

## September: The Story of Creation in Genesis 1

**Props needed:** The September bag includes a black felt underlay and creation cards.

To begin:

- Have a Bible open to the story you are telling to show the family this is God's story.
- Have a family member light the battery-operated candle and explain that this light represents God's presence as you tell His story.
- Pass the creation block around the table so everyone can see the picture. Set it in the middle of the table.

**Story script (you may use this script or tell the story in your own words):**

"I was just thinking about gifts and how special they are. I wonder what is the most special gift you have ever received?" *Pause.*

"I wonder if it was something special you could use. Maybe your gift was someone special. Maybe your gift was a special object. Some gifts are so special that it's hard to see them. They are everywhere, but they are so big and special we forget they are here. I don't know how to see them unless we go back to the beginning...or just before the beginning." *Unroll the back felt.*

"In the beginning, there was all of God and everything that was - was God. God created everything from nothing.

"On the first day, God gave us the gift of light." *Present the light and dark card and place it on the felt. Touch the light.*

"I don't mean 'light' like the light in this room or the light you can turn on and off. I don't mean the light of the sun, moon, and stars. I mean LIGHT. All light. When God saw the light, God said, 'It is good.'" *Touch the light and raise your hand above to bless it.*

"On the second day, God gave us the gift of water. *Present the blue card with the half circle and place it on the felt. Touch the water.*

"I don't just mean the water in a glass, the water in the bathtub, or the water that comes from the sky. I mean WATER. All water. When God saw the water, God said, 'It is good.'" *Touch the water as though to bless it.*

"On the third day, God gave us the gift of the dry land."

*Present card with land and water, placed on the felt*

"and the growing things." *Point to the growing things.*

"I mean ALL the land and ALL the green growing things...And when God saw the dry land and the green growing things, God said, 'They are good.'" *Touch the land and the growing things to bless them.*

"On the fourth day, God gave us the gift of great lights." *Present the card with the sun, moon, and stars.*

“The great light that guides the day.” ***Touch the sun.*** “And the great light that guides the night” ***Touch the moon.***

“And when God saw the great lights, God said, ‘They are good.’” ***Touch the great lights and bless them.***

“On the fifth day, God gave us the gift of the fish that swim in the sea and the birds that fly in the air.” ***Present the card with fish and birds and lay on the felt. Touch the fish and birds.*** “When God saw the fish and the birds, God said, ‘They are good.’” ***Touch and bless the fish and birds.***

“On the sixth day, God gave us the gift of creatures that walk upon the earth.” ***Present the card with your hand covering the people in the middle.*** “When God saw the animals, God said, ‘They are good.’”

*Very animated:* “Then God said, ‘Let us make man and woman in our image, in our likeness, so they will protect and care for all of creation.’” ***Remove hand from the people on the card.***

“Then God created man and woman in His own image.” ***Point to each person.*** “In the image of God, He created them; male and female He created them.” ***Touch and bless the animals and people.***

***Slowly move your hand over all the cards with a blessing motion***

“God saw everything that was made, and God said, ‘It is VERY good.’” ***Pause***

“By the seventh day God finished His work; so He rested from all His work.” ***Sigh and sit back.***

“Then God blessed the seventh day and made it holy. He gave us the gift of a day to rest and to remember the gifts of all the other days.” ***Put down the white card.***

“On this day we find a special place to remember the good gifts of God the King of all of creation.”

Pause for reflection and begin wondering.

**Share the following wonder statements.** (For each month’s story, we will share wonder statements for you to read aloud. You can pause between each one to allow family members to consider their answers. You can also share your own wondering statement. You can have family members ponder in their heads or answer out loud. Each time a new storyteller tells the story, they may add new wonder statements.)

- “I wonder what special place you go to remember God’s good gifts of Creation.”
- “I wonder if you find some of God’s good gifts in nature.”
- “I wonder what God’s gifts looked like when they were first created.”
- “I wonder which gift Adam and Eve each saw when they first opened their eyes.”
- “I wonder what happens next in the Story.”