BIG IDEA: God is so good, and everything He made for us is good.

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MEMORY VERSE
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In the beginning, before there were white fluffy clouds or fuzzy caterpillars, there was God. Before there were twinkly stars or an ocean so blue, God created a special place for you. There was so much He would do. In (count with your fingers to 7) 1...2...3...4...5...6 days the world would be perfect and new.

God would fill the earth with colors to see: red, yellow, blue, and green. There would be new sounds to hear, and tasty food to eat. Best of all would be the friends He would meet. God is so good (with signs), and everything He made for us is good.
In the beginning the earth was covered in water. There were no playful dolphins or great big whales; no boats ready to set sail. God wanted to create a beautiful place for you to be, with animals big (arms out wide) and small (hands close together) for you to see. He wanted to make people like you (point to child) and like me (point to self). So He did. God is so good, and everything He made for us is good.

In the beginning the earth was empty and dark. There were no twinkling stars (wiggle fingers) shining in the darkness; no owls hooting from their nests (hoo-hoo). God wanted to create a wonderful world for you to see, filled with light for both day and night. He wanted to make a special day for time with you. So He did. God is so good, and everything He made for us is good.
In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth (with signs) for you and me. God filled the earth with grassy fields and honeybees and tumbling streams and crashing seas because He loves you. He made the heavens with the sun and moon to see. God wanted to create all this for you and me. God is so good, and everything He made for us is good.

1 Water Play: In the beginning the earth was covered in water. God created life where there was no life. He filled the dark, empty expanse with plants and animals for us to enjoy. Water play is a wonderful way for your child to use their senses to explore and learn about God’s creation. Fill a plastic bin one-third full of water. Provide your child with a variety of items to design and create their own little world: driftwood pieces, aquarium plants, pebbles, twigs, flowers, leaves, plastic fish, and ducks.

2 Creation Book Craft: God is so good, and everything He made is good. In seven days He created a beautiful world for us to live in and care for. A Creation book is a hands-on creative experience to help your child learn about God’s goodness. Each week a new Creation day will be added to their book. This week’s craft will be to create the front cover of their Creation book.

• Supplies needed: 6-inch white paper circle (center of paper plate or cardstock), 8” x 10” black cardstock, green and blue tempera or liquid watercolor paint, several 1- to 3-inch rocks, shoe-box-size plastic bin, tape, glue stick, scissors, and paper for memory verse.
• Rock painting: Tape white paper circle to the bottom of the plastic bin. Place two or three drops of blue and green paint on either side of the circle, then add small rocks or marbles. Show your child how to roll the rocks gently from side to side across the paper circle, or put the lid on the bin so it can be shaken.
• Add more paint and rocks as needed. Roll or shake the rocks across the paper circle until desired marbled earth design is achieved. Set aside to dry.
• Once the paint has dried, use the glue stick to adhere the earth to black cardstock paper. Write the memory verse onto a piece of paper and cut to fit onto the cover with the earth. Glue the memory verse to the cover.

3 Prayer Idea: God’s goodness is everywhere. Throughout the week, watch for the goodness of God and talk of it with your child. Explore your neighborhood or backyard for the good things God has made for us. As you discover God’s goodness with your child, pause to say “Thank You” to God.

Thank You, God, for the birds in the trees, The butterflies and the bumble bees. Thank You, God, for making me, My eyes and ears, toes and knees. Thank You for Your goodness that I see.

4 Sing “God Is So Good” with your child using the hand signs.
God really is so good, and everything God made is good. God took an empty, dark expanse and filled it with His goodness. He created the earth full of good things for you and your children! He wants you to know and see that He is good. God longs to fill your life with His goodness. In the busyness of each day, how easily this can be overlooked. “In singing bird and opening blossom, in rain and sunshine, in summer breeze and gentle dew, in ten thousand objects in nature, from the oak of the forest to the violet that blossoms at its root, is seen the love that restores. And nature still speaks to us of God’s goodness” (Child Guidance, p. 47).

Ask God to reveal His goodness to you throughout your busy days. The more you seek Him in each moment, the more your eyes will be open to discover Him. Even when your day may seem dark or empty, you will begin to see that His goodness is there ready to fill the emptiness. Whether in a call from a friend or the sunrise each morning, God’s goodness is all around you. Look for Him, and He promises you will find Him (Proverbs 8:17). Share His goodness with those around you, and they too will discover that He truly is good!

“Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever.”
1 Chronicles 16:34, NKJV

“The Lord is good to all, and His tender mercies are over all His works.”
Psalm 145:9, NKJV