

## **Topic:** Creation – God’s Beauty 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: “Consider well the lilies of the field...not even Solomon in all his glory was clothed like one of these” (Matthew 6:28-29).

Focus: Creation reveals God’s characteristic of beauty. God not only made all things with a specific purpose but He also designed them to express beauty.

Practical Application: Consider the different types of flowering plants with all their beautiful colors. It is estimated that there are more than 300,000 species of flowering plants. A meadow of flowers is a beautiful sight to behold. God created all the plants and trees on the earth to declare His beauty. Bring pictures of flowers and trees with different colors, shapes, and other characteristics.

### **Intermediate:**

Verse: “Flowers appear on the earth; / The time of singing has come, / And the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land” (Song of Songs 2:12).

Focus: Creation reveals God’s characteristic of beauty. God’s beauty is seen and heard in His creation of the birds.

Practical Application: Birds not only express God’s beauty with their colorful plumage, they also make beautiful sounds. For centuries, people have enjoyed and have been attracted to both colorful birds and songbirds. Bring photos of different colorful birds and if possible, an audio file or a video of songbirds “singing.” Point out how God created many different birds to manifest His beauty.

### **Advanced:**

Verse: “You are Jehovah, / You alone; / You have made heaven, / The heaven of heavens with all its host, / The earth and all that is on it, / The seas and all that is in them; / And You give life to all of them; / And the host of heaven worships You” (Nehemiah 9:6).

Focus: Creation shows us God’s beauty. The creation of the heavens and the earth not only shows God’s wisdom and power, but it also displays His beauty. God was not only powerful to create the earth, but He did so in a way that demonstrated His beauty as well.

Practical Application: In creating the earth, God did not just make a simple place for people to live. He did not make the earth all flat and plain, but He made the earth with mountains, valleys, caves, forests, meadows, deserts, islands, and polar regions. He created oceans, streams, waterfalls, rivers, and lakes. The earth has different seasons, climates, and weather. We have national parks because we recognize the particular beauty in certain areas of God’s creation. If we take a look at all that God created, we can see the great beauty in God’s creation. If we consider the beauty, wonder, richness of life, and vastness of the earth with the land and the water, it is truly awe-inspiring to realize that God created all these things. Bring photos of the earth showing the beauty of it, such as the Grand Canyon, Yosemite, Niagara Falls, Mount Everest, the Great Barrier Reef, etc. Also consider bringing a photo of the earth as seen from space. No planet looks as beautiful as the earth.