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Bible Questions

The very first verse in the Bible says “In the beginning, God created the heaven and the earth.” Let’s look here in my Bible and see what it says. (Open Bible and read the first verse)

Last week, we read a story that told us everything that God created. I’m going to see how much you remember from our story.

- 1. In the very beginning before God created our world, How did everything look? Dark and covered with water**
- 2. What was the first thing that God created? Light. God said “Let there be Light” and there was.**
- 3. What Did God call the light? Day**
- 4. What did God call the dark? Night**
- 5. What did God call the sky? Heaven**
- 6. Okay so now we have day and night and we have Heaven but everything is still covered with water. So what did God created next? Dryland- God said, “Let the dry land appear.” And it did.**
- 7. After God divided the land from the waters, what did He call the waters” The sea**
- 8. When God created Land, nothing was growing on it, so what did God create to grow on the Land? Pretty flowers, trees, grass-Hold up some pictures of flowers, trees, etc, and ask if God made them.**
- 9. There were two big lights that God created to hang in the sky, one light shines during the night and one big light shines during the day. What were the**

- names of the lights that God hung in the sky? Sun and Moon (Hold up a picture of the sun and moon and ask which one shines during the day and which one at night. Did God create these?**
- 10. God also created a bunch of little tiny lights that twinkle at night, what are all the little lights called? Stars**
 - 11. Do you know how many stars are in the sky? No-The Bible tells us that there are so many that we could never count them all.**
 - 12. Did God create any animals to live on the Land? Name some of the animals. Hold up 3 or 4 pictures of animals and ask that name of the animals. Then ask if God created them.**
 - 13. Did God create any animals to live in the seas? Name some of the animals. Hold up pictures of 3 or 4 sea animals and ask their names and then ask if God created them.**
 - 14. Do you know what the most special creation of all was? People**
 - 15. What was the name of the first man that God created? Adam**
 - 16. What was the name of the first woman that God created? Eve**

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This is a year of great growth for your child. They come into our classroom as young children and leave it seeming VERY grown-up.

They absorb so much that it will amaze you with all that they learn during our year together.

We have already had one terrific week together and I am looking forward to many more.

For the first few weeks, we will be learning about Creation. I have a couple of reasons for this. One is to instill in the children that God created everything. And second, this lesson is an easy one to grasp for a child just learning to sit still and listen.

The stories will gradually get harder and harder and you will be amazed at how much your child will learn by the end of the year.

Your child will bring a bag home each week with a copy of their story, pictures that they have colored relating to the story, crafts, and a copy of their memory verse.

I would encourage you to sit down each week with your child and review the lesson with them. Re-reading the story to them at bedtime will also help them to retain what they have learned. Please feel free to call me anytime during the year if you have questions, comments, or concerns. My phone number is _____

I cannot tell you how honored I am to be teaching your precious ones this year. My goal for each child is for them to stay focused on Jesus and to see how much fun learning truly is.

Thank you for the opportunity to teach your bundles of joy. It is such a blessing to see God working in each of their little lives and to see their confidence level in themselves grow this year.

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**We will have story time, color, sing
songs and make a fun sun visor.**

