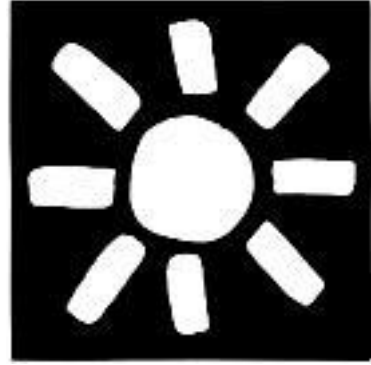


# God is Creator

## (5 weeks)



### Outcomes

At the completion of this module students will understand that:

- God created people on Day 6 of the creation
- People are more special than animals
- People can have a special relationship with God
- God has created people with special abilities that can be used to serve Him
- God is good and His original creation was very good. Although God's original creation was spoiled by sin, there are parts of the creation that remain beautiful and we can still enjoy God's good gifts to us.

### Related topics for Science, Social Studies and Health:

Five senses: sound and the ear

### Link between "God is Creator" and the topics:

We are wonderfully made, (Ps 139), with five senses. We can use our senses to appreciate God's beautiful world.

### Values

Respect for truth; faith, care for the environment, responsibility

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## Week 1

### We are God's handiwork.

**We are created in God's image.**

#### **Bible references**

Genesis 1 & 2 The days of Creation

Genesis 1:26 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."

Eph 2:10 For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

#### **Story: The Creation**

Read or tell the Biblical account of the seven days of creation. (Genesis 1 & 2)

#### **Discussion**

Although animals and people were created on the same day, God made people to be far more special than animals. God gave people the ability to love their Creator. Human beings were created in the image of God. (Genesis 1:26-28).

God created human beings to be more special than the animals. God had a special plan for us.

Read Genesis 1:26

What special work did God plan for us?

Read Ephesians 2:10

What else does God want us to do for Him?

**God created us with five senses.**

**These are: seeing, hearing, feeling, smelling and tasting**

#### **Prayer and activity**

Write and illustrate a prayer of thanks for God's beautiful world.

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## Week 2

### We are special to God.

**God's beautiful world was spoiled by disobedience**

#### **Bible References**

Luke 12:6-7 God knows how many hairs on our head. God cares for us even more than the birds and animals.

Genesis 2:4-25; Genesis 3 Adam and Eve disobey their Creator.

Romans 5:12 Sin came into the world through one man. (GNB)

#### **Story: Adam and Eve disobey their Creator**

Read or tell the story from Gen 2 & 3.

#### **Discussion**

When God made Adam and Eve, He wanted them to be His special friends. God made them in His own image. They were created with the ability to love God.

God said "Let us make man in our image." (Gen.1:26)

When Adam and Eve disobeyed, they lost the special relationship they had with God. However, many years later, Jesus came to earth in human form. Because of His death on the cross, people could accept forgiveness for their disobedience and once again walk and talk with their Creator.

#### **Discussion**

How do you think God felt when his special people, Adam and Eve, disobeyed Him?

#### **God made us special**

Did you know that everyone has a different finger print? Even identical twins have different finger prints. No one in the world has finger prints like you. God made us special. He made everyone different. He loves everyone with a very special love. He knows about us because He made us. He even knows how many hairs are on our head.

#### **God made us with the sense of touch**

We use our fingers to feel and touch. God made us that way.

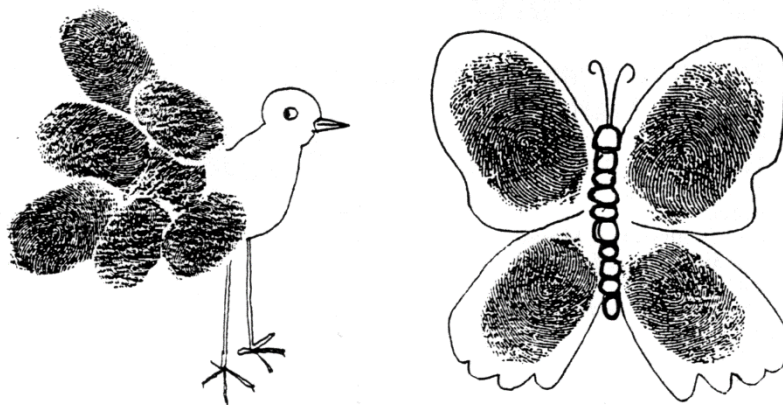
Why is the sense of touch important? (We can feel when things are hot and take our hand away. We can find our way in the dark.)

