

SUNDAYSCHOOL

FaithCity AOG

Lesson 8 - God Made The World

12-14 Years:

Opening prayer to start session. For example: "Dear God, thank you for the chance to come together with others in fellowship to learn more about your love. Give us the wisdom to learn from your words, and to put what we learn to work as we go about our lives in the week to come."

Bible Reading: The Creation: read the following passage from the bible. As it's quite lengthy, have the students each read a verse each.

Genesis 1: 1-31, Genesis 2: 1-2

Discussion 1: What do they think about this passage? It's one they ought to be familiar with. Discuss the idea of a day being a different measurement than it is today. Why is the Creation story important - it shows that all things come from God? What do the students think it would be like to live in the world as it was first created? Why?

Discussion 2: Switch the discussion into one about the world as it is now. What problems do we face on our planet that harms what God created? (Pollution, litter, extinction, limited resources) What is the cause of most of these problems? (Man and his inventions/greed). What can we do to try and prevent more damage being done to our world? What agencies are trying to do something about it? What can we do - recycle, follow environmental guidelines, fundraise for agencies who are trying to stop those who are destroying our planet - such as the rainforests, animals being hunted into extinction etc.

Activity: Protectors of the Planet

Find some magazine cuttings of age appropriate articles that show what man is doing to the environment. Put these, with some completely un-related magazine cuttings on the table along with a large piece of paper, glue and scissors. Across the top of the paper write in big letters - WE CARE FOR GOD'S WORLD. Then get the students to clip out of the magazine cuttings anything that is related to the things that are harming the planet, and the people who are working to protect it. Pin this to the wall of your classroom as a reminder that we are all responsible for taking care of our world.

Closing Prayer thanking God for beautiful world in which we live, and for guidance in making the right choices so that we start to become part of the solution of protecting our world, and not one of those destroying it.

For example: "Dear God, thank you for creating our world. Thank you for taking such care to provide us all that we should need. Help to guide our choices so that we become aware of all that we can do to help protect what you created, and have the wisdom and courage to do what we know we should - even when it's not the easiest option. Amen"



