



At-A-Glance: Ages 8-9
God of Wonders Part 2: Genesis - Joshua
Unit 5, Lesson 23

Creating the World: Days 3 & 4

Lesson Aim: To see God's purposefulness in the way He filled the heavens and the earth, and to explore our response to His creation.

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 OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S CREATION PLAN

God's creation plan had a purpose for every created thing.

Everything God created has been working together for thousands of years to make the world a wonderful place to live.

On the third day, how did God create the dry land and the seas? (He gathered the waters to one place and let the dry ground appear.) **Why do you think God's plan called for seed-bearing plants and fruit trees?** (So new plants and trees would grow from the seeds.) **Not only do trees and plants provide clean air, food, shade, beauty, and nests for living creatures, but they are also used to make important items. Let's take the next 60 seconds to see how many different uses we can think of for trees and plants.** (Examples: medicine, tools, buildings, furniture, firewood, paper, beauty, carvings, boats, doors, etc.)

On the fourth day, what did God create to fill the sky? (Sun, moon, and stars.) **Why does God say He created them?** (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?** (Children respond.) **Scientists estimate there to be approximately 200 billion stars in our Milky Way galaxy and 125 billion galaxies in our universe. As technology and exploration expands, that number may increase.**

What does the creation of earth and space show you about God? (Children respond.) **What is your favorite thing God created on the third and fourth days?**

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. The fruit of the Spirit are heart choices that prove the Holy Spirit is working in us and through us. Let's check out the different fruit of the Spirit. Reveal Galatians 5:22-23. Find It First. Highlight. Read.

What type of fruit does God give our hearts? (The fruit of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, gentleness, faithfulness, self-control.) **God helps us want to do all of these good things.**

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
- DAILY WAY CHALLENGE
- 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

CRAFTS: Planting Seeds, Creation Mural

DISCUSSIONS: Creation Care, Tree Search

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

BIBLE TIMELINE REVIEW