**Activity: The touch game**

Prepare a box with different objects in it. Ask for volunteers, one at a time, to be blindfolded and take an object from the box. They have to identify it through touching it.

**Activity: Fingerprint designs**

Make fingerprint designs in the form of animals. Fingerprints can be made by pressing finger into powdered charcoal or pencil scrapings, or dipping into paint.



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## Week 3

### The gifts of sight

#### Bible references

Genesis 1 & 2 God's perfect creation

Psalms 19:1 How clearly the sky reveals God's glory! How plainly it shows what He has done.

Matthew 9: 27 – 30 Jesus heals two blind men

#### Introduction

Today we will think about the wonderful things in God's creation that we can see.

What are some of the beautiful things in God's creation that we can see?

What colours do we see?

What allows us to see colour? (light and our eyes)

In the Psalms, a book of the Bible written by David, we read about God's beautiful creation.

Psalms 19:1 says "How clearly the sky reveals God's glory."

What do we see in the sky?

What do we see in the rainforest?

But what would it be like if we couldn't see?

#### The Feeling game

- Collect some small objects, e.g. rubber, pencil, ping pong ball; plastic animal.
- Place an object in a sock without allowing the student to see it. Ask the child to guess what the object is by feeling inside the sock. Replace the object with another and guess again.

#### The blindfold game

Work with another family member. One child must close their eyes, or put on a blindfold, while their partner leads them around. Then after a few minutes, partners change their roles.

#### Ask:

How did you feel when you had your eyes closed?

What are some of the things we could not do we could not see?

How can we use our eyes to serve Jesus?

e.g. Watch out for people in need; say thank you to God for the beautiful things He has made

#### Discussion

When Jesus came to live on earth, He often helped people who were blind. He knew how sad and lonely they were. Jesus was especially loving and kind to the people that no one else had time for. He was able to give them something much better than money. He was able to heal them, and show them how much God loved them.

Read how Jesus healed two blind men in Matthew 9: 27 – 31

As Jesus walked along two blind men started following Him. "Please help us," they called. (They had heard that Jesus had healed many people.)

Jesus asked them, "Do you believe that I can heal you?"

“Yes sir!” they answered. Then Jesus touched their eyes and said, “Let it happen, just as you believe.” Straight away the men could see again.

Jesus cared for people, not just because they had something wrong in their body, but also because they were sad and lonely.

Why might a blind person be sad or lonely?

Maybe you know someone who is sad or lonely. They may not be blind, but they may be sad or lonely for other reasons. What would Jesus want us to do if we knew someone like this?

In God’s perfect creation there was no blindness. God intended that everyone in the world should be able to see the beautiful things that He created. But because sin entered the world, so did sickness. This means that today some people do not have the gifts of sight as God originally intended. He wants us to help these people.

Do you know someone who cannot see very well?

How can we help people who cannot see very well?

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## Week 4

### The gift of taste and smell

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#### Bible references

Genesis 1: 29 God gave Adam and Eve plants for their food

Genesis 1:31 All that God made was very good

Genesis 3:1-17 The Fall

Psalms 34:8 Taste and see that the Lord is good

#### Bible lesson: God created good things for us to enjoy

##### The gift of taste

In the Garden of Eden there were many plants. God told Adam and Eve that they could eat plants and seeds for their food.

Think of your favourite plant foods.

Let's make a list of all the plant foods we enjoy.

Why do we like these foods?

We like them because they taste delicious.

God created us with tastebuds so that we can enjoy food. Imagine how boring it would be if we ate only one type of food. Eating just one type of food would not be good for our health because we get different nutrients from different foods. A nutrient is something that helps us grow strong and healthy. You may have heard of vitamins. There are other nutrients too, like minerals, proteins, fats and starches.

Fruits not only taste good but they contain vitamins. Coconuts contain fats or oils that are very good for us. Bananas contain starches to give us energy.

When God had finished making the world He looked at His world and said, "It is very good."

This meant that all the plant foods He had made were good for us. There were no poisonous plants in the Garden of Eden. All plant foods were good. But we know about the one fruit they were not to eat, and we know how they disobeyed God and went ahead and ate it. Because of their disobedience the world became a different place, with thorns, thistles, poisonous plants, suffering, pain, killing and all sorts of evil.

