

1. A Wonderful Work



The Passage: Genesis 1–2

The Point: You are one of God’s amazing creations.

The Props: a 6x9-inch sheet of paper for each person

Quick Summary: You’ll use the story of creation to help families discover that they’re amazing creations crafted by the hand of God.

Have assistants distribute sheets of paper so each person has one. Then say: **Before God created anything...there was *nothing*. Close your eyes to see what “nothing” was like.** Pause for a couple of seconds. **Pretty boring, huh? Open your eyes. First God made light, then he made the sky. I’m going to let *you* help me see what else God made. You’ll use your paper and tear out the shape of something in creation. I’m going to tell you what to create, but wait until I’ve given instructions to everyone. This could get noisy!**

Indicate a group of people; for example, “this side of the room” or “folks in the balcony.” Before giving the following instructions, point to a specific group. You’ll need a total of five groups. Assign one of the following creations to each group:

- plants
- sun, moon, or stars
- fish or birds
- animals
- people

Allow 30 seconds for kids and adults to make their paper creations. Then draw attention to yourself. Say: **Show your creation to someone sitting nearby, and see if that person can guess what it is.** Pause.

Now discuss the following question:

- **How is your creation like or unlike what God actually created?**

Allow a minute for discussion, then take a few responses from the audience.

Tip

You can either have assistants distribute the sheets of paper prior to your lesson or include a sheet of paper in each church bulletin.

Say: **Call out some words that describe God's creation.** Say the words you hear so everyone can hear them. Then continue: **You are one of God's creations. You are** (repeat some of the words you heard from the audience).

All too often, we forget that we are God's amazing creations. We live as if our bodies are our own—not the precious and incredible handiwork of God! This week, look at your wobbly, odd-shaped paper creation and then think of the skillful, powerful hands that formed you. And live as one of God's amazing creations.

Remind everyone to use the fun ideas in the Sticky Note bulletin inserts this week.

