

WEEK 2

GOD IS CREATOR GOD MADE PLANTS & ANIMALS PRIMARY LESSON GUIDE

THE FOUR KEYS

KEY VERSE

Worthy are You, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for You created all things, and by Your will they existed and were created. Revelation 4:11

KEY IDEAS

1. God created the plants and animals for His glory and our good.
2. Everything God made is uniquely designed.
3. Everything God made is good and has value.

KEY PASSAGE

Genesis 1:11-25

KEY PRINCIPLES



EVERY CHILD SHOULD KNOW . . .
our God is an intelligent designer.



EVERY CHILD SHOULD FEEL . . .
in awe of how God made everything
unique.



EVERY CHILD SHOULD BE ABLE TO . . .
know that everything was made by
Him and for His glory.



EVERY CHILD SHOULD WANT . . .
to take care of His creation.

INTRODUCTION

Everything that is and ever has been was created by God, and He created it all out of nothing! He simply spoke and the whole world was made. God created everything perfectly to show His glory to the world. Since God is the Creator of all things and gives life to all things, we find our purpose in Him!

OPENING ILLUSTRATION

Begin class by reviewing the days of creation. Allow the kids to add the plants and animals, sun, moon, and stars onto the board for this week's lesson, only leaving Adam and Eve remaining.

STORY

Read Genesis 1:11-25.

Last week, we discussed how God existed before all creation and He made everything from day and night to the sun, moon, and all the stars to the plants and animals and every living thing, including us. He created the whole world simply by speaking! He created the world perfectly to reveal His glory to us. There is no God like our God, and He gives purpose to everything He creates. Every plant and every animal have a purpose, too! Plants produce the clean air and oxygen that help us breathe and are a source of food. Animals were created to reveal God's glory and be our companions. God created beauty in everything He made and gave it order, but because of sin, things are not as they once were. Now there is death and sadness and things that are not a part of God's good design. However, God has made a way for us in Jesus to be forgiven of sin and promises that one day He will make all things new, too.

ACTIVITY

Prepare the activity by collecting enough leaves for each child in the class. Give each child a leaf and a blank sheet of paper. Help them trace their leaf by placing the paper on top of the leaf and rubbing a crayon over it. Use different leaves to make different patterns. Explain how each leaf is unique and different in shape, color, and veining. Talk about how much detail God puts in His creation and how much more detail He has put into making each one of us!

PRAYER

Thank God that He is a good designer and that everything He makes is good and has value and meaning. Ask God to help you value His creation.

SONG Days of Creation to the tune of Frere-Jacques

"God created (x2) day and night (x2), that was on the 1st day (x2) and it was good (x2)."

Repeat each day:

Sky and clouds (2nd day), land and plants (3rd day), sun and stars (4th day), fish and birds (5th day), man and beast (6th day)

Finish with:

"Then He rested (x2) from His work (x2), that was on the 7th day (x2) and it was good (x2)."

FAMILY DEVOTIONAL

Psalms 139:14, Matthew 6:30

ACTIVITY

Using a terracotta flower pot and the pack of seed provided in your take home packet, spend time decorating the pot and planting the seed with your child. Watch over time as the plant grows and see God's creation come alive!

DISCUSSION

- How do plants and animals reveal the glory of God?
God made all the plants and animals with unique and purposeful design and He declared it good. Every spider has a unique web design and each ladybug has a unique dot pattern and every person is unique, too! Only God could create everything with such uniqueness and beauty.
- What are some of your favorite plants and animals? Why are they special to you?

PRAYER

Thank God that He is a good designer and that He has made everything with a special purpose and order. Ask God to help you love and respect all of His creation.