

WEEK 4

GOD IS CREATOR

GOD RESTED

PRIMARY LESSON GUIDE

THE FOUR KEYS

KEY VERSE

The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; His understanding is unsearchable. Isaiah 40:28

KEY IDEAS

1. God did not rest because He was tired.
2. God rested because His work was completed.
3. God rested to show us that rest is important.

KEY PASSAGE

Genesis 2:1-3

KEY PRINCIPLES



EVERY CHILD SHOULD KNOW . . .

that God is all mighty and powerful and does not need rest like we do.



EVERY CHILD SHOULD FEEL . . .

comforted in knowing that God created rest for our good.



EVERY CHILD SHOULD BE ABLE TO . . .

appreciate God's finished work.



EVERY CHILD SHOULD WANT . . .

to complete their tasks to the best of their ability because God values hard work done well.

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 take turns playing with the board and placing the plants, animals, and people back on the board. Help them try to remember the correct order in which God created all things.

STORY

Read Genesis 2:1-3.

God created the earth and everything in it in six days. At the end of the sixth day, God looked at everything He had made and said it was “very good”. On the next and last day of creation, God rested from all the work that He had done because it was all finished. God blessed that day as a day of rest. God did not rest from His work because He was tired. The Bible tells us that God never gets tired or grows weary like we do. God never even needs to sleep! God rested because He knew that we would need rest and He gave us an example to follow. It is good to work hard and then to rest and reflect on that hard work. God gives work and He also gives rest. Everything that God gives is good.

ACTIVITY

Use the memory card game and laminated days of creation to help the kids practice getting the days in the correct order in which God made everything.

PRAYER

Thank God that He has created all things with value and that He has also given us rest in Him. Ask God to help you understand how important rest is and to appreciate it.

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

Matthew 11:28-30, Hebrews 4:10, Mark 6:31, Mark 2:27, Exodus 33:14, Psalm 23:1-3

ACTIVITY

You can demonstrate the value of rest throughout the week with your child by involving him or her in chores around the house or some other productive task that they can help you with. Each time a task is completed, do something restful and fun of their choice. For example, if they help you clean the house, praise them for a job well done and let them sit and rest with a movie. The tasks you assign can be as small or as big as you choose based on what's appropriate for your child.

Review the Days of Creation booklet in your take home packet to help them remember what God created each day.

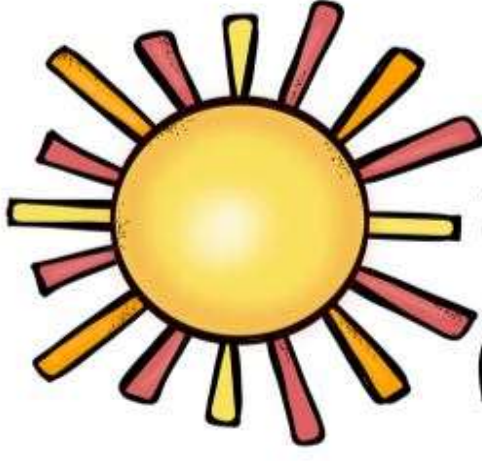
DISCUSSION

- What does it mean to rest?
Rest does not only mean going to sleep or taking a nap, though that kind of rest is really important. Sometimes rest can simply mean taking a break from hard work. God knew that we would need rest because unlike God, we grow tired and weary.
- Why is rest important?
Rest refreshes us and allows us to take a break from the work we have done to appreciate it and be grateful. It also helps us to recharge our batteries for the next thing we will accomplish.
- What are some ways you can practice rest without going to sleep?

PRAYER

Thank God for giving us rest and showing us that we need it. Ask Him to help you understand your need for rest and respect your parents when they remind you that you need it.

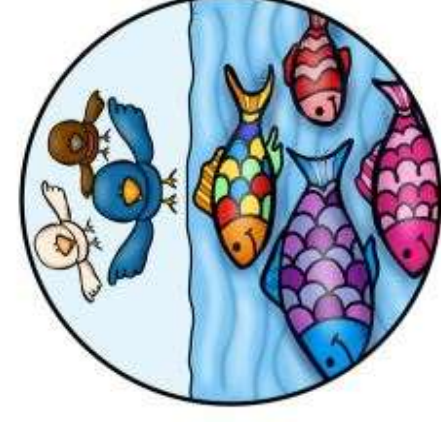
Days of CREATION



God saw all that he
had made and it was
very good.
God rested.



God said, "Let there be
animals on the land.
Let us make man in
our image."



God said, "Let
there be creatures
in the sky and sea."



God said,
"Let there be
light."



God said,
"Let there be
clouds and seas."



God said, "Let
there be land,
plants & trees."



God said, "Let
there be a sun,
moon and stars."