

## READ IT

This Rotation's Bible story is

### Creation

from Genesis 1:1-31; 2:4-25.

#### God made everything— and it is GOOD!

Ask each other what you remember about:

- Create
- Good
- Adam
- Eve
- Dominion

*Genesis* means "beginnings." The first book in the Bible is called Genesis because it is about the beginning of God's creation and God's relationship with the world and us.

#### Read the whole story together in the Bible!

*Spark Story Bible* pages 2-7

*Spark Bible* pages 2-4

#### Family Prayer

Thank you, God, for all things that are beautiful and good. (Take a moment of silence to look around and point silently to beauty that is right around you.) Help us to care for all you have made. AMEN.

## TALK ABOUT IT



### Family Conversations

- 1 What is your favorite thing that God created?
- 2 Why do we like to create things? What do you like to create?
- 3 What was the wind like today? Yesterday?
- 4 How does our family help God take care of creation?



#### Eye Spark

Look for stars that God created and remember that God is always with us, even in the darkness!



#### Ear Spark

When you hear the wind blow, think of it as God's creative Spirit blowing through your corner of the world.

## LIVE IT

### For families to do together

Draw pictures or take photos of beautiful things in God's creation. Make a poster, bulletin board, or notebook of the images. Then have fun pretending that you are Adam/Eve and give creative "new names" to the beautiful creations!

### For younger kids

Go for a walk around your neighborhood and pick up trash to help care for God's creation.

### For older kids

How many sounds of wind can you find on the internet? Which one do you think sounds most like God's first creative breath?

## Art

Take time to explore your God-given creativity! Use a variety of art supplies to make a creative representation of something from creation. Share your creations with each other, and praise God for making such a wonderful creation!

## Computer Lab

Visit National Park websites to view images of God's incredibly varied and beautiful creation. Which parks have scenery and animals that surprise you? Which parks would you like to learn more about?

## Creative Drama

Play Creation Charades. Each member of the family writes the name of something God created on a slip of paper. Mix the papers in a bowl. Each person picks a slip of paper and acts out the creation. Family members guess the item, and name two ways to care for it!

## Video

Look through your DVD/Video collection and find movies with a creation related theme. Watch the movie together with a tasty snack. Enjoy rejoicing in God's magnificent creation!

## Bible Skills and Games

The Bible is full of references to God's beautiful creation — even beyond the book of Genesis. Divide your family into teams, and see who can find the most references to trees, animals, landscapes, etc. in 10 minutes. You might be surprised at what you find!

## Cooking

God created everything, including healthy foods our bodies need. Find a new recipe with healthy ingredients and make it together. Thank God for good, healthy things to eat!

## Music

Have everyone pick a favorite piece of music. Listen to each selection and talk about these questions. What do you see when you hear this song? What places? What colors or shapes? What people?

## Science

Air and wind can remind us of God's presence around us. Look out the window for flapping flags, twirling weathervanes, and dancing leaves. Listen for wind whispers or loud howls. Go outside and blow a dandelion seed, fly a kite, or blow bubbles. Celebrate that God surrounds you.