

**SESSION 2**

God Made Animals

**BIBLE PASSAGE**

Genesis 1:20-25

**LIFE POINT**

God made all of the animals.

**CHRIST FOCUS**

God sent Jesus to earth as a real person.

**LEVEL OF BIBLICAL LEARNING**

God created the world in six days and rested on the seventh.

**SUGGESTED USE DATE:** July 11

**BIBLE VERSE**

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Genesis 1:25 (*Paraphrase*)

So God made the wildlife of the earth ..., the livestock ..., and all the creatures that crawl on the ground. Genesis 1:25 (*CSB*)

And God made the beast of the earth ..., and cattle ..., and every thing that creepeth upon the earth. Genesis 1:25 (*KJV*)

God made the wild animals ..., the livestock ..., and all the creatures that move along the ground. Genesis 1:25 (*NIV*)

And God made the beasts of the earth ... and the livestock ..., and everything that creeps on the ground. Genesis 1:25 (*ESV*)

And God made the beast of the earth ..., cattle ..., and everything that creeps on the earth. Genesis 1:25 (*NKJV*)

**SCHEDULE AND PROPS**

**Huddle Ups** (*optional; time varies*)  
Supplies (*for each small group*):

- “Guess the Animal”—none
- “God Made Animals”—crayons, coloring sheets
- “Animal Puzzles”—index cards, markers, scissors

**Countdown Video** (*3 minutes*)  
Props: none

**Worship Song** (*3 minutes*)  
Props: none

**Welcome and Prayer** (*5 minutes*)  
Props: none

**Miss Lindy’s Library**  
(*3-5 minutes*)  
Props: none

**Connection Point Game**  
(*10 minutes*)  
Props: 24 animal photos or figures, 4 bags

**Worship Song** (*3 minutes*)  
Props: none

**Bible Story** (*10 minutes*)  
Props: Bible; photos of an elephant, hummingbird, and koala

**Worship Song and Offering**  
(*3 minutes*)  
Props: none

**Connection Point Bible Verse**  
(*5-8 minutes*)  
Props: none

**Connection Point Missions**  
(*5-8 minutes*)  
Props: none

**Real Life Connections**  
(*3-5 minutes*)  
Props: 6 index cards, marker, bag

**MUSIC AND MEDIA**

- **Countdown:**  
*Countdown* video
- **Worship Song:**  
“A Great Big World for Us”
- **Welcome and Prayer:**  
*Life Point* and *Bible Verse* slides
- **Miss Lindy’s Library:**  
*Miss Lindy’s Library* video
- **Connection Point Game:**  
*Connection Point Game* slide
- **Worship Song:**  
“God Made the World”
- **Bible Story:** *Bible Story* and *Christ Focus* slides; *Bible Story Time* video (*optional*)
- **Worship Song and Offering:**  
Worship song of your choice
- **Connection Point Bible Verse:**  
*Connection Point Bible Verse* and *Bible Verse* slides
- **Connection Point Missions:**  
*Connection Point Missions* slide; “Unreached People Groups” missions video
- **Real Life Connections:**  
*Real Life Connections* and *Life Point* slides

## Huddle Ups (Optional)

Huddle Ups are for churches that have a drop-off time before the session begins or a pick-up time as parents arrive at the end of the session. It's a great time for interaction with a small group leader through games, conversations, or review questions. Play the countdown video to signal the end of Huddle Ups and the beginning of the session.

- ➔ Estimated time: varies according to schedule
- ➔ Tech: none
- ➔ People: Small Group Leaders
- ➔ Supplies (*for each small group*):
  - “Guess the Animal”—none
  - “God Made Animals”—crayons, coloring sheets
  - “Animal Puzzles”—index cards, markers, scissors

## GUESS THE ANIMAL

*Prep: none*

- Encourage each child to think of an animal that he or she can play out for others to guess.
- Call on one child at a time to play out or move like the animal she chose.
- Lead the group to guess the animal.
- Encourage all children to move like the animal before choosing a new child.
- Mention that preschoolers will hear a Bible story about God creating animals to live in the world He created.

