Creation: And It Was Very Good

Theme
The Creation

Object Globe Beach Ball

Scripture
Genesis 1

Children's Sermon: Creation: And It Was Very Good (Genesis 1) It's interesting to look at a globe of the earth. Can you find where we live on the globe? (Pass the beach ball to a child.)

The earth keeps on spinning around and around as it has ever since it was created. The very first words in the Bible tell us that "In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth." Then the Bible goes on to tell about God's creation. (Instruct kids to pass the globe beach ball to others.)

The first thing God created was light. The Bible tells us that God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. And God said... (Have all kids say, "It was good." Instruct kids to pass the globe beach ball to others.)

Then God said, "There needs to be a space to separate the waters of the heavens from the waters on the earth." So God made a space to separate the earth from the heavens. He called it "sky." And God said... (Have all kids say, "It was good." Instruct kids to pass the globe beach ball to others.)

Next, God brought all the waters of the earth together to make the oceans and the seas and to create dry land between them. Then He covered the dry land with flowers, trees, and grass. And God said... (Have all kids say, "It was good." Instruct kids to pass the globe beach ball to others.)

God paused, looked at the beautiful trees and flowers and said... (Have all kids say, "It was good.") Then He continued His creation. (Instruct kids to pass the globe beach ball to others.)

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He created the sun, moon, and stars. They were beautiful! God looked at them, and again He said... (Have all kids say, "It was good." Instruct kids to pass the globe beach ball to others.)

Then God created the birds and fish. He blessed them and told them to multiply so that the sea would be filled with fish of all shapes and sizes and the air would be filled with beautiful birds. God looked at them, smiled, and said..." (Have all kids say, "It was good." Instruct kids to pass the globe beach ball to others.)

Finally, God made the animals. Tall, skinny giraffes and furry little squirrels. He made cuddly little kittens and big, ferocious lions -- animals of every kind. Then God made man and woman. The Bible says He made people to be like Him and He put them in charge of all that He had created -- the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, and every living creature. And God said... (Have all kids say, "It was good." Instruct kids to pass the globe beach ball to others.)

When God had finished, He looked at all that He had created and He said, "That is VERY GOOD!" (Have all kids say, "It was very good." Instruct the kids to pass the beach ball back to you.)

God we thank you that you alone are Creator. You are powerful and so creative. Thank you for making us in your image and making all things very good.

Creation: And It Was Very Good Group Activities

Sermon Title: "And It Was Very Good"
Scripture Reading: Genesis 1

CREATION WALK

Give each child a small notebook (from a \$\$ store, or if needed, MAKE a little construction paper notebook) to take on a Creation WALK outside if weather permits. Children will enjoy being little "creation news people" and will also remember their Creation story and information today, as well. (If it's a rainy day, children can still each go to an available window in their classroom or church area, and make the drawings. Make sure that children have time to pass their Creation notebooks around to each other to enjoy someone else's Creation walk.

EGG SHELL CREATION:

Before class, dye dried-egg shells with various dyes and have available in containers (by color) for classtime. Encourage children to draw the land and water, etc from their creation story and glue some crushed egg shells on the drawing. This could also be done with confetti in colors of blue, green, brown, yellow, etc.

"Psalms 8:6-8" FRAMED:

Teacher can have these verses typed out and cutout for children to tape their own Bible verses to a colorful piece of paper and then add a "frame" around the verses, by either little strips of another color of paper around the edges, or drawing a frame-look border or a glitter border, etc. (Other ideas for a frame would be craft sticks, spaghetti noodles, colored cereal, etc).

"CREATION AND ME" ART:

Have children sketch a very LARGE picture of themselves on a piece of construction paper. (Let children add yarn for hair, mini pieces of cloth for clothes and other colored pieces of construction paper, if desired, to make the picture more ALIVE). Then have children add stickers or small pictures of creation all around their ME picture.

CREATION COLLAGE:

Let children glue pictures of creation from magazines onto a piece of poster board (if children will take home). Although, this could be a class project to display on the wall and then an entire poster board could be filled with creation pictures and let children work together on that. To make this project quicker, the teacher can have pictures of animals, land, sun, moon, stars, water, etc, cut out ahead of time and placed on the classroom table for children to choose from.

