

Sunday School - Junior Class

Lesson 2 - Creation

Introduction to Sunday School

- **Attendance** – are there any students who need homework emailed to them?
- **Bible/Binder/Journal** – do they have them?
- **Homework** collect last week and hand back marked work
- **Memory Verses** – glue memory card onto sheet on wall.

Review (The Bible – God’s message to man)

- “Find the book of the Bible” game. Teacher says a book of the Bible – students race to find it first.

Lesson (read Genesis 1-2:7, 18-25)

- The first book of the Bible is Genesis (*means “the beginning” – Hebrew word on the front cover of their binders*)
- How many days did it take for God to create the world? 6 plus a day of rest
- We will look into the idea of evolution vs. literal creation in a future Sunday School class, but suffice it to say at this point that if we take the Bible as the true inspired book of God then we have to accept God’s account of how the world was created in 6 literal days – 6 24-hour period days.
- The world will laugh us to scorn, the smartest and brightest our world has to offer sees different – but remember that the wisdom of God is foolishness with man.
- Let us also remember that the smartest and brightest of this world also once believed the world was flat, that the universe evolved around earth – many times science has shown itself to be unreliable and we can’t build our house on the sand – if we accept the Bible as true, we take God’s account as fact.
- Now, can you put the days of creation in the correct order? (*handout with days of creation flap book – students fill in as you talk through each day*)

1. Now let us start to dig a little deeper into why God choose to share with us how he created the world.

God Separated	God made
Day 1 – Light divided from darkness	Day 4 – God made the sun, moon and stars in heaven
Day 2 – Waters above separated from waters below	Day 5 – God made the fowls in the firmament and moving creatures of the sea
Day 3 – Dry land separated from the waters	Day 6 – God made creatures from dry land

Fundamental Lesson – God wants us to be separated that He might create in us a glorious dwelling for Himself

- 7th day – **Isa 40:28** – God was not tired, the resting on the 7th day was meant to teach a very important spiritual lesson – for the children of Israel, for us, and for the whole world at the return of Christ to establish God’s kingdom on earth.
- An interesting side note: The week system we use – that is God’s design – he is the creator of it – think of all the ways we reckon time – a day (time it takes for the earth to rotate once), a month (time it takes for the moon to orbit around earth once), a year (the time it takes for earth to revolve around the sun) – but there is no natural need for one week! God invented it – why? Whenever you see something in scripture you have to ask the simple question?

What is God trying to teach me? (hang banner up) – We will come back to this question over and over again and if you begin to ask questions – God will begin to reveal answers in His word. So extra thought question this week is “what do you think God is trying to teach us in creating the world in 7 days?”

- When God created the earth and placed man on it, He did it with a very definite plan. It was His intention to have the entire earth inhabited by people that would glorify Him. *"But as truly as I live, all the earth shall be filled with the glory of the LORD."* **(Numbers 14:21)**
- He also had a timetable for the completion of His plan to fill the earth with glory. Throughout the Bible, we are provided with a number of clues about the times and seasons for this plan. This chart (**hand out 7 thousand year chart**) shows a summary of the overall outline of God's 7000 year plan, presented without reference to any actual dates.
- The work of the Creation took 6 days, after which we are told, *"And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made. And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made."* **(Genesis 2:2-3)**
- The writer to the Hebrews, in chapter 4, helps us to appreciate the intended link between the seven days of Creation and the overall plan of God. *"For he spake in a certain place of the seventh day on this wise, And God did rest the seventh day from all his works... There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God. For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from his. Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief."* **(Hebrews 4:4, 9-11)**
- To complete our understanding of this picture, we must add another clue from the writings of Peter. *"But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance."* **(2 Peter 3: 8-9)**
- God has instituted a 7000 year plan. There will be 6000 years of labor and toil, under the sentence of sin and death, followed by a 1000 year "day" of rest for the people of God.
- This time of rest is also described as the Kingdom of God on the earth. Those who are found worthy and granted eternal life when Christ returns, *"shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years."* **(Revelation 20: 4-6)**
- This topic is found over and over again in scripture – it really goes all the way from Genesis to Revelation and it is really amazing to tug out little bits here and there (**show book "God's 7000 year plan with the earth" and hand out God's 7000 year plan handout for binders**)

Main Lessons for Us

- Fundamental Lesson – God wants us to be separated that He might create in us a glorious dwelling for Himself – are we doing this in our lives – have we separated ourselves from the wickedness of the world – it's no longer just your parents responsibility to keep you from evil – the Lord Jesus Christ at 12 was sitting in the temple doing the work of his Heavenly Father – that is in there for you as an example that it can be done! Are your activities separated? Are your thoughts separated? Do you not watch movies because your parents don't let you, or do you not watch movies because you have nothing in common with anything playing on that screen?
- If the God of all the earth can set an example for us of resting on the Sabbath – do we make sure we do things to be a good example to those younger or less mature around us?
- God has a timetable, when he says he is going to do something he does – do we make sure to follow through on our promises when we say we are going to do things?

Bible Marking

Introduce Bible marking sheets; hand out children's copies to go in their binders

Places (Orange)

Time (Green)

Chapter 1 Vs1, vs5, vs8, vs13, vs18, vs23, vs31 Chapter 2 vs 2(x2), vs 3

God (purple)

Chapter 1 Vs3, vs6, vs9, vs11, v14, vs20, vs24, vs26, vs 29

Keyword (Yellow)

"it was good" vs4, vs10, vs12, vs18, vs 21, vs25, vs31

Women in the Beginning Journals 😊

Introduce project and start next week.

Project Book

n/a

Print copies of *Days of Creation* flapbook for students

Print *What is God trying to teach me?* Poster for classroom

Print out Bible marking master sheet for student's binders

Print out God's 7000 year plan with the earth for student's binders