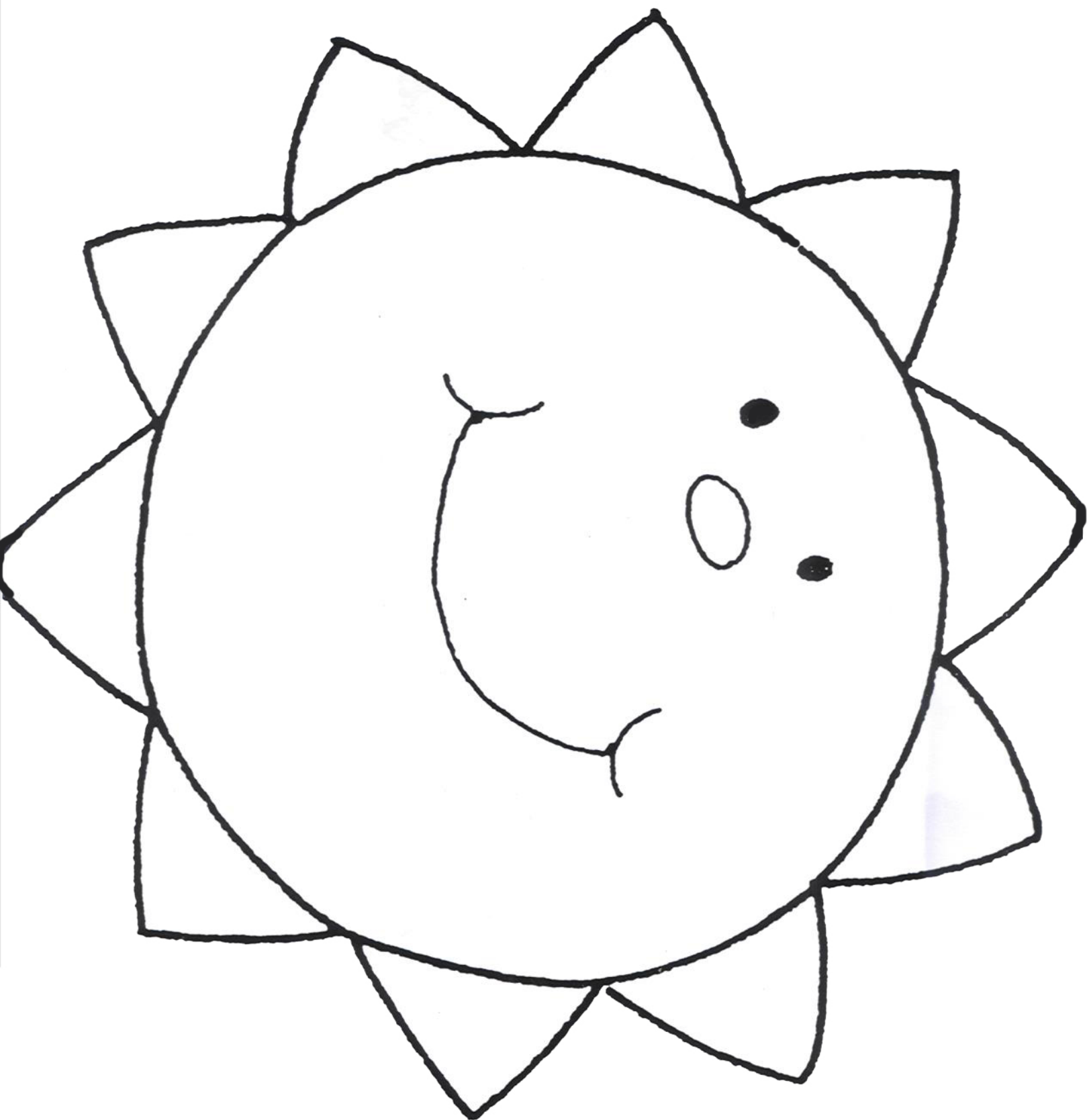
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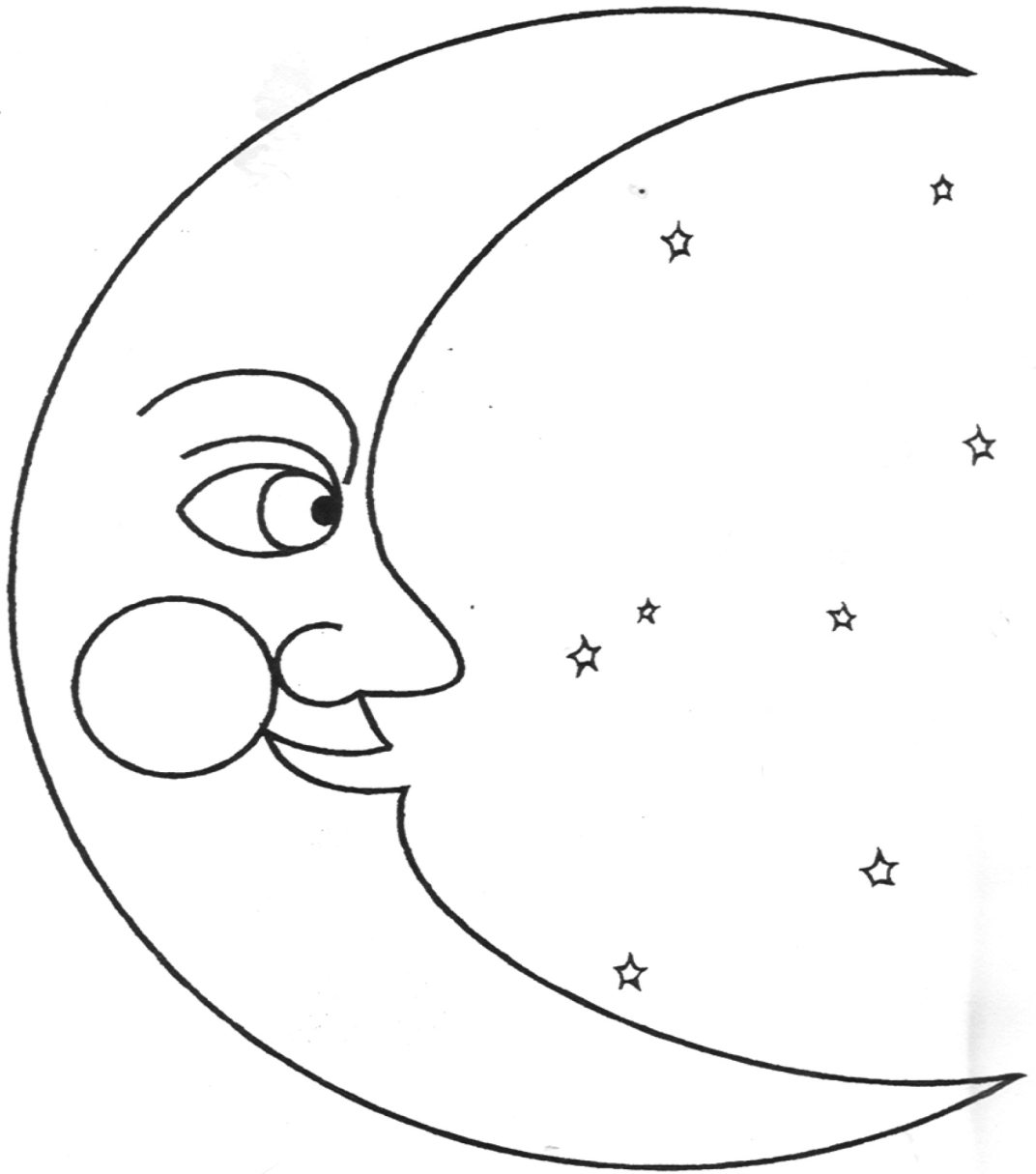
