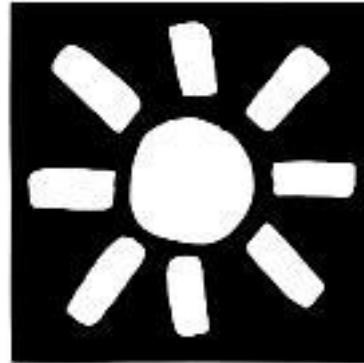


Year 2

God is Creator 5 Weeks



Outcomes

At the completion of this module student will understand that:

- God created the universe in six days
- The world that God made was good and perfect
- After Adam and Eve disobeyed God the world was no longer perfect
- The reason we see animals that kill and plants that are poisonous today is because of people's disobedience to God (sin)
- God created water so that living things can survive
- God is still looking after his creation and provides food, water and shelter for animals and people

Related classroom topics for Science, Social Studies and Health:

Insects and other mini-beasts

Link between "God is Creator" and classroom topics:

God created insects and mini-beasts as part of the ecosystem. We can learn from these small creatures and wonder at their design and complex behaviour.

Values

truth; faith, care for the environment, responsibility

God is Creator

Week 1

God created everything in six days.

Bible references

Genesis 1; Genesis 2:1-4 The six days of creation

Bible Lesson: The Creation

Describe the events in the six-day creation.

List the order of events, days 1 through to 6.

When God finished His creation He said that it was very good.

What did God do on the 7th day?

Discussion

The word 'creation' means something that is made. When we talk about God's creation, we are talking about all that God made.

What (and who) did God create?

Did God create cars, houses and aeroplanes? (Explain that God created the materials from which these things are made. He also created people with intelligent minds, so that they could create things.)

God wants to use the things in His creation for good.

What could you create using materials from God's creation?

God also wants us to care for His creation.

How can we do this?

Activity

- Make a Creation picture. Children can work in groups, with different children contributing different elements of the Creation. This can be an ongoing project throughout the 'Creator' theme.



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Week 2

What happened to God's beautiful?

Bible references

Genesis 2:4-25; Genesis 3 The beginning of sin.

Bible Lesson: A big mistake

Adam and Eve lived in the Garden of Eden. This was part of the beautiful world that God had created at the beginning of the world, around 6000 years ago. Adam and Eve were very happy. God told Adam and Eve that they must obey Him. He told them that they could eat any food from the garden, but they must never eat the fruit from one tree.

There was an angel who was a wicked angel. His name was Satan. When he became wicked, he became like a snake. Satan said to Adam and Eve, "Go on. Eat the fruit. It will not hurt you."

So Eve ate the fruit. She gave some to Adam. At once they knew that they had done something very wrong. God calls doing wrong things 'sin'. Adam and Eve were sad. God said, "Now that you have done wrong, you cannot be in my beautiful garden. You must go from here. You will not be so happy. This is because you did not obey me.

God sent a good angel to the garden. The angel had a sword. No one could go into the garden from now on. This was a very sad day. The world was now a place of sadness and sin. Adam and Eve were not happy. The animals were not happy. Adam and Eve had to work hard to grow food. There was now very hot sun and very cold wind and times of drought and flood. It was not easy any more because the world's weather had changed.

God was very sad because people could no longer be with Him. So straight away God made a plan; He planned that one day He would send His Son Jesus, to die on the cross and to forgive us for our sin. And about 2000 years ago that happened. Now anyone can ask Jesus to forgive them for the wrong things they have done. If we ask Jesus to forgive us for our sin, and if we ask Him to be our friend, then we can be with God, just like Adam and Eve were once, and we will feel happy knowing that God is with us.

Discussion

Because of disobedience, Adam and Eve were no longer friends with God. All their children, all their grandchildren, and everyone else born into the world after that, were unable to be friends with God either. However, many years later God sent Jesus into the world. By becoming a friend of Jesus, people were able to be friends with God once again.

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Week 3

God provides water for his creation

When God created the world, He thought about the things we needed.

Bible references

Genesis 1:9, 10, 20, 21

...Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together in one place, and let dry land appear...and God called the dry land earth, and the gathering together of waters He called seas.

...And God said, let the waters bring forth abundantly the moving creatures that have life...

Philippians 4:19 God shall supply all your needs.

Psalms 104:10-28 God provides for all His creatures.

Discussion

Why did God create water?

