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UNIT OVERVIEW

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God's World



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During the month of September, you will learn how God created the world, placed human beings on the earth and gave them responsibility to manage and care for God's world. You will discover how wonderful Creator God is and why you should praise God everyday.

Complete the "Three-Way Match" below, using four different colours of crayons. At the end of each lesson, colour the matching boxes — **Bible Focus**, **Central Truth** and **Memory Verse**. Use a different colour crayon each week. On the line in the Bible Focus box, write the Bible Focus passage for that date.

THREE WAY MATCH

BIBLE FOCUS	CENTRAL TRUTH	MEMORY VERSE
September 3 _____ _____	God created human beings to enjoy what He created.	Today I am giving you a choice. You can choose life and success or death and disaster. Deuteronomy 30:15 CEV
September 10 _____ _____	God's plan is for people to take responsibility for the care of the environment.	The earth and everything in it belong to the LORD. The world and its people belong to Him. Psalms 24:1 CEV
September 17 _____ _____	God's act of creating the world reflects His greatness, wisdom and love.	The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and to take care of it. Genesis 2:15 NIV
September 24 _____ _____	People can choose to be obedient to God and receive His blessing; or to disobey Him and suffer the consequences.	So God created mankind in His own image, in the image of God He created them; male and female He created them. Genesis 1:27 NIV

Unit Title: **God's World**Lesson Title: **God Made the Universe**

Bible Focus:

Genesis 1:1-25; Psalm 24:1-2

Memory Verse:

The earth and everything on it belong to the Lord. The world and its people belong to Him. Psalm 24:1 CEV

Central Truth:

God's act of creating the world reflects His greatness, wisdom and love.

Long ago, the world in which we live did not exist as we know it now. There were no trees, no seas, no sky, no animals and no people. Only God existed at that time. He decided to create the world and so He did.

God is very powerful. He simply spoke and all parts of creation appeared. God began creation by causing light to appear. He said, *“Let there be light,”* and light appeared. God looked at the light and thought that it was good. He decided to separate the light from the darkness. He called the light “day” and the darkness “night”. For the first time, there was day and night. All of this was done on Day 1.

On Day 2, God created the sky. He used the sky to separate the waters above from the waters that were below.

On Day 3, God created dry land. He commanded that the waters under the sky be gathered in one place and that dry ground appear. God merely spoke the word and it happened. God called the dry ground “land” and the waters, “seas”.

Since land had been created, the earth was now ready for plants. God commanded the land to produce plants. Fruit trees and vegetable plants, trees of every kind appeared. The third day of creation was then completed.

Next, God commanded two great lights to be created—the sun to shine in the day and the moon to shine at night. He also made the stars that give light at night. All this was done on Day 4.

The earth was now ready for animal life. On Day 5, God created fishes and birds. He was

pleased with all elements of His creation so far. God saw that it was good.

On the final day of creation, Day 6, God made large and small animals such as elephants, cows, sheep, dogs and other types still found all over the world.

God’s work of creation was almost complete. God saw that everything was good. He was delighted with all that He had created.

God created the earth and everything in it, and so, the earth and everything in it belong to Him.

 **Learning Activities** 

1. Daily Bible Search

PSALM 104 describes how God takes care of His creation. Each day, after reading the verse or passage, state what it describes and then thank God for creating it.

Sunday: Psalm 104:1-5

Monday: Psalm 104:6-11

Tuesday: Psalm 104:12-17

Wednesday: Psalm 104:18-23

Thursday: Psalm 104:24

Friday: Psalm 104:25-26

Saturday: Psalm 104:27-30

2. God's View

Read Genesis 1. What did God observe after He spoke each element of creation into existence? How many times was the observation noted in the passage? Write your answer in the box below.

3. Letter to a Friend

Use facts from the lesson to complete this letter. Please share your letter with other children at school and at church.

Dear _____,

How are you? This letter is to share with you some facts which I learnt about the creation of our world. These facts can be found in _____ verse _____ to _____.

Long ago, the earth did not exist. There was only _____ everywhere. Only God existed. God created the world in six _____. God is powerful. He created the world by _____ it into being. Think about that!

Since God created the world, everything in it and all its people belong to Him. You can read this for yourself in _____ chapter _____ verse _____. God was happy about His work of creation. I know this because at the end of each day of creation, He looked at what He had made and He said, "_____".

I think I will _____ God everyday because of His _____ and _____ in creating the world.

I encourage you to read **GENESIS 1**. What do you think about God's creation? I would like to hear from you soon. Bye.

Your friend,

Unit Title:

God's World

Lesson Title:

God Made People

Bible Focus:

Genesis 1:27; 2:1-7, 15-23

Memory Verse:

So God created mankind in His own image, in the image of God He created them; male and female He created them. Genesis 1:27 NIV

Central Truth:

The attitude of human beings towards their life should be worthy of God's great work of creation.

Before God created people, He made sure that everything on Earth was just right. He created plants and animals to live on the earth. He provided moisture by placing springs under the ground to water the soil and to make the plants grow.

God needed people to take care of the plants and animals. In a conversation, God the Father said to God the Son, *“Let us make man, let us make him like us”* God took some dirt from the ground and used it to form the image of a man.

God then breathed into the image and the image came to life. That shows that human beings are more important and special than other living things because God did not breathe life into anything else. He simply spoke the rest of creation into existence.

God made human beings in His image. That means that we

are like God in many ways. For example, we are able to think, to make choices, to show love, to be forgiving.

