Week 1: Creation Days 1-3

Supplies

- Bible
- Black sheet or fabric piece

Flannelgraph

- Water/Sky Board
- Dry Ground - S2, S3
- Plants and Trees - S7, S8-9, 179, 180A

Story: Genesis 1:1-1:13

If possible, turn off lights in room. Thumbs up every time you say "It was good." Begin with the black sheet over the flannelgraph.

Our memory verse this week is found in the very first book of the Bible, Genesis, and the very first verse, Genesis chapter 1, verse 1. It says "In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth." *Do the Memory Verse actions.*

But it is the next verse that tells us what it was like before God created the heavens and the earth. Genesis 1:2 tells us that in the beginning the earth didn't have shape. It was empty. There was darkness over the surface of the water. There was just God.

Look at the black sheet. Imagine what it would have been like if everywhere you looked it was black as night, without any lights or candles. Shut your eyes tight. It was dark. Now take your hand and cover your eyes to make it even darker. In the beginning, everywhere you looked was complete darkness. Wow! It would have been very dark.

On Day 1 of the heavens and the earth, God said, "Let there be light." *Turn on the lights.* Open your eyes. And there was light. And God liked it.   It was good. *Thumbs up.* God called the light "day" and the darkness "night." *Pull black sheet up on flannelboard to only show the water.* But the world was only water. All water everywhere.

So God said on Day 2, "Let there be a separation between the water." Water down here. And up above, God called it sky. *Remove black sheet.* And God saw that it was good. *Thumbs up.* Say, "It was good!"

But it wouldn't work for us to live in the ocean, so on Day 3, God said, "Let the water stay in one place and let <u>dry ground</u> appear." And it happened. God called the ground "land" and the gathered water "seas." And God saw that it was good. *Thumbs up.* Say, "It was good!"

Then God told the land to produce <u>plants and trees</u>. And it happened. *Allow child to place plants, shrubs, and trees on board.* And God saw that it was good. *Thumbs up.* Say, "It was good!"

When you leave today, find a tree and say, "It is good!" Look for a pond or stream and say, "It is good." It used to be an empty world with only darkness and water. But God created a wonderful world for us!

Comprehension Questions:

What did God create on Day 1, Day 2, Day 3?
What is your favorite activity to do during the day?
What is your favorite activity to do during the night?
What is your favorite activity to do in the water?
God created everything. God gave us day and night. Why do we need night time?
God created the sky and water. Why is water important to us?

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