

## **Topic: Creation – God’s Perfect Design and Plan Seen in Creation**

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: “How many are Your works, O Jehovah! / In wisdom You have made all of them; / The earth is full of Your creatures” (Psalm 104:24).

Focus: Creation reveals that there must be a Creator who planned, designed, and put everything in place rather than things evolving over time. This wonderful design can be seen in the interdependence of created things.

Practical Application: Honeybees and flowering plants need each other to survive. The bees need nectar from the flowers to make honey. The flowers need bees to pollinate and spread their seeds. This relationship did not evolve over time. It was planned, designed, and put in place by God.

### **Intermediate:**

Verses: “In wisdom You have made all of them; / The earth is full of Your creatures. / Yonder is the sea, great and extensively wide; / There the creeping things are, even without number, / The small animals with the great” (Psalm 104:24b-25).

Focus: Creation reveals that there must be a Creator who planned, designed and put everything in place rather than things evolving over time. This wonderful design can be seen in the interdependence of created things.

Practical Application: Clownfish and sea anemones depend on each other to survive. The sea anemone protects the clownfish from predators and provides food from scraps left from the anemone's meals. In return, the clownfish defends the anemone from its predators and parasites. Consider discussing other interdependent relationships like crocodiles and plover birds, zebras and oxpeckers, shark and pilot fish, etc. These interdependent relationships show that nothing occurs by chance or accident. Everything was planned, designed and put in place by God.

### **Advanced:**

Verse: “For thus says Jehovah, / Who created the heavens --- / He is the God / Who formed the earth and made it; / He established it; / He did not create it waste, / But He formed it to be inhabited: / I am Jehovah and there is no one else” (Isaiah 45:18).

Focus: Creation reveals that there must be a Creator who planned, designed and put everything in place rather than things evolving over time. This wonderful design can be seen in the interdependence of created things.

Practical Application: Plants need the atmosphere to grow. Through the process of photosynthesis, plants use energy from the sun to draw down carbon dioxide from the atmosphere and then use it to create the carbohydrates they need to grow. The earth’s atmosphere in turn is affected by plants. Since carbon dioxide is one of the most abundant greenhouse gases, the removal of carbon dioxide from the atmosphere by plants may temper the warming of the earth and thereby affect its climate. Such relationship must have been carefully and thoughtfully designed. It is not something that occurred by chance or evolved over time. The heavens, the earth and everything in them were planned, designed, and put in place by God.