

# Creation

## Materials

- Clay or playdough
- Mini oreos
- Blue & yellow M&Ms
- Goldfish crackers
- Ritz crackers
- Cranberries
- Animal crackers
- Large mixing bowl
- Small cups or baggies
- Creation cubes (on web)
- Crayons
- Scissors
- Tape

## Opening Activity

Using lumps of modeling clay/play dough, use your imagination to create an animal that has never been seen before. What would it look like? What noise would it make? What would it eat? When finished, share your creations with one another. Discuss the amount of imagination it must have taken for God to create every animal on earth.

## God Creates the World and Living Things

Pull out your Bible. Where is the book of Genesis? The word “Genesis” means “beginning.” Genesis tells about the beginning of the world and of everything in it.

Read the following passages. As you are reading, create a “Creation Snack Mix.” Add each ingredient after each passage is read.

- Gen. 1:1-5 (Mini Oreos – representing light and dark)
- Gen. 1:6-8 (Blue M&Ms – representing water)
- Gen. 1:9-13 (Ritz crackers and cranberries – representing land, plants, and sea)
- Gen. 1:14-19 (Yellow M&Ms – representing sun, moon, and stars)
- Gen. 1:20-23 (Goldfish crackers – representing birds and sea animals)
- Gen. 1:24-25 (Animal crackers – representing animals and people)

## *Discuss*

- This is the passage where it all begins. God forms the world out of His love and creative energy. The language used is both powerful and poetic: “The Earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep.” What does the phrase “formless void” remind you of?
- What word is repeatedly used to describe God’s reaction to the things He makes?
- Are there any creatures or plants you wish God did not create – spiders or poison ivy, for example? Why?
- What do you think the coolest thing in creation is? Why?
- Where do you feel closest to God’s creation?
- How can we see God through His creation?

## God Creates Man

Read Gen. 1:26-27

### *Discuss*

- How were humans created? What does it mean to be created in God's image?
- Why do you think God created us this way?
- Why does God say He will create humans in "our" image?
- What is the significance that God waited until the end of creation to create man?

Read Gen. 1:28-31

### *Discuss*

- What important jobs did God give humans?
- According to these verses, how are humans different from animals?

### Activity

Print the Creation Cube handout on cardstock. Use crayons to draw what happened on each day of creation. Review the days if needed. When finished, cut out the cube and tape it together. While you are working, you can snack on your Creation Snack Mix.

### Closing Prayer

Close with a popcorn prayer. Start by saying "Thank you, God, for animals." When you pause, others can pop up and name an animal. Continue by saying, "Thank you God for fruits and vegetables," and then pause, while others pop up and name a fruit or vegetable, and then...

Dear God,

Thank you for animals, for... (pause)

Thank you for fruits and vegetables, for... (pause)

Thank you for insects, for... (pause)

Thank you for people, for... (pause)

Help us to care for our world.

Amen.