



Scene 1: Creation (20 minutes)

Supplies:

- **Creation of Man / Jesus poster**
- **Candy (optional)**
- **Play-Doh (optional)**
- **Lighting (main or portable)**
- **Animals (referred to from check-in or brought in for the scene)**
- **Video/screen/sound technology**
- **SLIDE: Creation**
- **Oranges (one per students)**
- **Wet wipes**
- **Garbage**
- **Identity Card**
- **Ink pads**
- **Glue sticks**



[Poster: Side 1 is Creation of man ; Side 2 is hidden picture of Jesus's face]

[Creation Slide up on screen]

[Early arriver options]

- Option 1: Small group leaders await students and pass out candy as they arrive. Small chit-chat can take place.
- Option 2: Students arrive and are given a small container of Play-Do. Encourage them to “create something” that feels unique to them, or perhaps Easter themed.

HOST: “Welcome. Tonight, we’re taking part in an Easter Experience. This will involve three scenes we’ll take part in here as a group, then we’ll go and take part in a final portion with everyone else, all together. We’re glad

you're here, and we ask that you'd honor this time. So, for the rest of the night please put your phones away, focus in and help others pay attention."

[LIGHTS DIM]

- Option 1: Focus a light on poster, invite someone to pray for the night.
- Option 2: VIDEO - Creation Timelapse
- Option 2: Homemade video option: Easter Experience Opener (see our example at <http://tiny.cc/easterexperience>)

You may be familiar with Genesis 1:1 (NLT) – it tells us that

"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth."

What was that like, though? When you came in tonight you may have seen a couple of animals (by check-in, or here in this room). Those animals came from other animals, and all of those animals came from other animals, which means something or Someone had to start all of that.

You and I have an origin story like this, too. It starts in an epic place.

Because in the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth, and creatures... and people. To consider what this was like, watch this – and as you do, consider one thing you can thank God for inventing.

[VIDEO]

- Option 1: Play opening clip from "The Bible Series" (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h41_cgbAyZY)
- Option 2: Homemade video option: Easter Exp Scene 1 - Creation (see our example at <http://tiny.cc/easterexperience>)

[LIGHTS UP]

HOST: "WOW! Our story begins in a good, good place. What came to mind as you saw it? What is one thing it reminds you to thank God for? In a group of 3-5 others around you, we'll think about this further. Circle up."



[MUSIC or VIDEO: Creation sounds/video]

(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sdlnOxjDzdo>)

[SENSORY ACTIVITY]

(small group leaders help by getting students into groups)

HOST: “LISTEN to the noises around you right now. Close your eyes and listen – and share something with your group that the noises remind you of... something that you’re perhaps thankful to God for creating.

- [Small groups: Everyone briefly shares in their group]

HOST: “We’re now going to hand you an orange. It’s something so common you’ve probably not thought much about it, but let’s slow down and consider how unique it actually is. Quietly, get one from your group leaders. I’ll give you instructions after that.”

- [Small groups: Pass out oranges]

HOST: “TOUCH the orange – quietly, pause and consider... What is unique about this texture? Why do you think God created it? What else does it remind you of?”

(pause)

“Now, SMELL the orange – again, quietly, pause and consider... What was God feeling when He created that scent? Why do you think He created it to begin with? Maybe... ask Him.”

(pause)

“Finally, quietly peel it and TASTE it. Again, this is just you and God right now having a conversation about oranges. As you taste the orange, what is God trying to tell you personally? About you? About Him? About food like oranges, or maybe something bigger?”

(pause)

Go ahead and quietly clean up.”

- [Clean-up: Wet wipes, garbage]

HOST: “You were created by God, in His image... in His likeness. Have you ever wondered why? What your unique purpose is on Earth? You are His masterpiece. Let’s take a moment to own and represent it.”

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