



At-A-Glance: Ages 10-12
God of Wonders Part 2: Genesis - Joshua
Unit 5, Lesson 23

Creating the World: Days 3 & 4

Lesson Aim: To discover ways the third and fourth days of creation reveal God's qualities.

THE WELCOME

MEET & GREET: What is your favorite planet?

GAME: Star Design

THE WORSHIP THE GOD WHO CREATES

Read Worship Scripture: Psalm 90:1-2.

Sing songs and worship God.

Bless and collect the offering.

Perform Bible Barn script or read storybook.

THE WORD GOD FILLED THE HEAVENS AND THE EARTH

Children sign note cards; place in Golden Bowl. Classroom Covenant.

Review: God created light, day and night, the sky, and the air.

Today, we will discover how God began filling the heavens and the earth with many good things. Reveal Bible Story Scripture Reference: Genesis 1:9-19. Find It First. Highlight Key Verse: Genesis 1:10. Pray. Read.

THE WAY SEEING GOD'S QUALITIES

When we study the creation of the world, we can see God's power, creativity, attention to detail, thoughtful planning, goodness, and care for all living things. Review Genesis 1:9-19 and look for examples of each of these qualities of God. Children find examples of God's choices on the third and fourth days that reveal each quality.

Why do you think God's plan on the third day called for seed-bearing plants and fruit trees? (So new plants and trees would grow from the seeds.) **Let's take the next 60 seconds to see how many ways trees and plants are used in today's world.** (Examples: medicine, tools, buildings, furniture, firewood, paper, beauty, carvings, boats, doors, etc.) **How does God's creation of the land, seas, plants, and trees show you His creativity, thoughtful planning, and goodness to us?**

On the fourth day, what did God say was His purpose for creating the sun, moon, and stars? (To separate day from night, to help us tell the time of day, the seasons, and the years.) **How many stars do you think God placed in the sky? Scientists estimate there are approximately 200 billion stars in our Milky Way galaxy and 125 billion galaxies in our universe. How does God's creation and placement of billions of stars show you God's power, creativity, and thoughtful planning?**

Read Isaiah 45:11-12. **Compare your physical size, age, and power to the size, age, and power of the sun, moon, and stars. Even though we are small in comparison, God sent His only Son to save us. What does this show you about God's goodness and love? How might it help you trust God with your worries and hopes for the future?**

Think about how God saw His creation. The word "good" used in these verses could be translated from Hebrew as "perfect" or "just as I imagined it." How might this inspire you and others to take better care of His land, seas, plants, and trees?

CHRIST CONNECTION:

Just as plants need sunlight to grow, our hearts need the light of Jesus to grow close to God and each other. And, just as a plant with light bears fruit, a heart with His light bears the fruit of the Holy Spirit. Reveal Galatians 5:22-23. Find It First. Highlight. Read.

The nine fruit of the Spirit point others to Jesus and help us care for the people He has created. We can show kindness by getting food and supplies from creation to those in need. We can plant new trees to replace those we use, and we can keep the land and seas clean. If time allows, see CREATION CARE in the GOT TIME? segment of this lesson.

THE GOLDEN BOWL: Pray for individuals. Pray the Lord's Prayer.

FINAL FIVE MINUTES:

- TREASURE TREAT: Seed, glow-in-the-dark bouncing ball
- W³ BETWEEN THE LINES Journal Entry #23
- OFFERING OF ART: Favorite things God created on days 3 & 4
- PRAYER REQUESTS
- BIBLE MEMORY VERSE SONG

GOT TIME?

SNACK: Name That Nut

GAMES: Water Wonders Relay, Pin the Fruit on the Tree

CRAFT: Planting Seeds, Creation Mural

DISCUSSIONS: Creation Care, Tree Search

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES: Bible Memory Verse Bop, Bible Memory Verse Wave

BIBLE TIMELINE REVIEW