LITTLE SEEDS BIBLE TIME

Volume 1



God Made Me and Loves Me

12 parent-guided Bible lessons · Ages 4–8

How to Use This Book

Each lesson takes about 10 minutes and has four pages. You don't need to prepare much — just read the lesson yourself first and look up the passage in your Bible.

Page 1	**Read the story.** A short, simple retelling of the Bible passage, written to be read aloud. The lesson goal is at the top.
Page 2	**Look and remember.** A picture to talk about, the main idea in one sentence, and a short Bible verse quoted exactly from the World English Bible. A note for grown-ups is at the bottom.
Page 3	**Talk, pray, and do.** Three conversation questions, a short prayer you can pray together or in your own words, and one simple thing to do as a family.
Page 4	**Activity.** Something to draw, match, order, write, or find, with instructions for ages 4–5 and ages 6–8.

A few gentle tips

- Short and regular works better than long and rare. Two or three lessons a week is plenty.
- There are no wrong answers to the conversation questions. Listen more than you explain.
- If your child is tired or the day is full, read the story and pray. Save the activity for later.
- You can repeat a lesson. Young children often enjoy hearing the same story again.
- Print the activity pages, or use a tablet and say the answers out loud.

Ages 4–5 and Ages 6–8

Every lesson works for the whole 4–8 range. Here is how to adjust it.

Ages 4–5: listen, look, and say

- You read everything aloud. Pause so your child can point, act, or repeat a phrase.
- Your child answers questions out loud. You can write their words down if they want.
- Activities: drawing, pointing, circling, and telling. Writing is never required.
- Keep the key verse short. Saying it together twice is enough.

Ages 6–8: read, think, and write

- Invite your child to read the key verse, the main idea, or part of the story to you.
- Ask your child to find the passage in a Bible, with your help.
- Writing on the activity page is optional: a word, a sentence, or a label on a drawing.
- Older children can help lead the family action or pray the prayer in their own words.

For every child

Children grow at different speeds. Move between the two age guides freely. Praise effort and curiosity, not speed or neatness. If a topic brings up a big feeling or a hard question, it is fine to stop and simply talk.

LESSON 1

God Made the World

Genesis 1:1–25

> **Goal:** To discover that God made the world with care, and that what he made is good.

THE BIBLE STORY, RETOLD

In the very beginning, before there were mountains or oceans or birds, there was God. The Bible tells us that God made everything, and it starts like this.

First, God spoke, and light shone. God called the light "day" and the darkness "night."

Next, God made the wide sky above. He gathered the waters into seas, and dry land appeared. On the land, God made plants grow: soft grass, bright flowers, and trees full of fruit with seeds tucked inside.

Then God placed the sun in the sky to shine by day, and the moon and stars to glow at night.

God filled the seas with fish of every size and filled the sky with birds. Then God made animals for the land: big animals and small ones, wild ones and creeping ones.

Again and again, the Bible says, God looked at what he had made and saw that it was good.

The light that wakes us up, the water we drink, the trees and the animals all began with God. The world is God's good gift, and we get to enjoy it.

This is a simple retelling for young children. Read the full passage in your Bible: **Genesis 1:1–25**.



God made the world, and everything he made is good.

> “In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.”
>
> **Genesis 1:1** (WEB)

FOR GROWN-UPS

The story on page 1 is our own simple retelling of Genesis 1:1–25, not a quotation. Read the passage in your Bible before you begin. Christians understand the "days" of Genesis 1 in different ways, and this book does not take a side. With young children, focus on what the passage clearly repeats: God is the Maker of everything, and he called what he made good. This lesson stops before the creation of people, which is the focus of Lesson 2.

? Talk Together

1. What is something God made that you love to see, hear, or touch?
2. In the story, God looked at what he made and saw that it was good. What good things can you see right now?
3. How could our family say "thank you" to God for the world he made?

✦ Pray Together

> *Dear God, thank you for making the world. Thank you for light and water, for plants and animals, and for our family. Help us enjoy your good gifts and take care of them. Amen.*

Pray these words together, or use your own.

♥ Do Together

The Thank-You Window

Stand together at a window or step outside for two minutes. Take turns naming one thing God made that you can see, and finish each one with "Thank you, God, for ___."

AGES 4–5

Read the story slowly and act it out together. Stretch your arms wide for the sky, swim like a fish, flap like a bird. Your child answers the questions out loud.

AGES 6–8

Invite your child to read the key verse with you, find Genesis 1 in a Bible, and write one word in each activity box.

In the Order God Made It

Ages 4–5: Point to each box as your grown-up reads it. Draw something in each box, or tell what goes there.

Ages 6–8: Draw a picture in each box. Then write one word that names what you drew.

Light and darkness 1

Sky and seas 2

Land and plants 3

Sun, moon, and stars 4

Fish and birds 5

Land animals 6

Thank you for trying this free lesson

This sample is Lesson 1 of **Little Seeds Bible Time, Volume 1: God Made Me and Loves Me**. The full volume has 12 lessons with the same four-page rhythm, a four-week plan, a parent guide with answers, a progress page, family notes, and a prayer list.

Lessons in Volume 1

1. God Made the World (Genesis 1:1–25)
2. Made in God's Image (Genesis 1:26–31)
3. A Day to Rest (Genesis 2:1–3)
4. Caring for God's Garden (Genesis 2:15)
5. Wonderfully Made (Psalm 139:13–14)
6. The Lord Is My Shepherd (Psalm 23:1–4)
7. God Knows My Name (Isaiah 43:1)
8. God Cares for His Creation (Matthew 6:25–30)
9. Jesus Welcomes Children (Mark 10:13–16)
10. Thank You for Every Good Gift (James 1:17)
11. Loving God and Our Neighbors (Mark 12:28–31)
12. Our Family Gives Thanks (Psalm 100)

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