

Topic: Creation–God's Wisdom 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: "And let them be light-bearers in the expanse of heaven to give light on the earth; and it was so" (Genesis 1:15).

Focus: Creation shows us God's wisdom. God in His wisdom created the sun and the moon to give light during the day and night, and for life to grow.

Practical Application: Imagine if God did not create the sun and the moon. What do you think it would be like? It would always be dark and the temperature would be very cold. What if there was just a sun and no moon, or vice versa? If it were always day, we would not be able to rest our bodies and some things would die from the constant heat. If it were always night, we would not be able play outside or go to school. God created both the sun to give us light by day and the moon to give us light by night. God is so wise in creating a balance between daytime for us to do things and receive energy and nighttime for us to rest. This allows life to grow.

Intermediate:

Verse: "When I see Your heavens, the works of Your fingers, / The moon and the stars, which You have ordained" (Psalm 8:3).

Focus: Creation shows us God's wisdom. God in His wisdom created the moon to orbit the earth, to give us light at night and to provide tides and seasons.

Practical Application: Did you know that the moon is actually very dark? The moon is able to shine by reflecting the light of the sun (like a mirror). It bounces rays of sunlight from the day side of the earth to its night side, giving us light during the night. The moon's gravity creates tides on earth by attracting the water of the ocean. Many different kinds of sea life depend on the tide for survival. Tides also help clean the earth's rivers and streams. Also, the earth would spin much faster without its orbiting moon. If this were to happen, wind patterns would likely be stronger and longer. Imagine working, talking, just walking around against the howling winds. Imagine trying to navigate a ship at sea. The moon also stabilizes the earth's axis. This in turn keeps the seasons balanced, long enough periods for complex life forms to develop, adapt, and succeed, but not too long that life would dry out or freeze. What a wise God!

Advanced:

Verse: "Jehovah by wisdom founded the earth; / He established the heavens by understanding" (Proverbs 3:19).

Focus: Creation shows us God's wisdom. God in His wisdom has placed everything in the right place and with the right amount so that the earth can be habitable for man.

Practical Application: The earth is special. It is the only planet in our solar system where man could live. The earth has a thin layer of atmosphere surrounding it, separating it from the cold, uninhabitable space. The earth's atmosphere is made up of 78 percent nitrogen, 21 percent oxygen, and 1 percent other ingredients—the perfect balance for us to breathe and live. Many planets have atmospheres, but only the earth's atmosphere is breathable. The atmosphere also generates moisture which makes it possible for clouds and rain to form, thus providing us with water. It also shields us from some of the sun's radiation and protects us from meteors, most of which burn or break up before they can strike the surface as meteorites. Without the atmosphere, the earth would be barren and dead, and man would not be able to live.