

CREATION

“God’s World is Good”

Series Objective: Students will learn:

- God’s world is good
- God provides for creation and me
- Humans are involved in creation
- We discover God through creation

Series Theme Verse: “The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it.” Genesis 2:15

Lesson Objective: Students will understand that God’s creation was good and is still good.

Lesson Passage: Genesis 1:1-2:1

Materials Needed: Canned biscuits, Little Smokies, Preheated Oven, Ketchup and Mustard
Optional, Markers or Pens, Notecards, Bibles

Lesson Plan:

The Story:

Talking Points:

- Who created the heavens and the earth? (God)
- On Day 1, what does God create? (Day and Night by separating the light from the darkness)
- On Day 2, what does God create? (Sky and Sea by separating the waters from above from the waters from below)
- On Day 3, what does God create? (Land by gathering the waters below the sky to one place)
- On Day 4, what does God create? (Lights in the heavens: Sun, Moon and Stars)
- On Day 5, what did God create? (Sea creatures and sky creatures)
- On Day 6, what did God create? (Land creatures, including humans)
- In verse 1, it said that God created “the heavens and the earth.” What is the earth? Have students name some parts of the earth.
- What does the word “heavens” mean here? (The air, sky, and space, not Heaven as we think, but the place where birds fly and planets are)

- How do we know God is talking about air, space and sky in verse 1? (The word is plural, then we are told in chapter 1 that the heavens are what God is creating, not Heaven)
- At the end of Days 1-5 of Creation, what is God's reflective thought? (God saw that it was good)
- At the end of the 6th Day of Creation, what is God's reflective thought? (God saw that it was very good)
- Why do you think God said the 6th Day was "Very Good" when Days 1-5 were only "Good"? (Because 2:1 says Creation was completed)
- What does it mean that creation is "good" or "very good"? (It was created by God and everything had purpose)
- Does that mean there were no stickers, mosquitoes, or snakes? (No, stickers, mosquitos, and snakes still have a purpose in creation. Snakes eat mice and help control the population. Just because creation is "good" this does not mean creation cannot hurt us. We must still respect creation because it is "good" and "very good.")
- If we are created as a part of creation, does that mean we are part of the "very good" God is talking about? (Yes)
- Are we good because we never do anything bad? (No, we are good because we have a purpose and God created us. For example, the adult purpose here today is to teach God's word. The student's purpose is to learn God's word.)

The Story Retold:

- Explain to the students that they will be making Pigs in a Blanket for a snack this morning.
- Give each child a canned biscuit and a little smokie (or two or three if there are enough)
- Have children make their own Pig in a Blanket by wrapping the little smokie in the biscuit.
- Once all have been created, put them on the pan and cook them in the preheated oven.
- While you are waiting on the snacks to cook, do the activity part of "The Story and Me" below.
- Once the Pigs in a Blanket are ready, let the kids eat a Pig or two and ask them how they taste. You could even have ketchup or mustard for them to dip them in.
- Remind the kids that just like the pigs in a blanket that they created were good and served a purpose, God's creation all around us is good and serves a purpose.
- Because God's world is good, we need to take care of it and treat it with respect.

The Story and Me:

- Have students look up Genesis 2:15 and write it on a note card.

- Tell students this is the Theme Verse for this series on Creation. We will be looking at the details of Creation each week.
- Say the verse together and begin to memorize the verse by saying it in groups (2nd/3rd, girls/boys, etc.) in a competition form seeing which group can memorize the verse quickest.
- Have students take their card home and put by their bed.
- Ask them to read the card every morning and every evening and remember that they are a part of God's Very Good Creation and are to treat creation with respect and care.