Then, God gave the man the job of naming all the animals. God also told the man that he could eat from all the trees, except from the tree which grew in the middle of the garden. That tree was called “The tree of the knowledge of good and evil”.

Adam had everything but he was lonely. He needed a human like himself with whom He could speak. God decided to give him a companion. He caused Adam to fall asleep, opened him and took one rib from his side. He closed Adam's side and used the rib to make a woman. When Adam woke and saw the woman, he was very happy. Perhaps he shouted, “At last! Somebody just like me. She was made from my body so I will call her ‘woman’.”

Now, Earth had its first couple. The man and the woman were alike, yet different. They were a perfect match because God

made them for each other. God was pleased with the final part of His creation, He said, *“Everything is very good”*.

 **Learning Activities** 

1. Daily Bible Search

Each day, after reading the **Daily Bible Search** passage, write one fact about God’s creation of human beings. At the end of the readings, in the box, write the passage you like the best and why you like it.

Sunday: Genesis 2:9

Monday: Genesis 5:1-2

Tuesday: Psalm 8:4-8

Wednesday: Psalm 139:14

Thursday: Isaiah 43:7

Friday: Genesis 1:27

Saturday: Psalm 100:3

The passage I like the most is ...

I like that passage the most because ...

2. Word Search Puzzle with a Twist

On the lines provided, write the words that are being defined, then find those hidden words in the Word Search Puzzle. *Hint: All the hidden words can be found in the Bible Story on page 8-9.*



- 1) Brought into existence. _____
- 2) A representation of someone or something. _____
- 3) The state of being alive, present or real. _____
- 4) A person who is frequently in the company of another. _____
- 5) A discussion between two or more people. _____
- 6) Valuable or significant. _____
- 7) An awareness or understanding of something or someone. _____
- 8) Ideal or without any flaws. _____
- 9) An adult male human being. _____
- 10) An adult female human being. _____

3. A Prayer to God

Write a short prayer of praise to God for creating you uniquely. Also, ask God to help you to always think of your life and body as gifts to be treasured.



Unit Title: **God's World**Lesson Title: **God Gave Us Responsibility**

Bible Focus:

Genesis 1:26-31; 2:15-17

Memory Verse:

*The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. **Genesis 2:15 NIV***

Central Truth:

God's plan is for people to accept and fulfil their responsibility of taking care of His creation.

God completed creation of the world and it was a beautiful place. Fish were swimming in the sea, birds were flying in the sky and animals were crawling and running on the ground. Imagine the dolphins jumping high out of the water, birds chirping in the trees and monkeys chattering and swinging from tree to tree. God made plants which bore all kinds of fruits so that people and animals could have plenty of food. God was pleased that everything He created was very good.

God told the man, *“Look around you. I have given you plants that will bear fruits with seeds. From the seeds, new plants will grow so there will always be plenty of food.”* He gave the first couple everything they needed. He gave them work to do too. They were to take care of the creatures and the plants. God also

gave them authority to carry out their responsibilities. He put them in charge of everything.

God made a special home for the man and the woman—the beautiful Garden of Eden. He told them that they were free to eat from the trees in the garden except one. While they were to enjoy the beautiful garden, they had the responsibility to work it and care for it. God knew that humankind would not be happy if they were idle so He made them responsible for the crops and the animals.

God warned Adam and the woman, *“Do not eat any fruit from the tree in the middle of the garden. If you eat the fruit from that tree you will certainly die”*. That tree was called, *the tree of the knowledge of good and evil* (Genesis 2:17 NIV).

God expected Adam to carry out his responsibility to look after

the animals and take care of the environment. God expected the woman to help him. They were to show responsibility by obeying God's instruction not to eat from *the tree of the knowledge of good and evil*.

God will not be pleased with us if we disobey Him and do not carry out our responsibilities. We should also obey our parents and

other persons who have authority over us, and who usually give us right instructions.

CARE FOR ANIMALS



CARE FOR PLANTS

Learning Activities

1. Daily Bible Search

Each day, read the **Daily Bible Search** passages below. These passages tell us more about God's creation. In your own words, write one sentence telling what each passage says.

- Sunday:** Psalm 65: 9 _____
- Monday:** Psalm 89:11 _____
- Tuesday:** Psalm 95:3-5 _____
- Wednesday:** Psalm 97:6 _____
- Thursday:** Psalm 104:17 _____
- Friday:** Colossians 1:17 _____
- Saturday:** John 1:3 _____

2. Bible Verse Completion

Read the New International Version of the Bible verses below. Fill the blank spaces with the correct words from the verses, to learn more about God's expectations of human beings.

1) Numbers 35:33

"Do not _____ the land where you are."

2) Genesis 1:28

God blessed them and said to them, "Be _____ and increase in number; fill the earth and _____ it. Rule over the _____ in the sea and the _____ in the sky and over every _____ creature that moves on the ground."

3) Proverbs 27:23

"Be sure you know the _____ of your flocks, give careful _____ to your herds."

4) James 3:7

"All kinds of _____, birds, reptiles and sea _____ are being _____ and have been tamed by _____."

5) Colossians 3:23

"Whatever you do, _____ at it with all your _____, as working for the Lord, not for _____ masters."

3. Accepting My Responsibility

God gave us the responsibility to take care of His creation. State one way in which you can help to carry out that responsibility in your home, at your school and in your community.

1) At home, I will _____

2) At school, I will _____

3) In my community, I will _____

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