Why do we need water?

Why do animals need water?

Make a list of favourite animals that live in, on or around water.

Say that today we are going to think especially about day 2, (sky and water), and day 5, (creation of animals that live in water).

Introduction

Look at pictures of animals. Discuss their need for food and water, and how God provides for them.

Bible Lesson: God provides for us

Read this verse from the Bible:

Philippians 4:19 God shall supply all your needs.

What are some of the needs that people have? What should people do when they are worried about not having what they need?

God provides for all His creatures.

Psalm 104

There is a book in the Bible called Psalms. Psalms are songs written by King David. We don't have the tunes anymore, but we do have the words of the songs. Here is a psalm of praise to God for the way He provides for His creation

Verses 10 – 24

You make springs flow in the valleys, and rivers run between the hills. They provide water for the wild animals; there the wild donkeys quench their thirst. In the trees near by, the birds make their nests and sing. From the sky you send rain on the hills, and the earth is filled with your blessings. You make grass grow for the cattle and plants for us to use, so that we can grow our crops. The cedar trees of Lebanon get plenty of rain - the Lord's own trees, which he planted. There the birds build their nests. The wild goats live in the high mountains, and the rock badgers hide in the cliffs. You created the moon to mark the months; the sun knows the time to set. You made the night, and in the darkness all the wild

animals come out. The young lions roar while they hunt, looking for the food that God provides. Lord, you have made so many things! How wisely you made them all! The earth is filled with your creatures.

Activity

Make a list of all the animals mentioned in these verses.

Verses 25 - 28

There is the ocean, large and wide, where countless creatures live, large and small alike. The ships sail on it, and in it plays Leviathan, that sea monster which you made. All of them depend on you to give them food when they need it. You give it to them, and they eat it; you provide food, and they are satisfied.

Activity

Name some sea animals that God provides for.

What is the biggest sea animal you know of?

There is a sea monster is mentioned in these verses that is now extinct. Do you know what it is? Yes, it's Leviathan, a swimming dinosaur.

Discussion

When God first made the world, everything He created was perfect. God thought carefully about everything He made, and He cared about everything He made. He made sure that all living creatures had whatever they needed.

How did He provide for the needs of animals?

Out of all that He had created, He cared most about the man and the woman. He made sure they had everything they needed too.

What do people need to stay alive?

How does God provide the things people need?

Story: Little raindrop

Here is a made-up story about a little raindrop. It shows us how God thought about providing water so that all living things can stay alive.

Little raindrop was so small. What use could he be in God's great big wonderful world? As he hovered in the sky, having just dropped out of a big white cloud, he looked over the great ocean.

"If only I could be great like the big ocean," he thought. Then he looked down at the river flowing into the sea. How beautiful it was, flowing over rocks and between lovely sandy banks where cool shady trees grew. "If only I could be beautiful like the river," he thought.

Then he looked down at the big dam. How useful it was. From this dam thousands of people would get water to drink, and water to wash with, and water to help their gardens grow. "If only I could be useful like the big dam." But he was only a little raindrop, not big enough to be much use at all.

Then all of a sudden he started falling. Down, down, down he went. He fell upon a vegetable garden along with many other raindrops just like himself. Together they would help the vegetables grow. The vegetables would provide food for many people. Then soon he found himself being washed away in a little trickle along with many other raindrops just like himself. Together they were travelling to the river. There they joined millions of other raindrops. How beautiful they all looked flowing along together, sparkling in the sunlight. Many of the raindrops would provide water for thousands of people, and animals and plants.

Then, after a long journey, little raindrop found himself with millions and millions of other raindrops in the big ocean. Now at last he was great. Not by himself of course. He was a tiny part of a great, great ocean. Here he could help to give life to millions and millions of fish, and other sea creatures, and sea plants.

Now the little raindrop had been useful, beautiful, and great. He was a useful, beautiful and great part of God's wonderful creation!

