

Topic: Creation–God’s Power 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: “He stretches out the north over the void; / He hangs the earth upon nothing” (Job 26:7).

Focus: Creation shows us God’s power. When God made the heavens and the earth, He displayed His power. Everything is kept in place by God’s power.

Practical Application: Bring some heavy objects and ask the children if they can hold them up. Then bring some lighter objects and have the children hold them up for as long as they can. This will illustrate the limitedness of our power. Then compare how heavy the earth is to an object the children understand as being very heavy (such as an elephant) and ask the children, “Who holds up the earth?”

Intermediate:

Verse: “Ah, Lord Jehovah! It is You who have made the heavens and the earth by Your great power and by Your outstretched arm. Nothing is too wonderful for You” (Jeremiah 32:17).

Focus: Creation shows us God’s power. There are billions of objects in the heavens. It took a great amount of power to make all those things. God created everything in the heavens, yet it did not wear Him out or make Him faint.

Practical Application: Using Isaiah 40:28, “*Do you not know, / Or have you not heard, / That the eternal God, Jehovah, / The Creator of the ends of the earth, / Does not faint and does not become weary?*” Illustrate how easily we get tired when we are making something. For example, bring in some bread dough and give each child an opportunity to knead it. How long can they knead it before their hands become tired? Tell them that even though this is only one step in making bread, we tire easily. God made the heavens and all the things in them, yet He does not tire.

Advanced:

Verse: “Who, being the effulgence of His glory and the impress of His substance and upholding and bearing all things by the word of His power...” (Hebrews 1:3a).

Focus: Creation shows us God’s power. The universe is still expanding yet everything in our solar system is kept in its rightful place.

Practical Application: God did not create only one planet in the universe but many items in the universe. The solar system was formed around a star, our sun, at its center. The planets rotate around the sun and the gravity of the sun keeps the planets in their orbits. They stay in their orbits because there is no other force in the solar system which can stop them. Only God is powerful enough to hold everything in place. It is by God’s power that everything is kept (held) together.