## GOD MADE ANIMALS

*Prep: Print a coloring sheet for each child.*

- Tell preschoolers they will hear a Bible story about God creating animals to live in the water and on the land.
- Distribute crayons and coloring sheets.
- Invite preschoolers to color on their pages while they wait for the session to begin.

## ANIMAL PUZZLES

*Prep: none*

- Review the Life Point: **God made all of the animals.**
- Give each child an index card.

- Guide preschoolers to draw and color an animal on the cards.
- Suggest that the animal should fill up all of the space on the card.
- Cut each card in half and mix the cards.
- Spread the cards facedown on the floor or table.
- Invite a child to turn over two cards to make a match. Set aside the matching cards. Turn the cards back over if the cards do not match.
- Take turns playing the game.
- Play until kids match all of the cards.
- Pray and thank God for the animals He created.
- **Leader tip for very young preschoolers:** *Download clip art of various animals. Print the art onto shipping labels. Attach each label onto individual index cards. Invite preschoolers to color the animals instead of drawing them.*

## COUNTDOWN VIDEO

- ➔ Estimated time: 3 minutes
- ➔ Tech: *Countdown* video
- ➔ People: none
- ➔ Props: none

*(Play countdown video to signal the beginning of worship time. Kids will count aloud as they join the large group.)*

## WORSHIP SONG

- ➔ Estimated time: 3 minutes
- ➔ Tech: Music video, mics for singers, lights (*optional*)
- ➔ Music: “A Great Big World for Us” (*lead sheet available on DVD-ROM*) or download a worship song of your choice
- ➔ People: Worship Leader and/or Worship Team
- ➔ Props: none

## WORSHIP LEADER

Do any of you have a pet? What pets do you have? (*Allow for responses.*) Today we will hear that God created all of the animals. God made dogs, cats, hamsters, and lizards (*or name animals the preschoolers mentioned*).

God created such a beautiful world for us. Let's sing a song about the world that God made.

*(Show the music video.)*

*(Kids stand to sing.)*

## **WELCOME AND PRAYER**

- ➔ Estimated time: 5 minutes
- ➔ Tech: *Life Point* and *Bible Verse* slides
- ➔ People: Bible Story Leader
- ➔ Props: none

### **BIBLE STORY LEADER**

Hi, everyone! I'm happy to see you at church today. Did any of you see an animal on your way to church? What did you see? *(Allow for responses.)* You may have seen birds or squirrels. Some of you may have seen cows or horses!

The Bible tells us that God made all of the animals. Listen as I say the Bible verse, and then we will say it together.

*(Show Bible Verse slide—select preferred version.)*

*(Say the verse. Lead kids to repeat it after you.)*

### **BIBLE VERSE (SELECT PREFERRED VERSION):**

- God made all the animals.  
Genesis 1:25 *(Paraphrase)*
- So God made the wildlife of the earth ..., the livestock ..., and all the creatures that crawl on the ground. Genesis 1:25 *(CSB)*
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God created a world with land, sky, and water. He made the sun, moon, stars, and many plants. Then God created animals to live in the world.

*(Show Life Point slide.)*

**God made all of the animals.** Say that with me: **“God made all of the animals.”**

Let's pray and thank God for the animals He made. After we pray, we will visit Miss Lindy at the library.

*God, thank You for the world You created. Thank You for making animals. Please help us care for our pets and other animals. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.*

## **MISS LINDY'S LIBRARY**

- ➔ Estimated time: 3-5 minutes
- ➔ Tech: *Miss Lindy's Library* video *(optional)*
- ➔ People: none
- ➔ Props: none

*(Play the video.)*

## **CONNECTION POINT GAME**

- ➔ Estimated time: 10 minutes
- ➔ Tech: *Connection Point Game* slide
- ➔ People: Connection Point Leader, 4 kids
- ➔ Props: 24 animal photos or figures, 4 bags

### **GAME INSTRUCTIONS:**

- *Hide the animals around the room.*
- *Choose 4 players.*
- *Give each player a bag.*
- *Explain that there are photos of animals hidden around the room.*
- *Challenge players to move around the room, find hidden animal pictures, and put them in their bags.*
- *Count the number of animals each player found.*
- *If your group enjoys competition, name the player who found the most animals as the winner.*
- *As your time allows, show animal pictures and invite preschoolers to name them.*

**CONNECTION POINT LEADER**

*(Show Connection Point Game slide.)*

Let's go on an animal hunt! Who would like to look for some animals? *(Choose four players. Give each player a bag.)*

There are 24 animal pictures hidden around the room. When I say: "Go," try to find as many animals as you can and put them in your bag. Remember to be careful of others and to be kind. There are enough animals for each of you to find some.