Science and mathematics activities

Look at water in different forms:

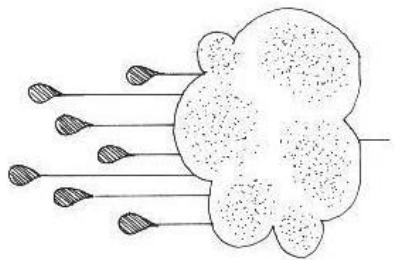
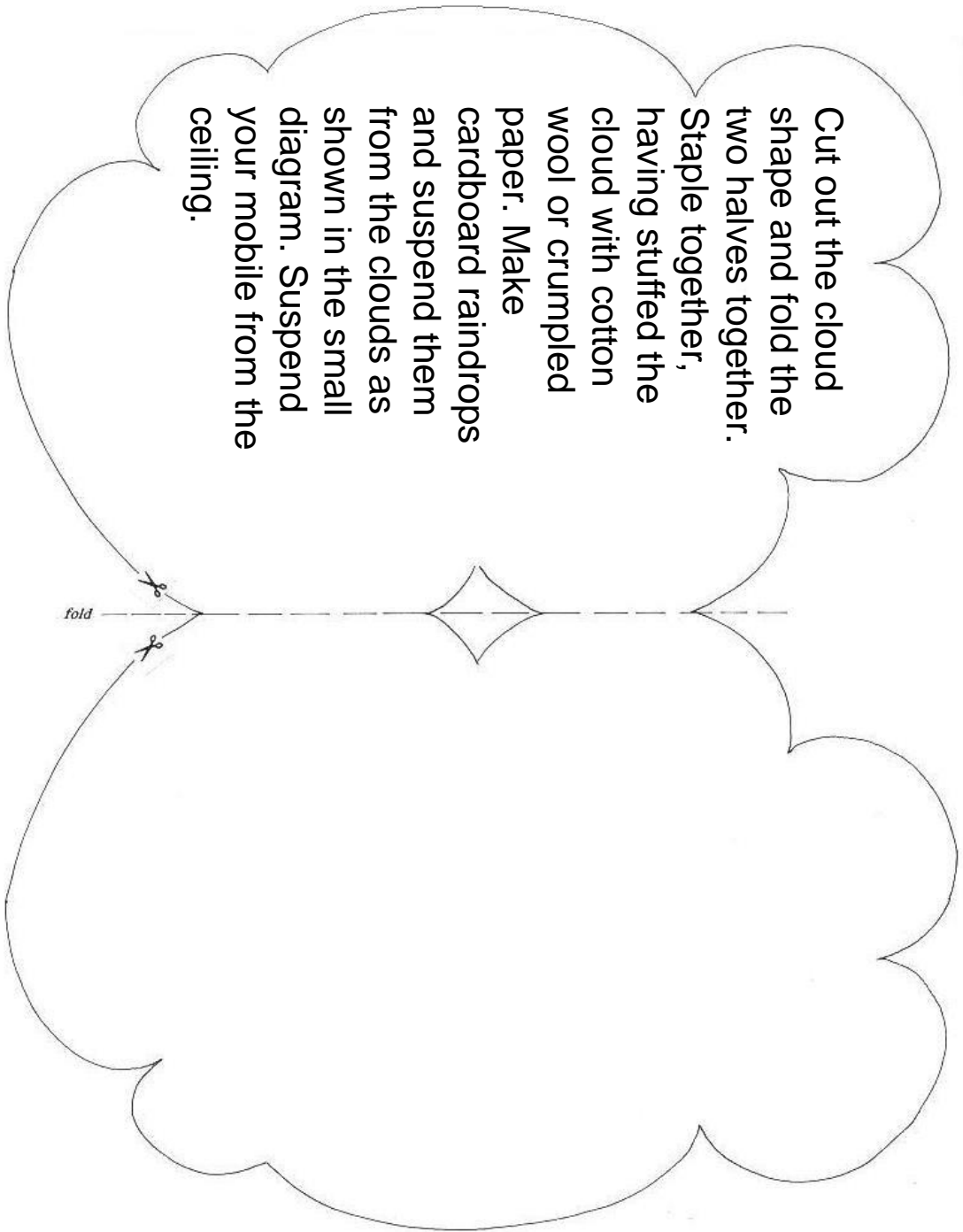
- ice from the freezer
- steam from a kettle - (Watch droplets forming on a saucer held above the rising steam.)

Pour coloured water from a large container into smaller ones. Guess how many small containers of water can be filled from a large container of water.

Art/craft

- Draw a picture of a cloud with raindrops falling from it. Draw the living things that need the water.
- Make a mobile from the cloud cut-out.

Cut out the cloud shape and fold the two halves together. Staple together, having stuffed the cloud with cotton wool or crumpled paper. Make cardboard raindrops and suspend them from the clouds as shown in the small diagram. Suspend your mobile from the ceiling.



