



MY

BIBBLE STORIES



The First Sabbath

Thank You, Jesus, for our beautiful world and all the things You made. We love You, Jesus. Amen.



What did we read from our Bible storybook in the last lesson? Jesus was making the world. He made the light, and the air, and the dry land. He made the sun, the moon, and the stars. He made the birds that fly and the fish that swim. And He did all that in five days. **[Count to five on your fingers.]**



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Now we will learn what Jesus did next. Day six, the day we call Friday, was a very big day for the world. It was like a giant birthday!



The Bible says that on day six, “God made the beasts of the earth” (Genesis 1:25). Jesus made all kinds of animals. **[Picture #1.]**

The animals Jesus made were very gentle. They would not bite, or scratch, or hurt you



1 On day six, Jesus made the animals.

Lesson for the youngest ones. (Continues on the following page.)



We are learning about Jesus making the world. He made the light, and the air, and the water. He made the sun, the moon, and the stars. He made the birds that fly and the fish that swim. He did all that in five days.

Now we will learn what Jesus did on day six. Jesus made all kinds of animals on that day.

[Picture #1.]

The animals Jesus made were very gentle. They would not bite or scratch you. Jesus made the animals for you and me. He knew we would like them.



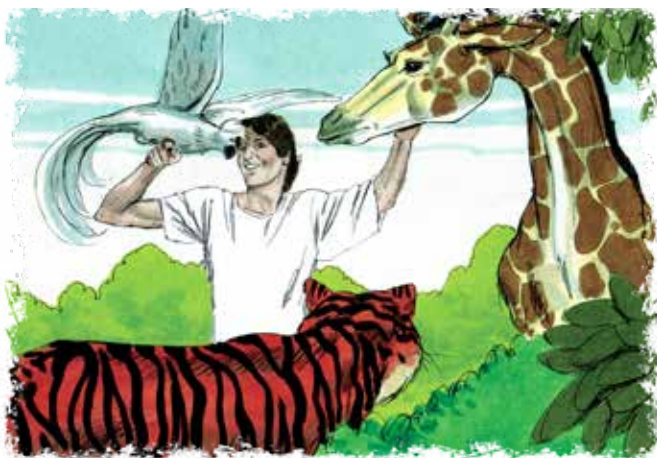
in any way. You would never need to be afraid of them. Jesus made the animals for you and me. He knew we would like them.

After Jesus made all the animals, our world was ready for something else. Do you know what that was? It was ready for people!

Did you ever make a play person out of play dough? **[Demonstrate.]** Can you make them be alive? No. But Jesus made a man, and He made that man be alive. Then Jesus named the man. Do you know what He named him? **[Pause.]** That's right, Jesus named the man Adam.

We don't know the first thing Adam said. Maybe he smiled or said "Hello." When Adam looked around at the beautiful world, he might also have said "Thank You" to Jesus. Jesus let Adam name all the animals and birds and fish. That must have been fun! **[Picture #2.]**

When Adam named the animals, he saw two



2 Jesus made a man named Adam. Adam named all the animals.

deer playing together. He saw two giraffes walking together, and two ducks swimming side-by-side. But there was only one Adam.

Was there someone to be with Adam? Not yet, but there would be! Jesus wanted to make a special surprise for Adam, so He had Adam fall asleep. While Adam was sleeping, Jesus carefully took a bone out of Adam's side. Adam didn't even



3 Jesus made a beautiful woman to be Adam's wife.

After Jesus made all the animals, our world was ready for people.

Can you make a person like this? **[Demonstrate with play dough.]** Can you make them be alive? No. But Jesus made a man, and He made him be alive. Jesus named the man Adam, and Adam named all the animals. **[Picture #2.]**

Adam saw two deer and two ducks and two dogs. But there was only one Adam.

Jesus wanted to make a special surprise for Adam. So He made a beautiful woman when Adam was sleeping. Do you think Adam was happy when he woke up? Oh, yes! Now he had someone to be with. **[Picture #3.]**

Adam named her Eve, and Jesus married them. That was the very first wedding.

The world was all done, but Jesus had one more thing to do. He made day number seven to be a special day for Adam and Eve. It was called the Sabbath. **[Picture #4.]** The Sabbath is for us, too. It's a very wonderful day we can spend with Jesus.

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Do you think Adam was happy when he woke up? Oh, yes! Now he had someone to be with. Adam named her Eve. Then Jesus married them, and that was the very first wedding. [Picture #3.]

