

Preschool Spring

Lesson 6: God is Great!

Objectives: Students will...

- 1) Remember that God made the world and everything in it
- 2) Do activities that remind them that God is great because He provides us with all good things.
- 3) Remember that God is great because He blesses us with what we need.

Accommodations: How will I accommodate individual needs of students?

- See Lesson 1 for a complete list of ideas

Supplies: Check with coordinator to ensure supplies are ready.

All sheets and templates will be on the CD or in the Binder.

Teacher Materials (provided in classroom)

- Pens/Pencils
- Bible (please bring your own)
- Crayons/Pencil Crayons
- Attendance Sheet
- Stickers – enough for each child to have one every lesson for 13 lessons
- Glue sticks and/or Tape
- Scissors– to share
- God is Great Crown Page – one per child
- Stickers, foam pieces, scrap paper, string, ribbon or jewels to decorate crown
- God is Great He Made Our World Color and Activity Page – one per child

Optional Activities

- Visual Aids of Creation – story books, pictures, small animals, etc.
- Creation Fans Template – one set per child and teacher cut out before class
- Popsicle or Craft Sticks – 5 per child taped to each fan – done before class
- Tape to share
- Soft Ball for class to share
- Snack – Fruit or Vegetable Pieces – enough for each child to have some
- Napkins
- Cups with water or milk
- Puppet to tell students the real events from the Bible

Lesson:

1) Introduction to lesson:

As students enter, welcome them and help find a chair to sit at. Thank them for coming. Take attendance (using attendance chart supplied). Let each child put a sticker beside their name for this week. If a new student comes, write their name and have them put a sticker on for this week also. Have them all sit around the table.

Share with students, **“This month we will see that God is great and gives us many things. Let’s sing a song about what God has made for us.**

God Made Me

– Sung to Farmer in the Dell Tune

God made the sun, (Raise arms in circle overhead.)

God made the tree, (Spread arms out to indicate branches.)

God made you, (Point to another person.)

And God made me! (Point to self.)

God made plants. (Pretend to be a plant growing tall.)

God made trees. (Pretend to pick a fruit from a tree and eat it.)

God made you, and God made me. (Point to others and then yourself.)

What are some things God has made for us? Can you name some things? Let students name things: sun, moon, pets, mommies, dads, families.

We are going to study today that God is great because He created everything good in the world!

Today we will review Creation and see that God blesses us with good food to eat, water, homes, and clothes all thanks to the good things God created for us when He created the world.

2) God is Great – He Made the World

10 minutes

*Optional: If you have a puppet you can use the puppet to tell the event in the Bible. And if available use a story book of Creation to show pictures while you read from the Bible.

*Optional: Before class cut out Creation Fan Templates – one set per child and tape craft sticks to the back of each one. Hand out during the telling of Creation (See below)

Read **Genesis 1** – Below is a truncated version – some verses are removed to make the story shorter so little ones can stay focused. As well there will be instructions as to when to hand out each fan to the children if doing optional activity above.

Say to the students: **I am going to read the story of Creation in the Bible. We all need to sit quietly and listen because as I read I am going to hand out things and ask you to do things but only if you are paying attention and sitting quietly. Ok? Good!**

Genesis 1

The Beginning

1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. 2 Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. (Ask students to close their eyes and pretend it is totally dark, then ask them to open their eyes as you continue to read.)

3 And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. 4 God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness. 5 God called the light “day,” and the darkness he called “night.” And there was evening, and there was morning—the first day.

(Hand out sky/water/land fans)

6 And God said, “Let there be a vault between the waters to separate water from water.” 7 So God made the vault and separated the water under the vault from the

water above it. And it was so. ⁸ God called the vault “sky.” And there was evening, and there was morning—the second day.

⁹ And God said, “Let the water under the sky be gathered to one place, and let dry ground appear.” And it was so. ¹⁰ God called the dry ground “land,” and the gathered waters he called “seas.” And God saw that it was good.

(Hand out tree/flower fans)

¹¹ Then God said, “Let the land produce vegetation: seed-bearing plants and trees on the land that bear fruit with seed in it, according to their various kinds.” And it was so. ¹³ And there was evening, and there was morning—the third day.

(Hand out sun/moon/stars fans)

¹⁶ God made two great lights—the greater light to govern the day and the lesser light to govern the night. He also made the stars. ¹⁹ And there was evening, and there was morning—the fourth day.

(Hand out fish/bird/animal fans)

²⁰ And God said, “Let the water teem with living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the vault of the sky.” ²³ And there was evening, and there was morning—the fifth day. ²⁵ God made the wild animals according to their kinds, the livestock according to their kinds, and all the creatures that move along the ground according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good.

(Hand out people fans)

²⁶ Then God said, “Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground.”

**²⁷ So God created mankind in his own image,
in the image of God he created them;
male and female he created them.**

³¹ God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the sixth day.

Say to the students:

God is great because He made such a beautiful world. What did God say about the world He made? It was good!

God made a good world. God is great.

Can you show me the sky, land and water? God is great because He made the sky, land and water....

Show me the sun, moon, and stars. God is great because He made the sun, moon and stars.

Show me the flowers and trees. God is great because He made the flowers and trees.

Show me the fish, birds, and animals. God is great because He made the fish, birds and animals.

Show me the people. God is great because He made, you, me and all the people of the world.