Does everyone understand what to do? *(Answer any questions and play the game.)*

Great job! You found so many animals! Let's see what animals you found. *(As time allows, show animal pictures and invite preschoolers to name them. Ask questions about the animals such as, "What color is the animal? Is the animal big or small? What does the animal eat?")*

God made so many different kinds of animals! Let's sing together, and then we will hear about the day that God made animals.

**WORSHIP SONG**

- ➔ Estimated time: 3 minutes
- ➔ Tech: Music video, mics for singers, lights *(optional)*
- ➔ Music: "God Made the World" *(lead sheet available on DVD-ROM)* or download a worship song of your choice
- ➔ People: Worship Leader and/or Worship Team
- ➔ Props: none

**WORSHIP LEADER**

I want everyone to think of their favorite animal. When I count to three, I want you to make the noise of your favorite animal. Ready? *(Count to three. Encourage all kids to make animal sounds at the same time).*

That was fun! God made all of your favorite animals. Let's sing about the world that God made.

*(Show the music video.)*

*(Lead kids to sit as song ends.)*

**BIBLE STORY**

- ➔ Estimated time: 10 minutes
- ➔ Tech: *Christ Focus*, and *Bible Story* slides; *Bible Story Time* video *(optional)*
- ➔ People: Bible Story Leader
- ➔ Props: Bible; photos of an elephant, hummingbird, and koala

**Option 1:** *Show the Bible Story Time video and conclude with a short prayer.*

*God, thank You for creating animals! Thank You for wild animals, our pets, and farm animals. Thank You for creating our world. We love You, God. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.*

**Option 2:** *Tell the following Bible story.*

**BIBLE STORY LEADER**

*(Show Bible Story slide.)*

Let's look at some animals. Some animals are very big! *(Show photo of elephant.)* Do you know this animal? This is an elephant. Elephants are the biggest land animals. They like to eat grass and plants.

God made small animals, too. *(Show photo of hummingbird.)* This tiny little bird is a hummingbird. It is the smallest bird in the world. Did you know that hummingbirds can fly backward? WOW!

Some animals are cute and cuddly, like koala bears. *(Show photo of koala.)* Isn't he cute?

I like looking at the animals God made. Let's read about the day when God created the animals.

*(Open the Bible to Genesis 1.)*

After God created the earth and sky, He made dry land, water, plants, and trees. God put the sun, moon, and stars in the sky. Can you guess what God made next? *(Allow for responses.)* That's right! God made animals!

*(Read Genesis 1:20.)*

**Then God said, "Let the water swarm with living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth."**

God made the animals that live in the sea, and He made the birds that fly in the sky. God made

sharks and sea turtles! He filled the seas with lots of animals! Then God created all kinds of birds. All that God made was good.

*(Read Genesis 1:24.)*

**Then God said, “Let the earth produce living creatures ... livestock, creatures that crawl, and the wildlife of the earth ... .” And it was so.**

God made more animals! God made big animals like elephants and giraffes. God made smelly animals like skunks, and He made prickly animals like porcupines. God looked at His creation and saw that it was good.

*(Close the Bible.)*

*(Show Christ Focus slide.)*

Everything God planned and made was good. God’s best plan was sending His Son, Jesus. God sent Jesus to earth as a real person! Jesus was born, was part of a family, and lived on the earth like we do! Jesus is special because He is God’s Son.

On your way home today, look and see what animals you can find! When you see birds, fish, or other animals, remember to thank God for all of the things He created. Let’s pray and thank God for the animals, right now.