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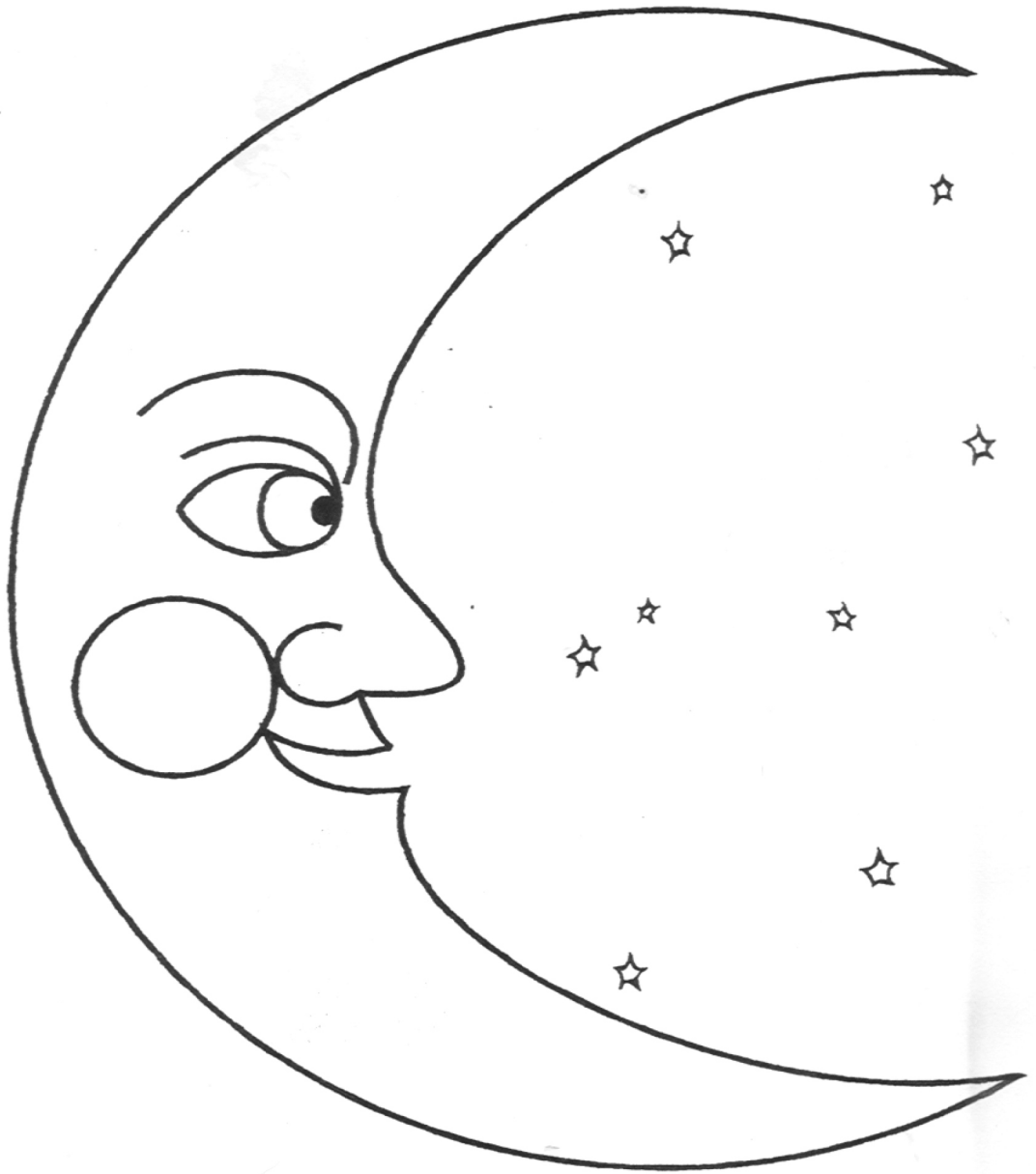




