Creation Days Six & Seven

Bible Story: Days Six and of Creation from Genesis 1:24-2:3

Items Needed: (for optional activities)

• 1 straw per child, 1 bag of large marshmallows, 1 bag of small marshmallows, 1 bag of pretzel sticks, 4 trays, 1 paper plate per child, extra marshmallows and pretzel sticks to snack on.

Bible Lesson Introduction:

Review Creation Days One, Two, Three, Four & Five. Following are some questions to review what God created on the first, second and third days of Creation. The answers are in italics.

- What did God create on the first day of Creation? Heavens, earth, light.
- What did God create on the second day of Creation? *The sky to separate the water*.
- What did God create on the third day of Creation? *Land, plants with seeds, plants with fruit with seeds.*
- "What did God create on the fourth day of creation? "sun, moon and stars"
- "What did God create on the fifth day of creation?" *Birds and the animals in the waters*.

Read Genesis 1:24 – 2:3 aloud to the children.

God said, "Let the land produce every kind of living creature. Let there be livestock, and creatures that move along the ground, and wild animals." And that's exactly what happened. God made every kind of wild animal. He made every kind of livestock. He made every kind of creature that moves along the ground. And God saw that it was good.

Then God said, "Let us make human beings so that they are like us. Let them rule over the fish in the seas and the birds in the sky. Let them rule over the livestock and all the wild animals. And let them rule over all the creatures that move along the ground."

So God created human beings in his own likeness. He created them to be like himself. He created them as male and female. God blessed them. He said to them, "Have children so that there will be many of you. Fill the earth and bring it under your control. Rule over the fish in the seas and the birds in the sky. Rule over every living creature that moves along the ground."

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Then God said, "I am giving you every plant on the face of the whole earth that produces its own seeds. I am giving you every tree that has fruit with seeds in it. All of them will be given to you for food. I am giving every green plant as food for all the land animals and for all the birds in the sky. I am also giving the plants to all the creatures that move along the ground. I am giving them to every living thing that breathes." And that's exactly what happened.

God saw everything he had made. And it was very good. There was evening, and there was morning. It was day six.

So the heavens and the earth and everything in them were completed.

By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing. So on that day he rested from all his work. God blessed the seventh day and made it holy. He blessed it because on that day he rested from all the work he had done.

Discuss the Bible Reading:

"God said, 'Let the land produce every kind of living creature."

• Now God is creating life on land.

"Let there be livestock, and creatures that move along the ground, and wild animals."

• God is always very specific about the animals that He creates. He listed livestock, creatures that move along the ground and wild animals. He didn't just say, "Let there be animals." No. He listed the kinds of animals that He wanted to create.

"And that's exactly what happened. God made every kind of wild animal. He made every kind of livestock. He made every kind of creature that moves along the ground."

• Things happen the way God wants them to.

"And God saw that it was good."

• This shows us, again, that it is okay to be proud of ourselves for a job well done.

"Then God said, 'Let us make human beings so that they are like us."

• Man is finally created. Man is the last thing that God created. Notice how God says, "Let us..." He didn't say, "Let me..." He was referring to the Trinity: God the Father, God the Son (Jesus) and God the Spirit (the Holy Spirit). They were all there at the beginning. Just because we don't "see" Jesus or the Holy Spirit until later in the Bible, doesn't mean that they weren't there for Creation. They are and always have been three in one.

"Let them rule over the fish in the seas and the birds in the sky. Let them rule over the livestock and all the wild animals. And let them rule over all the creatures that move along the ground."

• God is making sure that man is at the "top" of His creation. Man is to rule over everything else in Creation.

"So God created human beings in his own likeness. He created them to be like himself. He created them as male and female."

• Wow! God created us in His image or likeness! We are the only things of Creation that were created in in His image. This means that we have a soul. No other animals can think, act or feel like we do.

"God blessed them."

• God blessed man just like He blessed the animals on day five.

"He said to them, "Have children so that there will be many of you. Fill the earth and bring it under your control."

• He only created two people: one man and one woman. It was their "duty" to fill the earth.

"Rule over the fish in the seas and the birds in the sky. Rule over every living creature that moves along the ground."

• God told the people what their "duty" was. He wanted to make sure that they knew that they would rule over the rest of Creation.

"Then God said, "I am giving you every plant on the face of the whole earth that produces its own seeds. I am giving you every tree that has fruit with seeds in it. All of them will be given to you for food."

> • God had to create man last so that everything else would be in place in order for man to be able to survive. That shows us that God is a god of order. He had a plan for Creation just like He has a plan for each of our lives. Man has food to eat. Notice how God gave the man the plants to eat. He says nothing about animals to eat. This doesn't come about until man sins later in the Bible.

"'I am giving every green plant as food for all the land animals and for all the birds in the sky. I am also giving the plants to all the creatures that move along the ground. I am giving them to every living thing that breathes."

• He wanted the man to know that the animals could eat the plants too.

"And that's exactly what happened. God saw everything he had made. And it was very good."

• Again, God is pleased with His creation. But, notice how God says that it was "very good." This is the first time that He said anything was very good. He was proud of His work until now, but it wasn't complete. Once He completed His creation, then it was "very good."

"There was evening, and there was morning. It was day six."

• Six days to create everything! Wow!

"So the heavens and the earth and everything in them were completed. By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing."

• It only took God six days to create the world and everything in it. That's less than a week. What do you get done in six days? None of us could get that much completed.

"So on that day he rested from all his work."

• God rested? God did a lot of work and so He rested. God shows us that it's okay to rest. Some people think that they have to keep going all of the time, but that's not biblical. God rested, which means that it's okay for us to rest. The problem is when people rest too much or work too much. You need to find a balance of work and rest.

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"God blessed the seventh day and made it holy."

• This is why we are supposed to rest one day a week and keep it holy.

"He blessed it because on that day he rested from all the work he had done."

• Again, it is just stating that God rested after all of His work. I think He deserves it, don't you?

Optional Activity: Marshmallow People.

What did God create last? (Allow for responses.)

God waited until the end to make us. He wanted everything else to be just right until He brought us into the world. We are going to make people, too! Ours will be out of marshmallows, though.

- Give each child a paper plate and a straw.
- Put the marshmallows and pretzels (separated) onto the trays or in the middle of the table.
- Let them create their own people with the marshmallows and pretzels

Optional Activity: Day 6 Pictionary:

• Let each child have a turn. Each child needs to think of something that was created on the sixth day of Creation and then draw it while trying to get the other children to guess what it is.

Bible Verse

"So God created man in his own likeness." Genesis 1:27

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

Coloring Pages:

- Day 6 Creation Coloring Page
- Day 7 Creation Coloring Page
- 7 Days of Creation Coloring Page

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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