

Adam Names Animals, from the Angels' Viewpoint

This dramatization has an optional scene for children, to enjoy acting like animals...

About 5 minutes, from Gen. 1–2

Participants (*No need to memorize lines; the aim is to relive sacred events, not to perform*)

Angel

Adam

Voice (*of God*)

Animals [Optional] Small children, if present, or anyone who is willing.

Prompter Shout a brief line, and Echoes repeat it.

Echoes Children and adults who want to take part. Echoes need no script.

Note: The part about naming animals as children portray them is optional.

Angel	The first creation day begins. We angels watch curiously as God speaks sky and earth into being.
Voice	Let there be light.
Prompter & Echoes	And there is light!
Angel	The second creation day begins. No men exist yet to hear God's voice speak.
Voice	Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters, called the heavens.
Angel	The third creation day begins. We angels watch God's marvelous work in awe.
Voice	Let the earth sprout plants yielding seed, and trees bearing fruit after their kind.
Prompter & Echoes	And it is good!
Angel	The fourth creation day begins. Things entirely new and unexpected appear!
Voice	Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night, and let them be for seasons, days and years.
Prompter & Echoes	Sun, moon and solar days!
Angel	Time on earth has begun, as men measure time.
Prompter & Echoes	Seasons, days and years!
Angel	The fifth creation day begins. We angels wait in suspense to see what God does next.
Voice	Let the waters teem with swarms of living creatures; let birds fly above the earth.
Prompter & Echoes	Animals that move!
Angel	The sixth creation day begins. What God does now really surprises us!

Voice Let us make humans in our image,
and let them rule over the fish of the sea,
the birds of the sky, the cattle and all the earth.

Adam Well, here I am, folks! I am Adam.
God tells me to name the animals.

Optional:

Angel

Ask adults to name the animals as Adam did, as children portray them.

Do not call animals by their English names; the names must be new.

For example the elephant might be called "Floppy Ears."

*Ask a child to walk like an elephant: bend over and let one arm swing like
an elephant's trunk, while adults name it.*

Do the same for a rabbit, kangaroo, chicken, dog (bark), etc.

Prompter & Echoes Adam feels all alone.

Adam All the animals have a mate, but not me.
God puts me asleep, takes a rib,
fashions a woman and has me name her.
I call her Eve.

Prompter & Echoes She is beautiful!

Angel And so, God finishes his earthly creation.

Prompter & Echoes And it is good.

Adam Oh! Everything is wonderful!
Eve and I are living perfectly happy in paradise.
I wonder what might happen next.