

Preschool Winter
Lesson 2:
God and His Creation Are Good Continued

Objectives: Students will...

- 1) Understand that everything God created is good.
- 2) Understand that God can say what He created is good because God is good.

Accommodations: How will I accommodate individual needs of students?

- Use lots of visuals and actions to keep children's attention.
- Allow them to color a page while you read the story if they are unable to stay focused for very long
- Break up the lesson if needed by singing songs or doing an "active" game in a different order if they need to get up and move around
- Help students stay focused by going through sheets in order and helping them follow by pointing to your page where they should be focused.
- Sit beside children who are fidgety to help them stay focused.
- Learn their names – the best way to get someone back on track is to call them by name
- Remember to say "Please" and "Thank you" this is important for them to learn and see displayed in your actions as well.

Supplies:

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
- Scissors (1 for each child)
- Everything God Made is Good Color Activity Sheet – one per child
- Stickers for Color Sheet – 12 stickers per page – one sticker per child

Optional Activities

- Visual Aids of Creation – story books, pictures, small animals, etc.
- 1 balloon for every 2 students - inflated before class and tied with a knot. Draw a bird face on each one – see below for directions.
- Sharpie or permanent marker to draw on balloons
- Soft Ball – if playing Hot Potato Game
- Snack – fruit and vegetable pieces
- Napkins
- Cups with water or milk
- God is Good lyrics
- God's Good Creation Color Page or Visual Aid – one page per child if doing color page or one page to show class if using as a visual

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 child arrives put their name on the chart for them. Have them sit around the table.

Review with kids that, “last week we learned that everything God created during creation was good. Today we will also see that God is Himself good and we will look at verses in the New Testament to remind us that God and His Creation are good!

Let’s sing some songs 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.

Who Did Make the Fishies Swim?

Who did make the fishies swim, fishies swim, fishies swim?

Who did make the fishies swim, God in heaven above!

(Actions put hands together and wiggle hands for fish, and then point to heaven)

Who did make the birdies fly, birdies fly, birdies fly?

Who did make the birdies fly, God in heaven above!

(Actions put thumbs together and wiggle fingers out like wings, then point up)

Who did make the flowers grow, flowers grow, flowers grow?

Who did make the flowers grow, God in heaven above!

(Actions put fist through other hand and when push up and out, open fingers like a flower and then point up)

Who did make both you and I, you and I, you and I?

Who did make both you and I, God in heaven above!

(Actions point to the students and then to self and then point up)

2) Coloring and learning that God is good too!

15 minutes

Now we are going to do an activity. We are going to look at God and read some verses while you color. And, we will see just like His creation, God is good too! (Hand out one Everything God Made is Good Color sheet to each child. Hand out crayons as well, and ask the children to put their names somewhere on the page. Then as they color explain:

What do we see in the picture? We see kids playing and having fun, what else do we see? Let the children say all the things they see.

Say: **Everything God made is good now let’s look at some verses while you color about the fact that God is good too! It is important to know that God is good. He wants the best for us and because He is good and the Creator, He knows what the best things for us are!**

I am going to read from the Bible (turn to the verse below and read it out loud).

1 Timothy 4:4 For everything God created is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving,

Philippians 2:13 for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose.

3 John 1:11

Dear friend, do not imitate what is evil but what is good. Anyone who does what is good is from God. Anyone who does what is evil has not seen God.

Questions: According to these passages answer the following:

1. **What is everything that God created?** Good!
2. **How are we to receive the good things God has given us?** With Thanksgiving – we should be thankful for all God gives us, everyday!
3. **Whose purpose is good?** God's
4. **Who is from God?** Those who do good
5. **What is God?** Good – because he does not do evil, only good!

While all the students are still coloring ask the following questions and get someone to either raise their hand or just say the answers. Afterwards, have the children clean up and put their crayons away.

1. **God says He and His Creation are good. If the Creation is good – how should we treat it?**
Very well
2. **How should we feel about it?** That everything God made on the earth is very special
3. **What are some things you see on the page that God created?** Have them list things again.
4. **Do you think those are good things too?** Yes

After reading the Scriptures from the Bible we can see that God is good too!

Hand out one sticker (the Sun) to each child and help them glue their sun on the spot marked "x" on the page, then clean up and move onto the next activity.

3) Sing God is so Good

5 minutes

"Let's sing a song that we might all know, it is a song that says that God is good!" (If you want you can print the song from the CD, so the kids can follow along with the words.)

God Is So Good

**God is so good,
God is so good,
God is so good,
He's so good to me.**

**He died for me,
He died for me,
He died for me,
He's so good to me.**

**He answers prayer,
He answers prayer,
He answers prayer,
He's so good to me.**

**He's coming soon,
He's coming soon,
He's coming soon,
He's so good to me.**

4) Optional: Play – Keep the Birds Up Balloon Game

5-10 minutes

Before class inflate and tie one balloon for every two students. Draw two eyes, a triangle beak and a smiley face. On each side draw a wing. You have made birds!

Have the children form two lines facing each other. Give every two students a balloon and have them hit it back and forth. See which team can keep the balloon up the longest. Or you can have the whole

class play at once with everyone trying to keep the balloon up. If you have a large class you can play with more than one balloon at a time depending on how big your class is.

Tell the children, everything God made is good and we are to take care of what God made. Let's help keep the birds in the air while we play this game. Remember to not hit the birds hard, but be gentle and try to keep them in the air so they can fly!

5) Optional: God's Good Creation Color Page 10 minutes

Hand out one sheet to each child and allow them to color the page. Discuss all the things in the picture that God made while they color with crayons. Help them write their name on the page before moving on to the next activity.

6) Optional: God is So Good Hot Potato Memory Phrase Game 5 minutes

Have your children stand in a circle and pass a beanbag, soft ball or small teddy bear while you sing a song – maybe God is So Good is a good song to use ☺ When you stop the song, the child holding the ball or teddy bear must say the phrase we have been learning today – **God is Good!**

Or, you can have them say:

God's Creation is Good! Or,

_____ **is good!** Ask the kids to think of something that God made that is good. Animals, people, trees, sky, etc. are some examples

You can keep playing this way or have the child that said the verse stand in the middle of the circle. Keep playing until most of the children are in the middle of the circle.

You can also play this game at snack time. The child holding the beanbag when the music stops gets to sit down and have a snack. Keep playing until all the children are sitting.

7) God is Good 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 good”

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.

8) Sing

Choose songs from the Songs section of the binder and/or God is So Good see above.

9) Optional - Snack Fruit or vegetable pieces 5 minutes

“You’ve all done a great job this morning learning that God and His Creation are good. To help us remember, we are going to have a snack.” Hand out a couple of fruit and vegetable 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! 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 and his creation is good. Thank 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!

11) Remind students

To take home any sheets or crafts. Thank them for coming and ask them to help clean up before they leave.

12) Greet Parents at door

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

Thank you for serving Christ in this way!