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Week 4

Water all around

Bible references:

Genesis 1:9-10 God said let the waters below the heavens be gathered in one place, and let the dry land appear, and it was so; the gathering of the waters he called seas.

Genesis 2:5-6 the LORD God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was not a man to till the ground. But there went up a mist from the earth, and watered the whole face of the ground”.

Genesis 7:11 The springs of the great deep burst open

Bible Lesson: What does the Bible say about water?

Today we are going to think about when God created water.

How did he make the seas? (Read Genesis 1:9-10.)

Was there any other water on the earth? (Read Genesis 2:5-6.) Discuss the ‘mist’.

Some time after God created the earth, people had become so evil that God had to send a big flood. There was one family who loved and served God. They did what was right. That was Noah’s family. God chose Noah to build a big boat. God sent two of every kind of animal to the boat. Noah and his family, and all the animals were saved from the flood because Noah obeyed God.

At the time of the Great Flood there was *a lot* of water. The water covered the whole earth. There was not just water from rain, but also springs of water coming up from the earth. Read Genesis 7:11.

Questions about water and things that live in water

On which day of creation did God make water?

Where do we find water on the earth? (rivers, oceans, seas, rain, ice)

What is the difference between sea water and river water?

On which day of Creation did God make animals to live in the water? (Genesis 1:20)

What are some animals that live in water?

On which day did God make plants to grow in the water?

What are some plants that live in water?

What do most fish eat?

God said His creation was very good. That meant there was no killing. But when Adam and Eve disobeyed God, killing came into the world. What do you think fish ate before God’s perfect world was spoiled by sin?

Activity

Make two large charts: one for ‘plants and animals that live in the sea’ and the other for ‘plants and animals that live in rivers and ponds’

The children can draw animals, cut them out and stick them on to the charts. Teacher can write names of the animals on the charts.

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Week 5

God provides food for his creation.

Bible reference:

Matthew 6:25-34 God cares for all of his creation

Bible Lesson: Do not worry

One day Jesus and His friends were out where the flowers grew in the fields. There were birds, too, in the field. Jesus saw the flowers. He saw the birds, too.

But His friends did not notice them. They were thinking of other things. Some of the friends were fishermen. They were wondering whether they could catch enough fish to sell, and whether they would have money enough for all the things they needed.

Jesus saw their worried faces. He knew that they were unhappy and afraid that they might not have enough money for food and clothes and other things. Jesus felt sorry for them.

He looked at the flowers in the field and thought of God's care. He listened to the birds and thought of God.

"Do not be anxious and worried about what you shall have to eat and drink and wear," He said. "Look at the birds of the air. They do not plant fields nor gather food into barns, yet your heavenly Father feeds them. If God cares for them how much more will He care for you?"

Jesus' friends began to think now of the birds which they had not thought about before. They began to listen to their happy songs. They watched some of the birds fly down to eat some seeds growing.

While His friends were beginning to think of God, Jesus said, "Look at the lilies of the field, how they grow; they do not work to make clothes, and yet I say unto you that not even the greatest king in his most gorgeous clothes was ever as beautiful as these."

Then the friends began to look at the little field flowers. They noticed their beautiful colours there in the rich green grass. How much more beautiful they were than any piece of cloth could be. As they looked at the grass, they heard Jesus speak of that, too.

"If God so clothes the grass of the field, how much more shall He care for you," Jesus was saying. "Your heavenly Father knows all the things you have need of," He told them.

As the friends looked at the beautiful green grass, the wild flowers in the field, and listened to the happy birds, their worried anxious faces began to change.

Activity

As a whole class activity, make a list of animals, and next to each animal write what that animal needs: the type of food it eats, where it would get water, and the type of home it needs.

Discussion

Animals that live in the wild find their own food and water and make their own homes. Parent animals teach their babies how to look after themselves by getting food, water and shelter from God's creation.

But what about pets? How do they get the things they need?
What would happen to our pets if we didn't look after them?

God wants us to help him look after the animals. We can do this by looking after our pets, but also, by looking after nature. When we go to the beach it is important not to throw rubbish that could end up in the sea or the rivers. Rubbish can kill the animals that live in the sea and the rivers. When we go to the forest, it is important to leave it just the way it is, and not destroy the plants that are homes to insects, birds and lizards.