Unit Overview

God's Creation

In eternity past, God existed. He was self-sufficient and complete in Himself, but He wanted to create the universe, the earth with its wide variety of land and sea environments, and all the earth's plant and animal life—so He created all these. God also made people in His own image and likeness. Men and women are unique. They aren't gods, but each individual can seek after God and enjoy a relationship with Him. The first four sessions of this five-session unit for preschoolers highlight God's creative activity during the six days of God's creative work. The fifth session highlights humanity's disobedience to God and some of the dire consequences of that disobedience. Despite man's rebellion against God, God loved and cared for His highest creation. Man had a great need, and at precisely the right times, God would take the necessary steps to meet it. God's unfolding story was just beginning to unfold.

Kingdom Perspective

God has "ownership rights" over His people by virtue of having taken two monumental initiatives. First, He created every human being. He made people in His own image, giving them among other things the ability to enjoy a relationship with Him. Second, even though people rebelled against Him, God paid the price of man's rebellion by sacrificing His only Son, Jesus Christ, on the cross. Sin did not ultimately derail God's plan to make human beings a part of His kingdom. Understanding one's role in God's kingdom involves not only knowing God as Redeemer, but also as Creator.

Lesson 1: "God Made the World" (Genesis 1:1-8,14-19)
Bible Truth: God made the world.

Lesson 2: "God Made the Plants" (Genesis 1:9-13)
Bible Truth: God made the water, land, and plants.

Lesson 3: "God Made the Animals" (Genesis 1:20-25,30-31)
Bible Truth: God made the fish, birds, and animals.

Lesson 4: "God Made People" (Genesis 1:1-31, 2:7-8,15-24)
Bible Truth: God made people.

Lesson 5: "People Disobeyed God" (Genesis 2:15-17; 3:6,8-10,22-23)
Bible Truth: God loves and cares for me even when I disobey.

Making the Most of the "God's Creation" Unit from *God's Unfolding Story for Older Preschoolers*

The lesson plans and related resources for the above lessons can be purchased and downloaded immediately from ChurchCurriculum.com. In addition, there are free, printable resources available on SundaySchoolZone.com that can help you. You'll also find a good deal of help in "Getting Started with *God's Unfolding Story for Older Preschoolers*" available for free at ChurchCurriculum.com. Some of the articles included are:

- The Session Schedule and Lesson Components
- Suggested Study Sequence for *God's Unfolding Story for Older Preschoolers*
- Where Is this Going?
- Parents Connect Pages
- God's Unfolding Story Cube
- Kingdom Perspective Statements
- Who Developed this Stuff?
- Why Do We Sometimes Use Yahweh to Refer to God?
- What We Believe

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