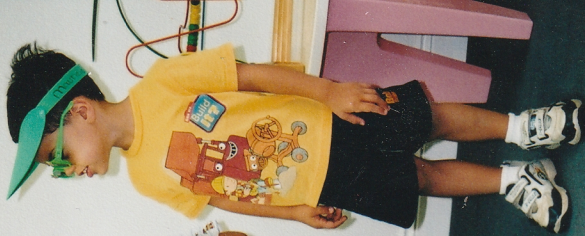




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Cut out one visor for each child.

Cut out two additional strips of foam or construction paper that measure 1" X 10".
(Size will vary depending on the age of children you teach)

Staple one strip to each side of the visor on the X'S

Join the two strips together at the back and overlap to fit the child's head. Staple

Let the children glue star and moon shapes onto the visor. Available at craft stores or

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Moon, Sun and Star Mobile

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Copy and cut out one "Everything God made was very good." template for each child.

Cut out an 8" circle from poster board or card board. (1 circle will do 2 mobiles)

Cut the 8" circle in half

Glue the "Everything God made was very good" template onto the center of the cardboard.

Using a hole punch, punch 4, 5, or 6 holes into the bottom edge of the cardboard. (depending on the number or molds you want to make.

Attach a string through each hole (various lengths)

Attach a moon, star or sun mold to each string. Adjust the string lengths to make sure the mobile is balanced on each side.

How to Make the Star, Sun and Moon Shapes

There are several ways that you can make your shapes. First of course would be to make them from cardboard or construction paper. This would probably be best for very young children. Shapes could even be prepared prior to class.

Salt Dough

Ingredients

1 c flour

1/2 c salt

1/2 c water

1 tbsp cooking oil (optional)

This is the most basic and time tested dough mixture. First mix all the ingredients together. Next knead the dough for at least 10 minutes. The kneading will make the dough smooth and shiny. Flour your hand to prevent the dough from sticking. This dough can be baked in a low (250 degrees) oven and then painted. Spray with varnish for added shine.

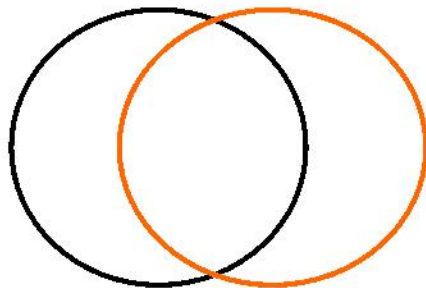
Or of course you could use clay, or a variety of other items. Let your imagination run wild.

You will need to punch or drill a hole through the top of each shape.



Cut out several star, moon and sun shapes using one of the options on the next page. You will need to punch or drill a hole in the top of each design.

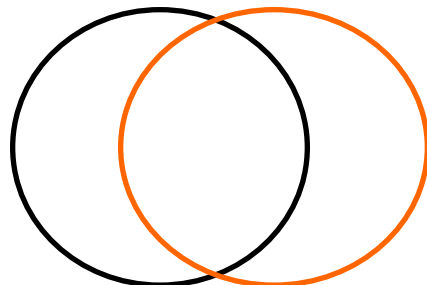
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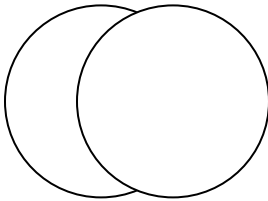
Bake sun, moon, and star-shaped sugar Cookies before class. (If you have the time and the resources, this could be done in class as well)

Allow children to frost and decorate their cookies.

Allow the children to take some cookies home with them if they would like to.

You will need

- 1. Sugar cookies: Sun (Round), Moon (Crescent Shape- Can be made by first cutting out a circle and then take the same circle shaped cookie cutter, overlap the initial circle, and re-press. See the example below. Note the crescent shape on the left, cookie cutter on the right) and Star Shapes.**
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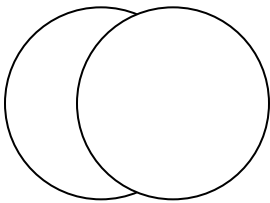
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