Let's sing a song about God and why He is great.

Here's Why God is Great

God is great. He made the sun.

(Show the sun fan.)

God is great. He made the sea.

(Show the sea fan.)

God is great. He made the stars.

(Show the stars fan.)

God is great. He made each tree.

(Show the trees fan.)

God is great. He made you and me.

(Show the people fan.)

3) God is Great Action Game

5 minutes

Line the students up in a row so that they can all see you and have enough space to move their hands and feet without hitting anyone beside them.

Say to the students: We are going to play a game about things that God made. Today we are going to pretend to look and touch all the things that God created when He made the world. I want you to follow and do what I say. If I say to do something, I want you to pretend to do that action. Ready? Everyone quiet and listen.....good job...

Everyone – look at the sun (pretend to cover your head with your hand as you look up to the sky)

Everyone – go for a swim. (pretend to swim)

Everyone – say “Thank You God for the World.”

Everyone – walk in the garden (pretend to walk and look at pretty flowers and trees)

Everyone – say “God is great”

Everyone – pick an apple from the tree (pretend to pick apple)

Everyone – take a bite of the apple God made (pretend to eat)

Everyone – pour some juice into the glass (pretend to pour juice into the cup)

Everyone – drink your juice (pretend to drink juice)

Everyone – pet the animals (pretend to pet animals)

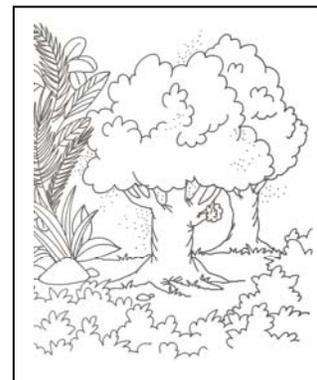
Everyone – sit down!

Thank class for playing and then have them sit at the table for the next activity.

4) God is Great He Made Our World Color and Activity Page

10-15 minutes

Hand out one sheet to each child along with crayons. Have students color the picture and then ask them what fruit is going to grow on their tree. Have them take a crayon and draw that fruit on the tree to show that God is great for making food that grows on trees for us to eat! Go through different fruits that grow on trees that God gave us and have the children name all the foods. (Apples, pears, mangoes, plums, bananas, figs, etc.)



Help students and have them write their name on the page, before moving on. Say **God is great for creating our world and the trees and plants in it that we get to eat for food!**

5) God is Great Crown Craft

10-15 minutes

Hand out one sheet with crayons to each child and allow them to color the page. Hand out glue and scissors – have the students or yourself cut out and glue shapes of things that will go in a crown: jewels, ribbons, stickers, etc.



What is this a picture of? A crown.

Who wears a crown? Let students answer. (A king)

God blesses us and gives us good food to eat like meat, lettuce, and tomatoes. He gives us families, water, clothes and a home to live in. He created the whole world and all the good things in it. God is great – He is the King of the World. As we decorate our crowns for God let us remember that HE is great for giving us all the good things we enjoy.

We need to remember to thank God for the wonderful gifts He gives us every day.

Help students to write their name on their page and help tidy up before moving on to the next activity.

6) Optional: God is Great Roll the Ball Game

5 minutes

Tell the kids, **“Let’s all sit on the floor in a circle. While we are in the circle we are going to pass the ball to one another, as you pass the ball gently to a person, I will say something that God made (example apples, sun, potatoes, trees, cows, grapes, people etc.) and the person who gets the ball will say, “God is Great!”**

You can only pass the ball to someone who hasn’t had a turn yet, if someone catches the ball that already had a turn, you must give it to someone who hasn’t so we call get a chance to play, ok?”

Remember, the person who gets the ball, must say “God is great”.

Make sure each child gets a turn before doing another round or moving on to another activity.

7) Optional: God and Creation Books

5-10 minutes

Pass around creation fans, and or books about Creation. Let children go through the fans and books.

Say, **“The Bible tells us that God made the world. Look at these books about God’s world. What do these pictures show us that God made?** Have students answer.

We need to remember to thank God for all the good things He has made for us, because God is great!

8) Sing

Choose songs from the Songs section of the binder

9) Optional – Fruit and Vegetable Pieces**5 minutes**

“You’ve all done a great job this morning learning that God is great and learning that God helps us have good food to eat. He made everything good in the world and wants us to be healthy and happy in the food we chose to eat. To help us remember, we are going to have a snack of something that God made just for us – fruits and vegetables.” Hand out pieces to each child with a glass of water or milk. Remind them that **these snacks are part of God’s wonderful creation for us to enjoy and they are good, because God is great! God is great for giving us snacks and giving us good food to eat!** After snack have kids clean up. Then move on to the remaining activities.

10) Close in prayer

Thank God that He created the world and that as we learned today, God is great because He made the world for us to live in. Thank you God for our food, our homes, our clothes, our water and our families too. Thank You God as well that we can know that we are safe and in good hands because God the Creator is in control and He knows what is best for us today. Thank you God for your Son Jesus who loves us too and thank you God for everyone here today and those who could not be here because they were sick or away. We pray you will bring us all back to Sunday school next week safely. We pray that we will remember to always thank You God, for all You created! In Jesus name, Amen.

11) Greet Parents at door

Ensure all students go to parents or if some students remain kindly ask them to go to their parents if old enough.

Thank you for serving Christ in this way!