

## **Topic:** God is the Creator (Lesson 1)

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: God is the Creator. He is the One who created the heavens, with all the stars, and the earth, with all the living things.

Practical Application: Consider bringing pictures of what God has created or take the children on a walk and have them look at the sky, trees, and flowers or look for animals and bugs and impress them with what God has created. Consider asking the children if they can draw a picture of an animal if you gave them a piece of paper. Could they draw an animal if they had no paper? God created everything from nothing.

### **Intermediate:**

Verse: “All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him not one thing came into being which has come into being” (John 1:3).

Focus: Creation is not haphazard; God planned and designed creation. Things did not come into existence by chance.

Practical Application: Consider bringing a bag filled with Lego pieces or Popsicle sticks. Have the children take turns to shake the bag and then look inside the bag to see if anything was built (made). Nothing is made in a haphazard way; whoever designs something must plan and consider how to design it in the best possible way.

### **Advanced:**

Verse: “The burden of the word of Jehovah concerning Israel. Thus declares Jehovah, who stretches forth the heavens and lays the foundations of the earth and forms the spirit of man within him” (Zechariah 12:1).

Focus: There is a good order in God’s creation. He made the heavens for the earth, the earth for man, and man for God.

Heavens→Earth→Man→God

Practical Application: There is a purpose in the way God created the universe. The earth is just the right distance from the sun so that it would not be too hot or cold for man. Everything man needs for his existence is provided by God’s creation. All of creation is for man. Then Who is man for? Man is for God!