looked at the land with its rich, dark soil. He looked at the seas, shining and blue. God was happy.

God spoke again. "I want to make plants," he said. And plants appeared: tall plants, green plants, plants with seeds to make new



3 God makes stars and planets

God made us a wonderful sky. In the daytime, it is bright and light blue and has a big shiny sun in it. God made the sun to keep us warm and to light up the daytime.



God made us a wonderful sky. In the night-time, it is a dark deep blue and has a bright moon shining in it. Sometimes the moon looks big and round. Sometimes it is a shiny curve. And God made lots of stars to twinkle in the dark and to light up the night-time.

God loves us so much that he made beautiful stars and planets, the moon and the sun.

Genesis 1:14-19

4 God makes animals

God made a world. Above the world was the sky with the sun and moon, stars and planets. On the world there was sea and land and plants of all shapes and sizes. God was happy with all the things he had made.

Now God wanted to make more things.

God made birds to fly in the sky. They sang, "Tweet, tweet!" and croaked, "Caw, caw!" and hooted, "Twoo twee!"

God made fish to live in the sea. They swam, swish-swash. They jumped, splash-splash. God made animals to live on the land. He made cows, moo moo. And dogs, woof woof. And lions, raaraa raaraa. And crocodiles, snip snap. And snakes, hiss hiss. And bees, buzz buzz. Animals of all shapes and sizes and colours.

And then God made people, like you and me. God was very pleased with everything he made. "It's all very good," said God.

Genesis 1:20-24

God the maker

This is God's wonderful world. Here is the sun, shining so bright, that God put in his wonderful world.

Here are the silvery moon and stars, that God put in his wonderful world.

Here is the sea with splashing waves, that God put in his wonderful world.

Here are creatures which live in the sea, that God put in his wonderful world.

Here is the sky, way up high, that God put in his wonderful world.

Here are birds which fly in the sky, that God put in his wonderful world.



Here is the land with plants and trees, that God put in his wonderful world.

Here are rain clouds that water the land, that God put in his wonderful world.

Here are animals, big and small, that God put in his wonderful world.

And here are some people God made to enjoy and look after his wonderful world.

Psalms 104