Now the world was all finished with two happy people in it, but Jesus had one more thing to do. He made a very special day for Adam and Eve. This special day would be the same day ev-



4 When the sun goes down on Friday, the Sabbath day begins.

Parents' Corner

Since the Sabbath is the memorial of creative power, it is the day above all others when we should acquaint ourselves with God through His works. In the minds of the children the very thought of the Sabbath should be bound up with the beauty of natural things.... Happy the father and mother who can teach their children God's written word with illustrations from the open pages of the book of nature; who can gather under the green trees, in the fresh, pure air, to study the word and to sing the praise of the Father above. —*Education*, p. 251

ery week. It starts when the sun goes down every Friday. [Picture #4.] Do you know the name of that day? It is Sabbath.

Jesus didn't work on Sabbath. He spent that special day with Adam and Eve. **Read Genesis 2:2, 3.** Wasn't that a wonderful present?

Jesus gave the Sabbath for us, too. It's a very special time to be with Jesus and learn about Him. We look forward to it all week long. What are some things we like to do on Sabbath?



My Prayer

Thank You, Jesus, for making mommies and daddies. Thank You for making all the different animals. And thank You for giving us the Sabbath. We love You. Amen.

My Memory Verse

“Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.” Exodus 20:8

Visual Aids

Bible; play dough

Scripture References

Genesis 1:24–31; 2:1–3, 7, 18–23

Podcast

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The Tallest Animal

“They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My holy mountain.” Isaiah 65:25

When Jesus made the world, He made things in all different colors and shapes and sizes. He made some animals short. He made some animals tall.

Have you ever seen a tall person? Your daddy or mommy might seem very tall to you. You might have to bend your neck just to look into their face!

Jesus made one animal taller than all of the others. Do you know what that animal is? A giraffe.

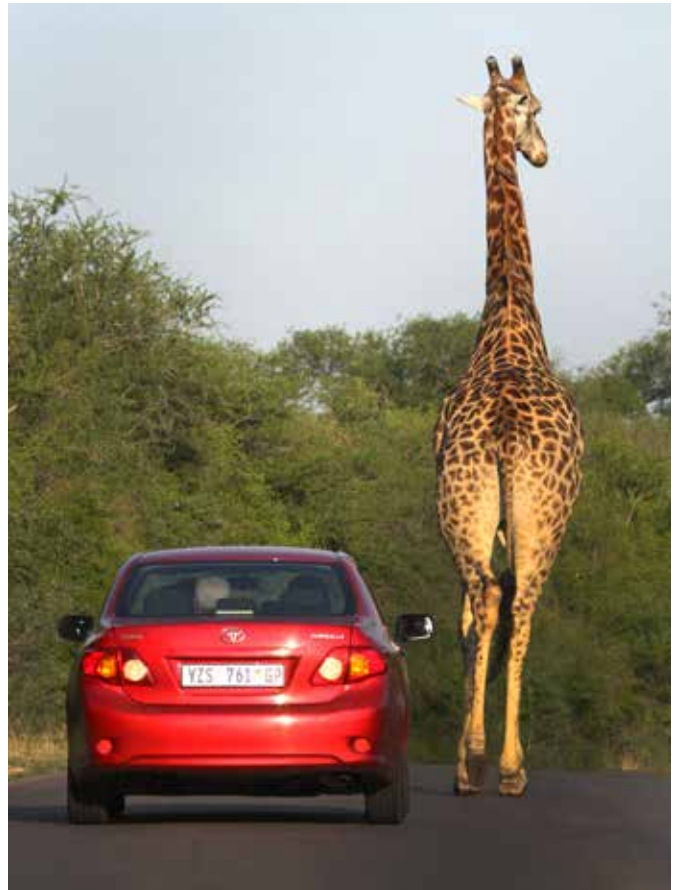
Giraffes have very long legs. That is one reason they are so tall. Can you think of something else that makes a giraffe very tall? A very long neck.

Giraffes are also very heavy. The giraffe weighs about as much as the car you see in the picture!

The animals Jesus made tell us a lot about Him. Jesus cares about giraffes. He knew they would need to reach high to nibble on twigs and leaves. That's why He gave them long necks.

Jesus wanted the giraffes to be safe, so He gave them spots to make it easy to hide.

Jesus knew the giraffes would live in hot places. He knew their tongues would be outside a lot while they ate. So He even put something in their tongues so they wouldn't get sunburn. That's why their tongues are purple.



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Jesus takes care of you just like He cares for giraffes. He gives you everything you need. He loves you much more than He loves the giraffes. Do you love Jesus?



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