

God's World

Theme: God created the world, we are all stewards of it.

Prayer: Take in a globe and get everyone to name one country. Thank God for giving us such a beautiful place to live and ask God to bless the world and everything in it.

Games:

Animals:

In this game the more people the better. First you need to have an even number of people. Then you write down the name of animals on pieces of paper (Dog, duck, cow, camel). Write each animal twice on two separate slips of paper. Then hand out to each person a piece of paper with the name of an animal on it. They then have to find the other person in the group who has the same animal as theirs. Here's the catch; it must be done in *utter silence*. A lot harder than it sounds, (try acting like a pig in complete silence!) It's hilarious to watch and so much fun to participate in.

Balloon drop: Sit the children in a circle and have one child in the middle standing holding a balloon above their head. Give each child a number including the child in the middle and the idea is that the child in the middle calls out a number then lets go of the balloon and the person whose number has been called has to grab the balloon before it touches the ground. If they don't manage it then the same person continues in the middle.

Memory verse: *"The Lord put the man in the garden of Eden to care for it and work it"*
Genesis 2 verse 15 (Int Children's Bible)

Introduction: Give out a small piece of playdough or plasticine to every child. See if they can create something in a given time, say 3 minutes. Explain that today we will be thinking about how God created the world.

Story: Genesis chapter 2 v 1-20. There is a quiz on the creation in the resources section.

Application: Think back to how perfect the earth was when God had just made it! God told Adam to look after the garden to care for it and work it. On the earth there is enough food, clean air and space for all the people. That's how God planned it. However, we as the human race have spoiled the perfect creation and now have to try and make things right. Give out the models that the children have made and mess them all up as the children watch! Ask them how they feel.

Say that this is how God must feel when he sees the mess we have made of his creation! Get ideas of how we can make a difference. i.e. recycling, buying fair-trade goods, going to charity shops, picking up litter etc.....

Prayer: Give out the playdough again and let the children re-create a person. This symbolises themselves and then pray that we all try and take care of the world from this day onwards.

Resources: Creation Quiz, Funsheet

Song: "Have we made our God too small" (King of Heaven, Doug Horley)

Extra Game: Ground Balloon. In small groups, stand in circles. Throw a balloon into the air and keep it from touching the floor but without using their hands.

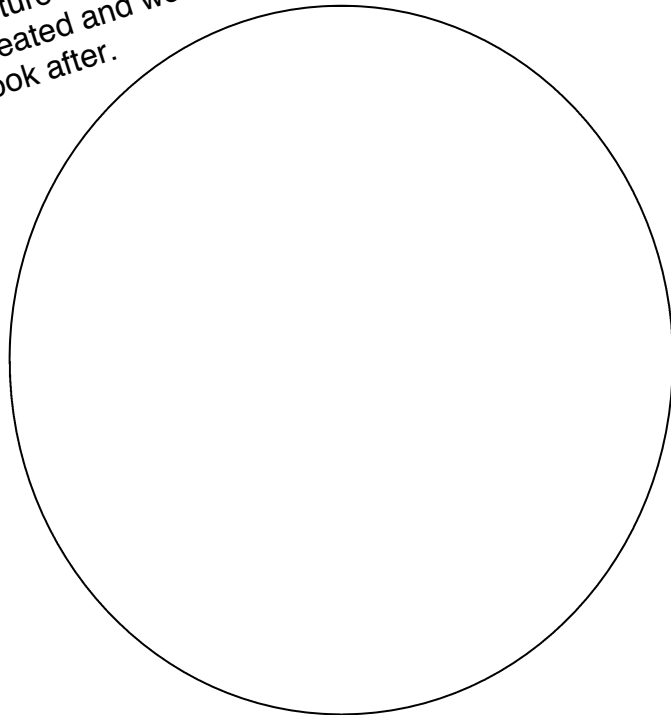
Creation Quiz

Week 9

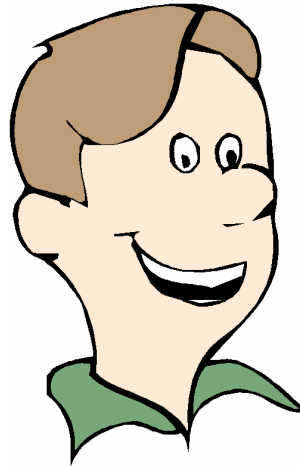
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| 1) Which Bible book is the creation story in? | Genesis |
| 2) How many days did God take to make the world? | 6 |
| 3) What was the last thing that God created? | Man |
| 4) What was the name of the garden that Adam lived in? | Eden |
| 5) What was the name of the first woman? | Eve |
| 6) What did God do on the 7 th day? | Rested |
| 7) In the bible it says, "Let us make humans in our image"
Who is "us"? | God/Jesus/Holy
Spirit |
| 8) Who came and tempted Eve? | Snake/Devil |
| 9) What do we call all the bad stuff that people do? | Sin |
| 10) What happened to Adam and Eve after they disobeyed
God? | Had to leave the
Garden of Eden |

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stewards of it.

Fill the circle below with
pictures of the things God
created and we need to
look after.



How can you help look
after the world around
you?



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- 2.-----
- 2.-----
- 4.-----

"The Lord put the man in the garden of Eden to care
for it and work it" Genesis 2 verse 15

