



SPARK

Week 2 Creation

FOCUS: "Beginnings"

"In the beginning, when God created the universe..."

Genesis 1:1

The word Genesis means 'beginning.'

Adult Pre-work (10 min)



- Watch Lesson 2 preparation video at saint-max.org/spark
- In Children's Catholic Bible read Genesis Ch 1 & 2, (pp. 21 & 24) We will read 22 & 23 next week

**After this time together your child will be able to do/know
(one or all depending on their age):**

- Describe that God SPOKE & created EVERYTHING from NOTHING.
- Understand that God created ALL THINGS GOOD & BEAUTIFUL.
- Know that God CREATED and God RESTED.

PRAY

Be sure to have your Bible with you!



Opening Prayer

+ (Sign of the Cross) Creator God, thank you for creating this beautiful world we live in. Jesus, still our hearts and help us to listen to your words to us today. Amen. +(Sign of the Cross)

Reminder: Sign of the Cross helps us remember what Jesus did for us on the cross

Spark will be a time of exploring together. Be patient and let them answer.

Ask your child: I wonder if there are other times that we make the sign of the cross? (At the beginning & ending of Mass & so many other times!)



SHARE



This time is envisioned with you and your child spending some time together getting to know each other. These conversations are meant to help you connect on a deeper level. The goal is that you will become comfortable sharing your story with your child and they will trust you with their thoughts, feelings and questions. These seemingly frivolous conversations are setting the groundwork for the deeper conversations to come as you child grows up. This can be done sitting side by side, walking together or at the kitchen table. The places are endless. You pick the best timing and location for your family. Try to remember stories from your childhood that might tie into the topic. Our children love to hear stories of our childhood!

Family Connection

- Share with your child the story of their beginning: A story of their birth/adoption/how they became part of your family. Maybe they can share about a new sibling, cousin or pet being added to the family!



LEARN



Before beginning this week's lesson, remind children of what we learned last week about the Bibie.

Read Your Bible

Read the story of Creation from your Children's Bible (p 20) &/or The Beginner's Bible Pamphlet found in your packet. (You may show them this story is in the very first book of the Bible, Genesis, Chapter 1, verses 1-25. Explain, if appropriate, how you would find this story in the Bible. It would look like this Genesis 1:1-25. Think of it as the Bible story's address. See p. 13 in Bible on how to look up Scripture.) Did you know the Bible is actually 73 little books altogether to tell God's story of love for us?

Share these facts with your child. **NOTE:** We will study the creation of people next week!

- In the beginning God made everything. He didn't need supplies like we do to make a craft project. He started with nothing and created the world with us in mind.
- God took 6 days to create the world. (You might want to show the video you previewed or read another story you might have to emphasize the 6 days of creation).
- After each day of creation, God said, "It is good."

Wondering Questions: I wonder what this Bible story is about? I wonder what God is teaching us through this story? *(God's love for us propelled him to create a good, beautiful & perfect world for us to live in. We were always the first thing in his mind. We were the reason for the creation of the world!)*

Capture your Bible story summary here to include on Jotform:

If you or your child wants to Dig Deeper: (Find more resources in Dig Deeper section below.)

Watch God's Story: Creation

Catechism of the Catholic Church Connection

Each Lesson will have a Catechism connection in the *Youcat for Kids* book. (Included in your packet). This is a children's version of the Catechism written in question and answer format.

We will cover 90% of this book this year!! You will look up & read TOGETHER the question number(s) which can be found in a colored circle:

Questions: 1,3,14-16

(Found on pp. 10, 13, 30-32)



LIVE YOUR FAITH

This week as a family



Show us what you've learned &/or how you've grown in your faith! Each week you will need to visit [here](#) & fill out your online Assignment Form.

1. Take a nature walk, in your yard, neighborhood or park. Look for at least **FIVE** things that God created that you especially love!
2. Each time you find something, say "For _____, thank you God!"
3. Read a fun story about creation like [And God Created Squash!](#)
4. Start working on your Creation timeline!
5. Check out this fun [Creation song!](#)

PRAY

+ (Sign of the Cross) God you are awesome! Thank you for creating our world out of nothing. Thank you especially for creating _____. (As a family, name some things you are thankful for.) Amen + (Sign of the Cross)

Want to Dig Deeper?

Resources for Children:

Watch [Days of Creation](#) video (10 min)

[What the Early Church believed: Creation & Genesis](#)

Resources for Adults:

[YouCat for Kids](#) (Take time to read the Preface pp. 8-10)

[Catechism of the Catholic Church Paragraphs 337-354](#)



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