

# CREATION

*This idea is based on John Birch's 'Creation Crazy' talk, which can be found at <http://www.faithandworship.com/Sermons/Creation.htm>.*

## **Preparation and delivery**

In the original talk, a narrator tells the creation story while another person rushes back and forth to a central table, placing props on it to represent different aspects of creation. In order to involve the children as much as possible, this version uses children to bring the various props to the table.

Small children are likely to be distracted by the props if they're asked to hold them for too long, so 'Props' will need to select the children one-by-one as the script goes on, handing out items for them to take to the table, and giving instructions about any actions and sound effects. If you can gather together plenty of plants, fruit, toy fish, birds and animals then you should have enough to ensure that every child who'd like to be involved can bring something to the front.

At the beginning of the talk, get the children to practise their "Praise God!" response.

## **Props**

3 copies of the script

a light of some kind (e.g. the light above the Narrator or a lamp)

a plastic jug of water and a plastic bowl

tray, pot of sand/soil and some stones

plants and fruit

pictures (or other representations if available) of sun, moon and stars

toy fish and birds

toy animals

mirror

**Narrator** In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was empty. Everything was dark. Then God said:

**God** Let there be light.

**Props** *Choose a child to switch on the light/lamp*

**Narrator** God was pleased with what he saw. He said:

**God** That's good!

**Children** Praise God!

**Narrator** God called the light 'day' and the darkness 'night'. Then God said:

**God** Let's keep the water in two separate places, some above and some below. And let's put the sky in between.

**Props** *Choose a child to bring the bowl. Then pour water from jug into bowl.*

**Narrator** God was pleased with what he saw. He said:

**God** That's good!

**Children** Praise God!

**Narrator** Then God said:

**God** Let the water under the sky be gathered together to make the dry land.

**Props** *Choose children to bring the pot of soil/sand, the pot of stones and the tray. Get them to arrange the pots' contents on the tray.*

**Narrator** God was pleased with what he saw. He said,

**God** That's good!

**Children** Praise God!

**Narrator** God named the dry land 'earth' and the water 'seas'. Then he said:

**God** Let the earth produce all kinds of plants.

**Props** *Choose children to bring the plants and fruit.*

**Narrator** God was pleased with what he saw. He said,

**God** That's good!

**Children** Praise God!

**Narrator** So the earth produced all kinds of plants, and God was pleased. Then he said:

**God** Let there be lights in the sky: the sun to rule the day and the moon and stars by night.

**Props** *Choose children to bring the sun, moon and stars.*

**Narrator** God was pleased with what he saw. He said,

**God** That's good!

**Children** Praise God!

**Narrator** God saw that *all* these things were good. Then he said:

**God** Let the water be filled with living things, and let the birds fly in the sky above the earth.

**Props** *Choose children to bring the fish and birds with appropriate actions and noises.*

**Narrator** God was pleased with what he saw. He said,

**God** That's good!

**Children** Praise God!

**Narrator** God saw that this was good and blessed them all, and said:

**God** Let the earth be filled with animals - tame and wild, big and small.

**Props** *Choose children to bring the animals with appropriate actions and noises.*

**Narrator** God was pleased with what he saw. He said,

**God** That's good!

**Children** Praise God!

**Narrator** So God made them all and was pleased with what he saw. Then he said:

**God** And now we will make human beings, male and female, in our image. Let them rule over the fish, the birds and the animals.

**Props** *Hold up the mirror so that the children can see themselves in it.*

**Narrator** God was pleased with what he saw. He said,

**God** That's good!

**Children** Praise God!

**Narrator** So God created human beings. He made them in his own image, and blessed them. God looked at everything that he had made, and he was very pleased. And on the seventh day, he stopped working and rested.

**Props** *Flop down in a chair to rest.*

**Narrator** God was pleased with what he saw. He said:

**God** That's good!

**Children** Praise God!