But the good things God had created still remain. The delicious tasty foods are still here for us to enjoy. God still looks after us when we look to Him. Psalm 34:8 says, "Taste and see that the Lord is good."

We can use the word 'taste' in an imaginary way. Just imagine that there was a whole selection of different foods set before you. You want to try a little bit of each food. So you

have a little taste of each. Sometimes we use the word 'taste' to mean 'to have a try of something'.

Many people have a taste, (or a try), of many things in life when they are looking for something to make them happy. They may have a 'taste' (or a try) of different religions or different sports and other activities. But God says that if you have a 'taste' (or a try) of the Christian life then you will not be disappointed because God is GOOD, all the time!

**God also created us with the ability to smell.**

**Activity**

Prepare some containers or paper bags of items that have distinctive smells, e.g. a lemon, a flower, a piece of pineapple or mango, cinnamon, curry etc. Let the student guess the smell.

Why is the gift of smell important?

(We can smell if there is danger, like poisonous gas or smoke; we can smell food that has gone off and not safe to eat.)

**Activity**

Ask the student to draw some of their favourite foods from God's creation. Point out the difference between foods that are straight from nature and processed foods. Remind them to draw only foods that are straight from nature.



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## Week 5

### We are wonderfully made.

#### **Bible References**

Psalms 119 We are wonderfully made.

Romans 12:4-8; 1 Corinthians 12:12-27; Matthew 25:14-30 Gifts and talents.

#### **Story: The Carpenter's Tools**

The Carpenter loved His tools. Each one was precious to Him. He had a special place for each one, and always made sure that they were kept in excellent condition. His tools were valuable to him because He needed them to do His work.

One day, in the absence of the Carpenter, a quarrel broke out among the tools.

"I am the most important tool," said the saw, "for without me the Carpenter could not cut the wood to the shape He needs."

"No, I am the most important," said the plane, "for without me the Carpenter could not make the wood fine and smooth."

Then the chisel and hammer joined in. Each tool thought itself to be the most important.

The Carpenter returned. There was a hush over the workshop. He picked up the saw and set to work. Then he used the hammer, the chisel and plane in turn. After many hours, a beautiful wooden table was completed. The tools stared in wonder at the craftsmanship. Each tool realized that they had all been needed to get the job done. Each one was as important as the other. The Toolmaker had given each one a special ability.

#### **Discussion**

This story could not be true, because tools do not talk, but we can use our imagination to think about how the tools might be examples of people. Like the tools, people might think that the things they can do are better than the things other people can do.

God has made each individual special to Him. No two people in the world are exactly alike. No two people in the world have the same fingerprints. Even identical twins are different in small ways. God cares so much about us that He makes each person unique.

We all have special abilities. Some are good at drawing or singing. Others are good at running or swimming. No matter what talents we have, we should use them for God. Some people are naturally cheerful and friendly. Others have a natural desire to help people. For some, their special gift is bringing pleasure to others.

We can imagine that Jesus is like the carpenter. He wants to use the gifts and talents of every person he has made. All gifts and talents are equally important to Jesus. He wants us to work

together with others and use our special abilities to serve Him. When we use our gifts and talents for God, we are like lights shining out to the world.

### **The gift of hearing and speech**

God made us with the ability to hear.

What are some of the things in God's creation that we can hear?

Is music part of God's creation?

Why is hearing important?

What would it be like if you couldn't hear?

How can we help those who cannot hear very well?

How can we use the gift of hearing to serve God? (Listen to people when they speak)

How can we use our gift of speaking? (Speak kind words; tell others about Jesus)

### **God created us with ears to hear**

Jesus helped people who couldn't hear. He touched them and healed them so they too had the gift of hearing.

In God's perfect creation there was no deafness. God intended that everyone in the world should be able to hear the beautiful sounds that He created. But because sin entered the world, so did sickness. This means that today some people do not have the gifts of hearing as God originally intended. He wants us to help these people.

There is a special language for deaf people called 'sign language'. People use their hands to make signs for different words. There is also another way of communicating called 'lip-reading'.

If a person couldn't hear very well, then we would want to speak to them very clearly and make sure that they are watching our lips. We would make sure that they are close enough to us to be heard.

### **Activity:**

Work with another family member. One person can try to use hand signs to explain a message and the other person can try to guess the message, e.g. "Is there a bus coming soon? I want to catch it."