

Our Father who lives in Heaven.

Theme: God is our Father

Prayer: Gather the children together and welcome new ones, go through the Kingsquad rules and explain that this term we will be thinking about prayer. It would be good to read out the Lord's Prayer and pray with the children before you start the programme.

Games:

Ice Creams and volcanoes: This involves 30 plastic marker cones; they are placed on the floor either the right way up or the wrong way up (looking like an ice cream cone). The children are split into two different teams and one team is named as ice creams and one as volcanoes. Each player in turn is given 30 seconds time to flip all the cones to the shape of a volcano or ice cream depending on which team he/she is in. The team which has most of the cones their way up are the winners. You could use paper or plastic cups instead of the cones if you don't have any at hand.



Volcano

Ice cream.



Snakes in the grass! In an area, two children begin by being "snakes" by lying on their stomachs. The other children start with their hands touching the "snakes." On the command "snake in the grass" the children try to stay away from the snake while the snake slithers around trying to catch a child. When any child is caught he/she becomes an additional snake. The activity continues until every one is a snake.

Memory Verse: *"Our Father in heaven: may your holy name be honoured". Matthew 6 v 9* (see ideas)

Introduction: Get the children into small groups. Give each team a role of tape and a couple of newspapers and tell them they have to create a shelter that will fit them all in.

Story: *Genesis chapter 1-3. The creation.* Tell it in your own words if you can or if you have any visual aids to tell the story then please do use them.

Application: The reason why the Bible refers to God as the Father is because God is the person who created everything we see. The Bible tells us that God looks after all creation like a father looks after his children. He created us and loves us and wants us to love Him. Jesus tells us we can call God "ABBA" which means "DADDY"! He wants the best for us.

Prayer: *"Father God we thank you for a new school year. Thank you for your amazing love. Thank you for this Kingsquad club. Help us to learn more about you each week." Amen.*

Resources: There is a funsheet for the children and a story.

Song: *"God is our Father" or "Father God you love me" (Powerhouse CD) or "Father God I wonder"*

Creation story

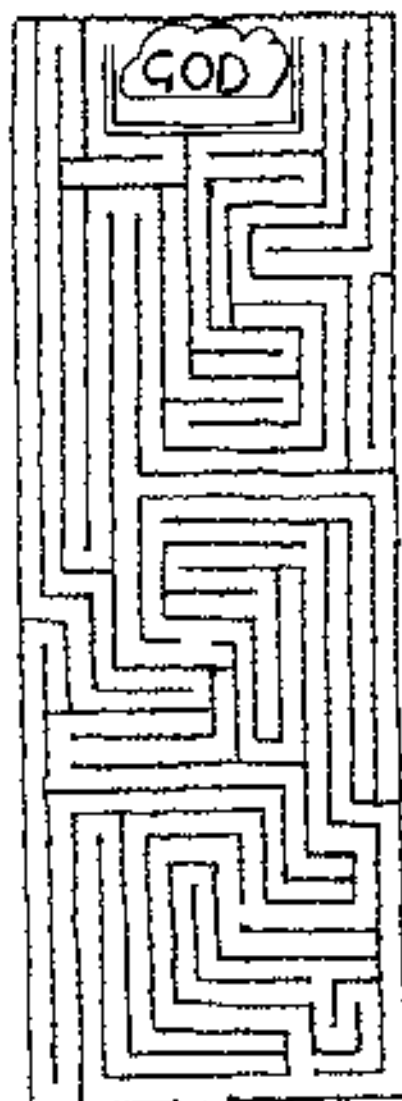
Long ago, before the world began, everything was dark, everything was quiet. No people. No birds. No animals. Then God spoke, “Let there be light! Let there be day. Let there be a sun to shine.” And light came. How good the light was. God kept the dark for night-time; he made the moon and the stars to shine in the dark. That was good too.

God said: “Let there be sky and land and sea.” And so it was. But the world was still empty and quiet. God said, “Now we must have plants.” And the first green things began to grow. Soon there were flowers and trees and good things to eat. But there were no creatures to enjoy them. So God spoke again. And at God’s word, the sea was alive with fish and swimming things. The sky was bright with the flash of wings. And from the earth came every animal. Now it wasn’t quiet any more! The birds sang for joy. The animals tried out their voices. Every one was different. But still God had not finished making things.

God’s beautiful new world needed people: people to look after it, people to enjoy it. People who could think and feel like God, and make things too. So God made the first man and the first woman, to look after the world and one another, and to love God. The man was called Adam and the woman was called Eve.

In the beginning, when the world was new, everything was good and God was very pleased. After all that work, God took a rest, to enjoy what he had made.

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Can you find God
our Father?



'Our Father, may your holy name be honoured'

Matthew 6 v 9