

Topic: Creation – God’s Greatness Seen on the Earth

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: “And God said, Let the earth sprout grass, herbs yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit according to their kind...” (Genesis 1:11).

Focus: Creation shows us that God is great. God created a wide variety of living things.

Practical Application: On the third day God created the plants. Consider how many different kinds of plants God created. Illustrate this point with pictures of many different varieties of flowers and fruit trees. Have the children name their favorite fruits and flowers and compare how they differ in color, taste, and appearance.

Intermediate:

Verse: “And God said, Let the waters swarm with swarms of living animals, and let birds fly above the earth in the open expanse of heaven” (Genesis 1:20).

Focus: Creation shows us that God is great. God created a wide variety of living things.

Practical Application: On the fourth day God created the fish in the sea and on the fifth day He created the birds in the air. Illustrate this point with pictures of many different varieties of fish and birds. Have the children try to name different varieties of fish and birds. Impress upon them the number of species (15,000 types of fish, 10,000 types of birds). Consider also specific details: the hummingbird (small, can hover, fierce) or the eagle (large, fast, great eyesight). All of these demonstrate God’s greatness in creation.

Advanced:

Verse: “And God made the animals of the earth according to their kind and the cattle according to their kind and everything that creeps on the ground according to its kind, and God saw that it was good” (Genesis 1:25).

Focus: Creation shows us that God is great. God created a wide variety of living things.

Practical Application: On the fifth day God created the living things on the earth. Impress the children with God’s greatness by discussing how many species of animals there are. This number is hard for man to calculate, but scientists say 8.7 million. Only a great God would have the ability to create so many kinds of animals. Select two or three species and discuss how they are different from each other in appearance, size, and abilities. If needed for preparation of the gospel, it could be mentioned that in spite of all the wonderful animals on the earth that demonstrate God’s greatness, nothing can compare with the greatness of God in His creation of man.