

God's gift of creation

FOCUS

1. God made the world to show his love.
2. God made us.
3. God loves us and his work is good.

During lesson time your child:

- *listened and responded to the story of creation;*
- *identified different features of God's creation;*
- *expressed thanks for the gift of creation.*

Long ago there was no beautiful earth only lonely darkness and empty places. God made the day and the night. God said "GOOD."

Next God dried up some of the water and made the land. On the land God made all the tall trees and small plants and all the things we see growing around us. God said "GOOD."

In the sky God placed the great lights - the sun and the moon. God also made the stars of the night sky. God said "GOOD."

In the waters, God made the sea creatures of every kind. In the sky he made the birds of beautiful colours and filled the world with their voices. God said "GOOD."

On the land God also made all the creatures. He made wild animals as well as tame ones for us to play with. God said "GOOD." "Now I will make people to look after my world." God looked at the whole of creation, and saw that it was, indeed, "VERY GOOD."

After all this work, God rested.

SUGGESTED HOME ACTIVITIES

These are some suggested activities to do at home with your child.

1. Read and discuss the passage with your child. Explore your child's understanding of the passage by asking him or her 'I wonder' questions;
e.g. I wonder . . . why God gave us the world?
e.g. I wonder . . . if God has a favourite part of creation?
2. Take your child on a nature walk, highlighting to him or her how beautiful and complex nature is.
3. Talk to your child about how complex nature is, emphasising the cleverness in God's design. Use practical examples:
4. Hold a large leaf up to the sunlight pointing out the hundreds of small veins.
5. Look closely at bees pollinating a flower or ants collecting food.



To Remember:

God gave us the gift of rest.

What did God do for us? To find out, write down the name of each picture in the spaces provided. Once you have done this, write down the letters that appear in each box in the spaces provided below.



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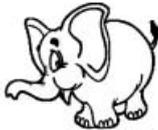
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God **E** everything.



Thank you God for the gift of the earth.

Thank you God for the gift of water.

Thank you God for the trees and flowers.

Thank you God for the sun, the moon and the stars.

Thank you God for the animals.

Thank you God for me. Amen.