

1st-4th Grade or younger

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Hi Everyone!

Can I just say that I'm a tad sad I can't convince my high schooler to let me practice this guide on him LOL! Take what you like, use what you can- just sharing some info because some kids thrive on routine! (OR at least I did as a parent when we homeschooled!)

I recommend introducing a bit of routine to your days, and you can use this suggested out line of activities as the academic portion and some guilt free screen time. Brain Pop videos are free, good quality content that my kids used to really enjoy and felt like more than school. These are mostly aimed at elementary school age, possibly more like 1-4 grade, but younger and older kids may enjoy as well ☺ There are also Bible memorization suggestions, youtube yoga links to get your kids moving, craft suggestions, map use, online books and more! Hope you can have some fun with this, and it's a bit of a compromise between no school work and too much! Please use this as a jumping off point to follow your kids interests- they don't want to learn about the ocean? How about sharks? Not into volcanos? How about earth worms... many of the links below bring you access to tons of information!

God Creates the World, based on Genesis 1:1-2:3. Preview links below, make a plan for what you'd like to do and for how long. Decide how you want your kids to participate, consider incentives like sticker charts for cooperative behavior.

With your child/ren

Read the Bible story from Shine On Story Bible, page 12 or practice finding it in the regular Bible.

<https://www.123homeschool4me.com/creation-craft-for-kids> 36/ days of Creation Project to help with memorization; put together and color cover; explain that learning and routine will begin happening which might be a change from their regular routine. Explain your goals, how you expect kids to participate. Make free accounts, open tabs, preview material so it's all ready for when your kids are sitting with you.

Day one: Read the creation story the whole way through, then have kids re-read the first few verses and focus on light. Color day one in the Creation Project. Make the Bible reading more of a Bible memory challenge by repeating it a few times over the day, write it out, make flash cards. Use this time to make sure kids know how to use the index of the Bible, and chapter and verse notations!

Ideas:

Learn about light: <https://www.brainpop.com/search/?keyword=Light> great educational videos, make a free account

<https://mysteryscience.com/trending/mystery-5/light-color/209?r=75073790> and make your own rainbow from water

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<https://rhythmsofplay.com/human-sundial-shadow-science-experiment/> make a human sundial

<https://www.storylineonline.net/books/a-bad-case-of-stripes/> - a fun book read aloud (then draw rainbow people or earth or animals!)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XAgUMTexJV5s-> consider adding some kids mindfulness and yoga to your daily routine!

Watch Planet Earth documentaries, find books in your own house about the creation story, make a weather journal, take a walk and notice one particular tree or garden and note it's changes every day for the next two weeks, do a daily art journal, set a timer and have kids read for 20 minutes, find free math worksheets online, find a free practice typing website

Day two: remember to practice the memory verse, read the storybook or the actual Bible, have kids read aloud, continue the Creation Project and color day two

Learn about the earth by studying volcanos

<https://kids.nationalgeographic.com/search-results/?q=volcano> videos of real volcanos, worksheets, reading online

<https://www.pinterest.com/pin/631137335267287505/> make a volcano with playdough, baking soda and vinegar

https://www.homeschoolprintablesforfree.com/volcano-printable-pack/?utm_source=ActiveCampaign&utm_medium=email&utm_content=New+Freebies+You+May+Have+Missed&utm_campaign=10/22+HSP+New+posts+email printable volcano worksheets

<http://www.homemade-preschool.com/mw-color-by-numbers-volcano-1-5.html> color by number volcano

<https://www.storylineonline.net/books/how-i-learned-geography/> - learning about maps and geography as a distraction from life's hardships

<https://www.brainpop.com/search/?keyword=Volcanoes-> so many great educational videos about volcanos and the earth's crust

<https://earth.google.com/web/> - spend some time on google earth exploring the globe- can you find PA? Where family lives? Where Jesus lived? A volcano?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FWRnK0vCP60> - a kind of adorable playdough map of the earth made by kids- explaining continents and oceans

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Day three: read the creation story, have kids re-read the section up through the third day (repetition is good for reading fluency and comprehension). Keep working on memorizing throughout the day, maybe at meal times and bedtime! Color day three of the Creation Project. Consider a new way to memorize the verses: <https://www.pinterest.com/pin/48202658498295045/> they tape sections onto cups and bowl them down, or onto legos and build the verse...

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Today we'll focus on the oceans!

<https://www.brainpop.com/search/?keyword=Oceans-> great introduction to learning about the ocean, videos and activities

<https://www.google.com/earth/> - can you find beaches? Waves? Coral reefs? Islands?

<https://dynamath.scholastic.com/issues/2016-17/030117/whales-in-the-city.html#900L> a reading activity and math questions, aimed at 3-5 graders

<https://kids.nationalgeographic.com/search-results/?q=ocean> videos, reading and all things science about the oceans!

<https://www.storylineonline.net/library/?search=ocean-> two read aloud stories, one about the Rainbow fish and the other about an enthusiastic shark!

<https://happyhooligans.ca/ocean-in-bottle/> quick, three ingredient ocean in a bottle STEM activity

<https://www.pinterest.com/pin/698339485951116445/> - easy "stained glass" ocean animal art

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