*God, thank You for creating animals! Thank You for wild animals, our pets, and farm animals. Thank You for creating our world. We love You, God. In Jesus’ name we pray, amen.*

### **WORSHIP SONG AND OFFERING**

- ➔ Estimated time: 3 minutes
- ➔ Tech: mics for singers, lights *(optional)*
- ➔ Music: Use a favorite song or download a worship song of your choice.
- ➔ People: Worship Leader and/or Worship Team
- ➔ Props: none

#### **WORSHIP LEADER**

Who made the animals that swim in the sea? *(God)*

Who made the animals that fly in the sky? *(God)*

Who made the animals that live on the land? *(God)*

God created big animals, such as elephants and hippos. God made small animals, such as birds and kittens. God created them all!

*Optional Giving Segment:*

It’s time to give an offering. Some of the money that people give at church helps others hear that God created the world. If you would like to give an offering today, ... .

*(Give your own directions for how the kids can give their offerings. After collecting the offering, guide kids to stand for the worship song.)*

### **CONNECTION POINT BIBLE VERSE**

- ➔ Estimated time: 5-8 minutes
- ➔ Tech: *Connection Point Bible Verse* and *Bible Verse* slides
- ➔ People: Connection Point Leader, all kids
- ➔ Props: none

#### **ACTIVITY INSTRUCTIONS:**

- *Select your preferred version of the Bible verse.*
- *Say the verse and lead kids to repeat it after you.*
- *Lead preschoolers to say the verse while moving like various animals:*
  - *Wave arm back and forth like an elephant’s trunk.*
  - *Hop like a kangaroo.*
  - *Fly like a bird.*
  - *Swim like a shark.*
- *Continue as your time allows.*

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- And God made the beast of the earth ..., cattle ..., and everything that creeps on the earth. Genesis 1:25 (NKJV)

### **CONNECTION POINT LEADER**

*(Show Connection Point Bible Verse slide.)*

It's time to learn our Bible verse! Listen as I say the verse, and then we will say it together.

*(Show Bible Verse slide—select preferred version.)*

*(Say the verse. Lead kids to repeat it after you.)*

Great job, everyone! Let's pretend to be animals as we learn today's Bible verse!

*(Lead the activity.)*

### **CONNECTION POINT MISSIONS**

- ➔ Estimated time: 5-8 minutes
- ➔ Tech: *Connection Point Missions* slide, "Unreached People Groups" missions video
- ➔ People: Connection Point leader
- ➔ Props: none

### **CONNECTION POINT LEADER**

*(Show Connection Point Missions slide and play the "Unreached People Groups" missions video immediately following the Connection Point Bible Verse activity.)*

Many people live near the Amazon River. It is very hard to get to the villages where the people live. Most of the people there do not know about Jesus. Let's pray that these people will hear about Jesus and know that He loves them.

*God, thank You for sending missionaries to tell people about Jesus. We pray for the people who live near the Amazon River. Please help the people hear that God loves them and sent His Son, Jesus. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.*

### **REAL LIFE CONNECTIONS**

- ➔ Estimated time: 3-5 minutes
- ➔ Tech: *Real Life Connections* and *Life Point* slides
- ➔ People: Bible Story Leader, another leader
- ➔ Props: 6 index cards, marker, bag

### **BIBLE STORY LEADER**

*Prep: On separate index cards print Wild Animals, Farm Animals, Pets, Animals That Fly, Animals That Swim, Animals that Hop. Place the cards in a bag.*

*(Show Real Life Connections slide.)*

God created the whole world! Today we heard that God made fish, birds, and animals. Let's play a game to think about some of the animals that God made.

I will invite someone to reach into the bag and pull out a card. The card will name a kind of animal, and we will try to name as many of that kind of animal as we can.

*(Select a child to choose a card. Read it aloud and invite preschoolers to name animals that fit the category. If time allows, invite preschoolers to make the animal sounds for those they name.)*

*(Show Life Point Slide.)*

**God made all of the animals.** Say that with me:  
**"God made all of the animals."**

I am glad that God made so many different kinds of animals. When you see animals in your yard or as you go home, remember that God made them all! I'll see you again next time.

**Leader note:** *If you plan to utilize the after-session Huddle Up, dismiss kids to their small groups.*