

Creation Day Three

Bible Story: The third day of Creation from Genesis 1:9-13

Items Needed: (for optional activities)

- Large bag, misc. flowers or plants, an apple, knife, large flat dish, water
- Styrofoam cup (1 per child), dirt, seeds, Bible Verse written on a slip of paper, tape, markers

Read Genesis 1:9-13 aloud to the children.

"God said, "Let the water under the sky be gathered into one place. Let dry ground appear." And that's exactly what happened. God called the dry ground "land." He called the waters that were gathered together "oceans." And God saw that it was good. Then God said, "Let the land produce plants. Let them bear their own seeds. And let there be trees on the land that bear fruit with seeds in it. Let each kind of plant or tree have its own kind of seeds." And that's exactly what happened. The land produced plants. Each kind of plant had its own kind of seeds. The land produced trees that bore fruit with seeds in it. Each kind of tree had its own kind of seeds.

God saw that it was good. And there was evening, and there was morning. It was day three."

Discuss the Bible Reading:

- *God said, "Let the water under the sky be gathered into one place. Let dry ground appear." And that's exactly what happened.*

God created dry ground! Why do you think He created dry ground? (allow for responses). He created dry ground because not everything that He was going to create would be able to live in the water. So now He made dry ground appear so that the earth wouldn't just be covered with water.

- *God called the dry ground "land." He called the waters that were gathered together "oceans."*

God is naming things again here. He named the land and now He finally named the water.

- *And God saw that it was good.*

God is pleased with His work. He sees that what He has done is good. This shows that God has feelings and that He thinks about things. He made dry ground and stood back to admire what He did. He looked at it and saw that it was good.

- *Then God said, "Let the land produce plants. Let them bear their own seeds."*

This is the first living thing on the earth that God has created. Up until now He had been preparing the earth for living things. He makes sure that the plants have their own seeds. Why do you think plants need seeds? (allow for responses) Right! God needed the plants to be able to make more plants, so He gave them seeds.

- *And let there be trees on the land that bear fruit with seeds in it. Let each kind of plant or tree have its own kind of seeds."*

So not only did God create plants with seeds, He now creates trees with fruit. The fruit also needed to have seeds.

- *And that's exactly what happened. The land produced plants. Each kind of plant had its own kind of seeds. The land produced trees that bore fruit with seeds in it. Each kind of tree had its own kind of seeds.*

Things happen the way God says they will.

- *God saw that it was good. And there was evening, and there was morning.*

Again, God is looking at His creation and saw that everything He had created so far was good.

- *It was day three.*

What a big day the third day of creation has been! God made dry ground, plants and trees with fruit. He also named the land and the oceans.

Activity Optional Activities

Day 3 Demonstration

**Before class, put all of the items inside of the large bag so that it will be a surprise to the children during the story.

Read the Bible Story again (just the verses), but this time bring out the items from the bag as you talk about them. Following are words to look for:

"God said, "Let the water under the sky be gathered into one place."

(bring out the large dish and water. Pour the water into the dish.)

"Let dry ground appear."

(bring out the large rock and place it in the middle of the dish...show the children how the water is separated)

"Let the land produce plants."

(bring out the plants and flowers and place them on the side of the dish...they probably won't fit inside of it)

"And let there be trees on the land that bear fruit with seeds in it."

(bring out the apple and cut it in half to show the seeds)

Bible Verse

Then God said, "Let the land produce plants." Genesis 1:11

Activity: Planting Seeds

What did God create in our Bible Verse today? (allow for responses).

Right, God made the plants.

How do plants get started? (allow for responses). Plants get started from seeds. God didn't need seeds. He is powerful enough to just make the plants without using seeds. We aren't even close to being powerful enough as God, so we need to have seeds to grow a plant. That's what we're going to do today. We are going to plant a seed. You will be able to take it home and help it to grow into a plant. You will need to water it and let it get sunshine in order for it to grow."

- Give each child their own styrofoam cup
- Let the children write their name on their cup and decorate it however they would like
- Let the children tape their Bible Verse onto the side of their cup
- After the children are done with taping the Bible Verse, demonstrate how to put the dirt into their cups.
- Give each child a seed (or a few seeds depending on what kind you got)
- Demonstrate to the children how to push their seed into the dirt and make sure that it's covered.

Close in Prayer: Thanking God for All He has created for us.

Coloring Pages:

- "Let the land produce"
- "Plants & Trees"

Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=teu7BCZTgDs>

Feel free to take a picture of their art work or share how your activity went! Post it on our Facebook page or share it on GroupMe. Have a Blessed Day & Week! Until we can meet again

~ *Teacher Chrissy*

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