

Topic: Creation–God’s Power 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 made a wind pass over the earth, and the waters subsided” (Genesis 8:1b).

Focus: Creation shows us God’s power. The power of wind shows us that God the Creator is powerful.

Practical Application: On the earth there are many things that show us how powerful God is. One example is wind. Wind is air in motion. We can walk through air, yet when it blows it becomes powerful. Wind can be so strong that it can push over trees and buildings. Wind can be a source of energy—windmills use the power of wind to produce electricity. Bring pictures to show the power of wind blowing over things, or pictures of windmills generating electricity. Consider using a toy pinwheel or a kite for an outdoor activity.

Intermediate:

Verses: “You rule the swelling of the sea: / When its waves rise up, You still them” (Psalm 89:9).
“Thus says Jehovah, / ...Who stirs up the sea so that its waves roar – / Jehovah of hosts is His name” (Jeremiah 31:35).

Focus: Creation shows us God’s power. The power of waves shows us that God the Creator is powerful.

Practical Application: Waves are caused by high winds blowing over the surface of the ocean. Waves are powerful enough to push over people and destroy buildings. A tsunami is a huge wave in the ocean that is usually caused by earthquakes or volcanic eruptions. It can reach a height of 100 feet (10 story building). A tsunami can travel even faster than a commercial jet and can cause a lot of damage when it reaches the coast. Waves can also erode land by constantly crashing against the coastline and causing pieces of it to break off. Bring pictures of tsunamis, or coastlines and sea stacks eroded by waves over many years.

Advanced:

Verse: “For thus says Jehovah of hosts, Yet once more – it is but a little while – I will shake the heavens and the earth and the sea and the dry land” (Haggai 2:6).

Focus: Creation shows us God’s power. God’s power is seen in the power of earthquakes.

Practical Application: Earthquakes show us how powerful God is. Earthquakes happen when there is shaking, rolling, or sudden shock on the earth’s surface. An earthquake is powerful enough to uproot trees, collapse buildings and roads, trigger landslides and avalanches, and cause flooding and tsunamis. In 1994, a 6.7 magnitude earthquake hit the Northridge, Los Angeles area. That earthquake caused significant damage up to 85 miles away—the scoreboard at Anaheim Stadium collapsed onto several hundred vacant seats. In less than 20 seconds, the earthquake created \$20 billion in damage. Consider, as is appropriate for your age group and audience, going into more detail regarding the intensity of earthquakes, or consider showing pictures or a video of the power of earthquakes.