



Parent Pages

Over the next pages you will find 12 reproducible take-home pages for parents. They are a great resource for keeping in touch with parents throughout the year. Each page includes a devotional thought for parents, a couple of activities to do with the child throughout the month related to the Bible story, developmental characteristics of babies and toddlers, and a section for you to write a personal note. The parent pages have been created for you to reproduce and mail home to the parents each month so that it's not just another piece of paper to keep up with on Sunday morning.

These are also included on the CD for your convenience.

Wiggles, Giggles & God-at Home!



Bible Story: God Made the World (Genesis 1:1-19)

Bible Truth: God made the heavens and the earth.

Bible Verse: "God created the heavens and the earth" (Genesis 1:1).

Checking In . . .

Dear Parent:

Welcome to God Made the World month in our church nursery!

Quiet Moments for You

Read through Genesis 1:1-19 several times this month. Meditate on the thoughts and details that linger in your mind. What questions do you have about creation? Make notes or journal your thoughts. Celebrate the created world by taking a walk or watching a nature program. Pray about ways you can communicate the truth of God, the Creator, and creation to your child.

Family Time

T TRAVEL TIME

God made the world. While driving in the car together, say, **Look at the trees. Who made the trees? God made the trees.** Continue pointing out things that God made and ask your child, **Who made . . . ?**

B BED TIME

While tucking your child into bed say, **God made day and night. In the day we work and play. At night we sleep. God gave us night so we can rest. Goodnight, sleep tight.**

What I'm Learning

BABIES

Here's what to expect from your baby's developing vision.

Newborns: Baby cannot focus on anything farther than 8 to 15 inches from his or her face. Babies can see light and movement but everything is blurry.

1 to 3 months: Your baby will focus both eyes on an object passing close to the face. Baby will begin to track the object's movement. By two months, your baby will begin to prefer bold colors and more detailed designs. He or she may enjoy looking at pictures.

4 to 5 months: Baby begins to develop depth perception. He or she may also begin to spot small objects and track their movement.

6 to 8 months: Baby begins to understand that an object is there, even if he or she cannot see it (object permanence). Your baby will look for dropped or hidden objects. Baby can distinguish bold colors well and may begin to distinguish pastels.

9 to 12 months: Baby's vision should be nearly as clear as an adult's.

TODDLERS

Here's what to expect as your child learns self-care

12 to 18 months: Your toddler will imitate actions with common objects. Now is the time to let him or her play at brushing teeth and combing hair. Make both of these activities a part of your child's grooming routine. Your toddler may begin undressing around 13 months of age, beginning with socks and elastic-waist pants. During this time, your child will also begin to use utensils and self-feed.

19 to 24 months: Your toddler can most likely undress without help. He or she may also be able to put on some articles of clothing, such as pants, by the age of 20 months. Now is also the time to teach your child to wash and dry his or her own hands. Potty training may become an interest for some toddlers.

25 to 30 months: Your toddler may begin potty training now, but don't worry if this does not happen yet. Your child is also ready to brush his or her own teeth. Let your toddler make the first pass. You can follow up with a more thorough brushing.

31 to 36 months: Your toddler does a fairly good job of helping to wash self in the bath; often resists getting out of the bathtub.