CREATION BANNER:

Roll out a large roll of paper on the classroom table. When teacher says, "GO"! then children will quickly draw as many creation ideas as they can think of in the time allotted for the fun! Children will ENJOY seeing their Creation "creation" when the time is up! For added fun, each child could add a bigyellow SUN when the timed creation is over, and draw their own name inside the sun's. This could be displayed in the classroom or somewhere in the church to HONOR the GOD of CREATION!

CREATION MOBILE:

Let children draw and decorate parts of the Creation story and hang the little "reminders" from a decorated hanger. Each child could also draw a white fluffy cloud (with a little bit of a cotton ball separated and glued to the edges), with words from our story. Ex: CREATION BY GOD, OUR CREATOR, Psalms 8:6-8, Genesis 1:1 etc. (Each child could make a mobile or work together to hang this Creation Mobile in the classroom as a reminder of today's lesson.)

Song: "All Things Bright and Beautiful" by Cecil F. Alexander

Words and music (pdf)

MP3 piano accompaniment - Right click and save to your computer. (Two measures introduction and sing twice.)

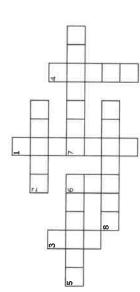
Song: "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

Words and music (pdf)

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Grossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 2. Creatures with feathers and wings, usually able to fly
- Living things that have a stem, leaves, roots, and sometimes flowers
- 7. Living things that can move and
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CREATED	BIRDS	ANIMALS	EAR
HEAVENS	PLANTS	MAN	SEA



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Children's Worship Bulletin

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Genesis 1

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Creation: In the Beginning (Genesis 1)

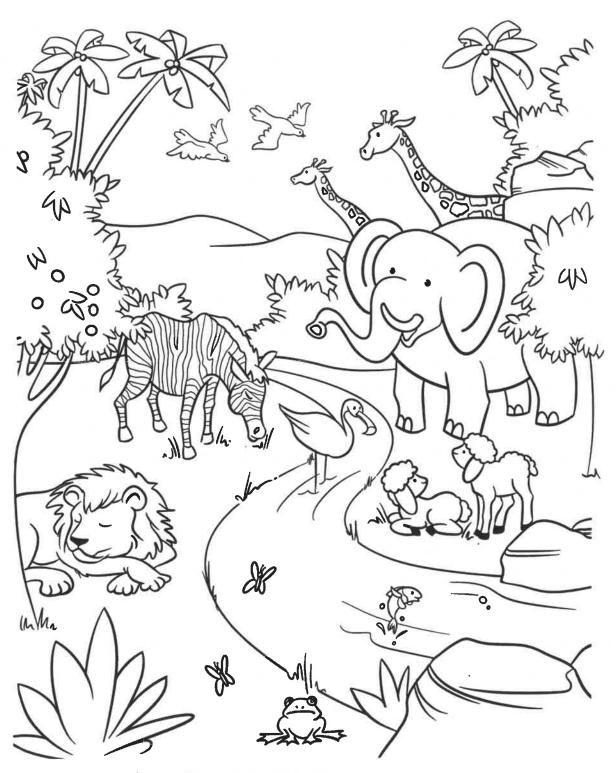
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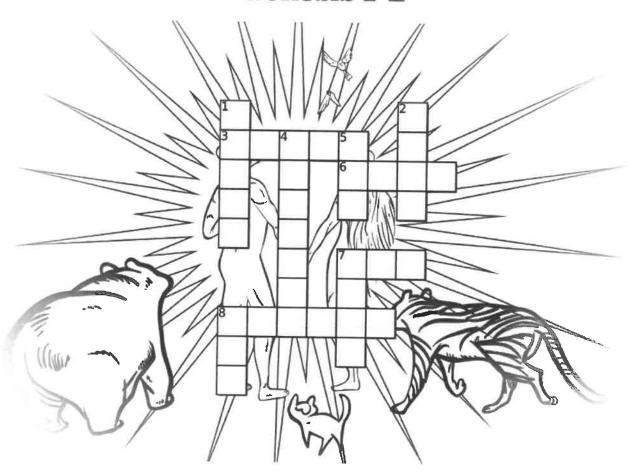
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Christ gave me the work of preaching the Good News.

