

## **Topic:** Creation – God’s Orderliness Seen in the Heavens

Note: The practical applications provided in the lesson are offered as suggestions to help the saints in their preparation. They are not meant to direct or limit the ways in which the focus of the lesson can be applied. The saints are encouraged to pray and contact the Lord to receive His burden and guidance in teaching and applying the lesson. Fellowship with other saints, and inquiring of the children themselves, may also bring out many helpful applications.

### **Elementary:**

Verse: “In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth” (Genesis 1:1).

Focus: Creation shows us that God is orderly. When God created the heavens and the earth, He put everything in its right place and in the proper order.

Practical Application: When God made our solar system He positioned the earth in exactly the right place. If the earth were any closer to the sun, our planet would be too hot to live on, and if the earth were any further from the sun, our planet would be too cold for life to exist.

### **Intermediate:**

Verse: “...You alone are the God of all the kingdoms of the earth; You made the heavens and the earth” (2 Kings 19:16).

Focus: Creation shows us that God is orderly. God has placed everything in our solar system in its right place. Each planet in our solar system has its own orbit which prevents it from colliding with the other planets.

Practical Application: Each planet in the solar system has an elliptical orbit around the sun. This is due to the gravitational pull of the sun and the velocity of the planets themselves. Any slower would cause the planet to fall into the sun; any faster would cause the planet to escape or be out of orbit.

### **Advanced:**

Verse: “It is He who made the earth by His power, / Who established the world by His wisdom, / And by His understanding He stretched out the heavens” (Jeremiah 51:15).

Focus: Creation shows us that God is orderly. The earth orbits the sun in exactly the right orbit and speed to make earth habitable for man.

Practical Application: The earth orbits the sun at 66,660 mph. This speed along with the tilt of earth’s axis allows seasonal changes every 3 months. If the earth were going half the speed it would double the time of each season. The 6-month extremes for winter and summer would be so different that life could not exist.