

Lesson Introduction

God created the sun to give light and warmth to the earth. Without the sun there would be no life on earth. The earth turns around on its axis each day. When the part of the earth we live on faces the sun it is day. When the part where we live is turned away from the sun it is night. (Follow the instructions in the lesson activities to demonstrate this.)

God also created all the stars out in the heavens. We can see the stars at night when the sun isn't shining. Stars are like the sun they are just farther away. They are very hot and give off lots of light. That is why we can see them even though they are a very, very long way away. God made the sun for the daylight and he made the moon and stars to shine at night.

Discussion Questions

Day 1: What does the earth do each and every day?

Day 2: What makes it day on the part of the earth where we live? What makes it night?

Day 3: What makes the moon shine? Why does the moon change shape?

Day 4: Why can we see the stars at night and not in the day? How are stars like the sun?

Day 5: Where did the stars come from? What does God know about each star?

Day 6: What does it mean that the universe goes on and on? What does it mean that God holds the universe in his hands? What should looking at the stars cause us to do? Why?

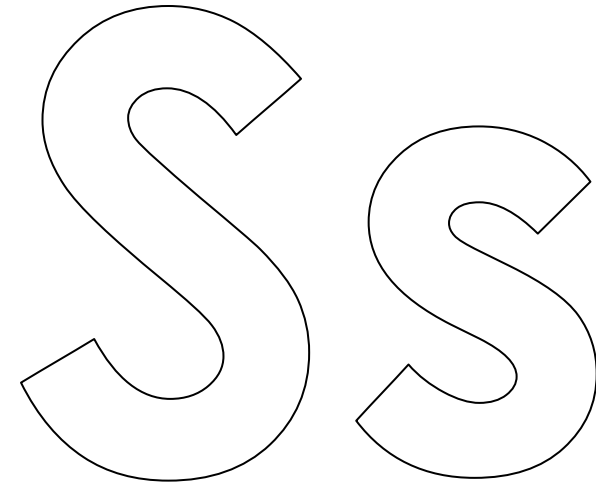
Lesson Rhyme

S—S	Make sign of "S"
Stars	Hold hands up in air and wiggle fingers
Light up the nighttime sky	Hands palms out in front of body, move up & out from light position move hands from side to side
S—S—Stars	Same as above
God watches from on high	Lift arms up in air Tilt hands down and look down



In the Beginning 10

What lights up the night sky?



S—S—Stars

Light up the nighttime sky

S—S—Stars

God watches from on high

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Day 1

The earth turns on its axis
each and every day.
It is always turning round
'cause still it cannot stay.
In one day the earth
completely turns around.
Continually it's moving,
rotating always found.

Draw a picture of the earth.

Jeremiah 10:12: ¹² But God made the earth by his power; he founded the world by his wisdom and stretched out the heavens by his understanding.

Day 6

The universe goes on and on,
it doesn't ever stop.
God holds it all in his hands,
he'll never let it drop.
So when at night it's dark outside
and stars fill up the sky,
Think about the love God has,
as he watches from on high.

Draw a picture of the stars in God's hands.

Isaiah 40:28: ²⁸ Do you not know? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom.

Day 5

As people gaze at stars
they think in patterns they take shape.
Can you see a dipper
or a hunter with a cape?
And do you know that God
calls each of them by name?
He created each and every star,
not one of them the same.

Draw a picture of the big dipper or a constellation.

Day 2

The side that faces towards the sun
is day and filled with light
But as the earth turns round,
it becomes as dark as night.
Night and day, day and night,
the earth is never still.
The world just keeps on turning,
according to God's will.

Draw a picture of the sun and earth.

Job 9:8-10: ⁸ He alone stretches out the heavens and treads on the waves of the sea. ⁹ He is the Maker of the Bear and Orion, the Pleiades and the constellations of the south. ¹⁰ He performs wonders that cannot be fathomed, miracles that cannot be counted.

Psalms 74:16-17: ¹⁶ The day is yours, and yours also the night; you established the sun and moon. ¹⁷ It was you who set all the boundaries of the earth; you made both summer and winter.

Day 3

The moon is something we can see
when it is night outside.
Through the month it changes shape
as earth sun's light does hide.
When the sunlight's on it,
the moon shines very bright.
But earth can cast a shadow,
blocking out some light.

Draw a picture of the shapes of the moon.

Day 4

At night we also see the stars
way up in the sky.
But even in the daytime
up in the sky they lie.
The stars are like the sun,
they are burning balls of fire.
Because there are so many,
praise for God they do inspire.

Draw a picture of stars in the night sky.

Psalm 104:19-20: ¹⁹ The moon marks off the seasons, and the sun knows when to go down. ²⁰ You bring darkness, it becomes night, and all the beasts of the forest prowl.

Isaiah 40:26: ²⁶ Lift your eyes and look to the heavens: Who created all these? He who brings out the starry host one by one, and calls them each by name. Because of his great power and mighty strength, not one of them is missing.