



Lesson 1 God created everything

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Storytime with Mindy

In today's story Mindy, Rocky, and Sid learn what it means to create and that God is the only One who can create. Follow them on their exciting journey to find who really created Sid's carrot.

On the back of your Pathfinder card is this weeks story. Read the story and review with your child what they learned. Reinforce the following question with them.

Who created everything around us?



Baxter's Memory Verse

Open your Bible, review the verse below and recite it with your leader!

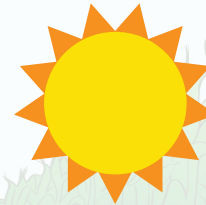
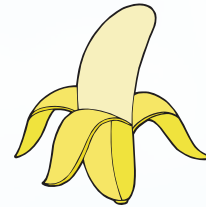
Genesis 1:1



Sid's Corner

Help Sid by drawing a circle around all the things that God created.

Don't forget to circle Sid because God created him too!



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Leader or Parent's Signature

Date

Storytime with Mindy

Mindy Raccoon and her little brother Rocky live with their mom and dad in a place called the Friendly Forest. Mindy and Rocky have many friends in the forest. They like to play and visit with them. One day Mindy and Rocky were skipping up and down the paths of the forest. As they skipped past their friend Sid Squirrel's house, they heard a voice cry out, "Hey! Come and see what I made!"

Mindy and Rocky stopped. They looked behind some corn stalks and saw their friend Sid. He was lying on the ground staring at a very small, green piece of grass. "Look what I made!" Sid yelled again.

"What is it?" asked Rocky.

"It's going to be a carrot," Sid replied. He added, "I made it!"

"What do you mean, you made it?" Mindy asked.

Still excited, Sid said, "I made it all by myself. I am creating a carrot."

"Actually," said Mindy, "God made it."

"Did not! I did!" Sid shouted. He stomped his foot.

Mindy put her hands on her hips and said, "Did too! God created everything."

"Did not!" Sid yelled. He was starting to get very angry.

Rocky didn't like it when people fought. He jumped between Mindy and Sid and said, "Let's go ask Grandpa Rabbit." Mindy and Sid stared at each other for a moment. They agreed to talk to Grandpa Rabbit.

The three friends ran down the path to Grandpa Rabbit's house. As they passed Baxter Bear's house, they saw him sitting near a tree reading. "Hey, Baxter!" Rocky shouted. "We are on our way to Grandpa Rabbit's house. We want to find out who created a carrot. Do you want to come with us?"

Baxter stood up and said, "Okay. Maybe there will be some chocolate chip cookies when we get there." The four friends began to race off to Grandma and Grandpa Rabbit's house.

Baxter was the last to reach Grandma and Grandpa Rabbit's house. Mindy, Rocky, and Sid were already in the garden with Grandpa Rabbit. They were all talking at the same time. "Slow down! Slow down! One at a time," Grandpa Rabbit pleaded. Mindy, Rocky, and Sid stopped talking. "That's better," said Grandpa. "Now, what is the question?"

The friends looked at each other. Then Mindy spoke up. "There is a carrot starting to grow in Sid's garden. We want to know if he created the carrot or if God created it."

Grandpa Rabbit scratched the backs of his long ears. "Well, let me see. It seems like both God and Sid played a part in getting that carrot to grow." The children stared at Grandpa. They were confused. Grandpa invited the children to sit on some rocks. He began to explain what he meant. "Sid dug in the dirt. He planted the seed and watered it. So he had a hand in making the carrot grow. But God is the Creator of everything. He created the dirt the seed was planted in, the water used to give it a drink, and the sun to help it grow. God even made the seed."

Grandpa could see he had the attention of the furry friends. He continued, "You see, the Bible says in Genesis 1:1 that in the very beginning God created both the heavens and the earth. That means God created everything. Before God created it, there was no earth. There were no animals, no plants, and no fish. There was nothing. There was only God."

"Then God created some amazing things. He created it all in six days. He made the heavens and the earth. Then He made the sea and the skies. Next He made the land and the plants. God created the sun, moon, and stars; then He created the fish and the birds. The last things He created were animals and people. He created everything in six days."

"Then do you know what God did? He looked at all He had created and said it was good. On the seventh day, God rested." Grandpa Rabbit needed a rest after he told the story of how God created the world. He sat on a tree stump.

"So," Sid said, sounding a bit sad, "I didn't create the carrot."

"No, you didn't create it, but God wants our help taking care of His creation. You did that by taking such good care of the carrot seed." Grandpa smiled at the children and said, "I see Grandma Rabbit, and she has a fresh batch of cookies for us to eat." The friends thanked Grandpa and dashed towards the house. All four were thankful God created everything necessary to make such wonderful treats.