THE CREATION

Genesis 1-2



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- 7. Adam's wife's name was ____.
- 8. On the seventh day God _____

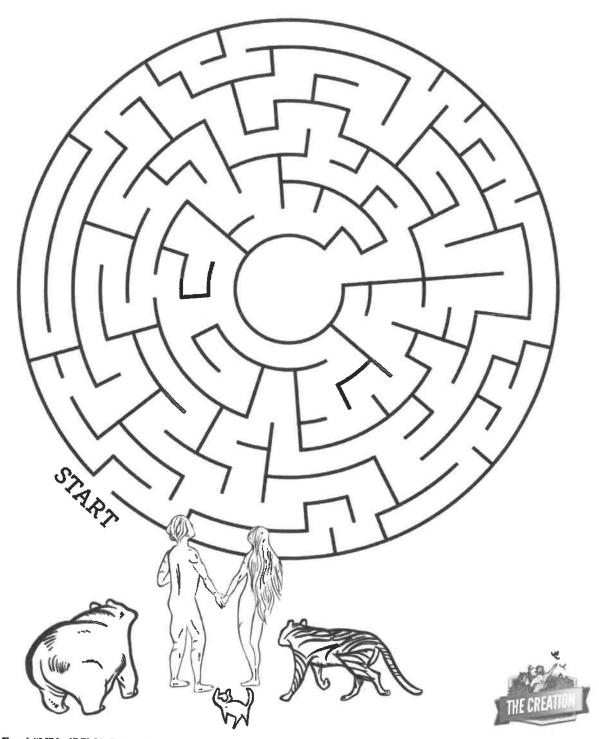
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- 1. On the _____ day God declared his creation to be good.
- 2. God made the first man out of _____.
- 4. God made ____ of every kind.
- 5. Adam and Eve only had to follow one rule: not to ____ from the tree.
- 7. The Garden was called ____
- 8. God took a ___ out of Adam to make a woman.



THE CREATION

Guide Adam, Eve, and the animals through the forest.



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Trinity Sunday

But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. John 16:13 (NIV)



The puzzle is based on John 16:12-15

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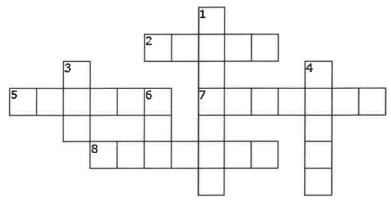
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HEAVENS	PLANTS	MAN	SEA

The Great Commission

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ACROSS

- Giving instructions to a group of students
- 3. The opposite of stop
- 6. The planet on which we live
- 7. The place where God lives
- 8. Followers of Jesus

DOWN

- 2. Groups of people living in a certain area; countries
- 4. To follow the commands, rules, or guidance
- 5. The Son of God

EARTH	TEACHING	GO	HEAVEN
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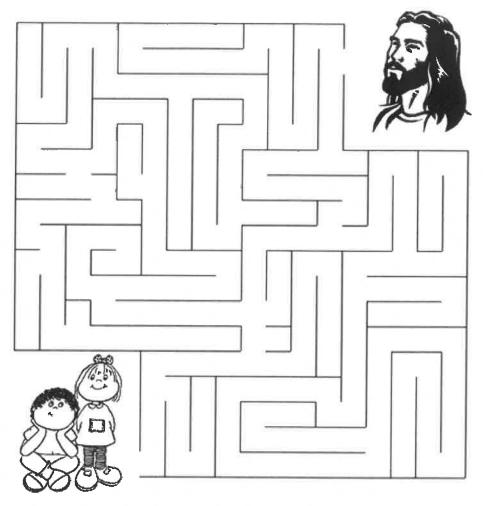


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I can help my friends find the way to Jesus!

"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Matthew 28:18-20 (NIV)

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TREES	DARKNESS	BIRDS	FEMALE	GOD
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Based on Matthew 28:16-20



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