

Adventures with GOD!

GOD MADE THE PLANTS (A.1.FALL.5)

Biblical Reference	Genesis 1:11-12
Key Verse	Genesis 1:10
Key Concept	Plants are an important part of the world that God made and they are a gift.
Educational Objectives	At the end of the class today, the children will be able to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Name 3 different plants 2. Explain the various functions that plants have (food, decoration, shade, medicine) 3. Give thanks to God for making plants

LIFE APPLICATION

Children have a tendency to want to destroy plants by picking at them, ripping them, stepping on them. This week we will help them to think about how they can take care of plants. We need to learn how to take care of them because they are an important part of the world God made. They make the world more beautiful and they give us food.

Possible Activities and Class Plan

Activity	Materials	Time
Opening Prayer	Candle	1 minute
Craft and Outdoor Activity	Table or tray, modeling clay or play doh	10 minutes
Snack, prayer, songs	Music, guitar	10 minutes
Craft	Table and materials	10 minutes
Bible Story	Illustration, Bible	10 minutes
Bible Verse	Paper, crayons	10 minutes
Craft	Sheets of paper, crayons, scissors, clothes hangers, yarn or string	10 minutes
Closing Prayer	Candle	1 minute

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INSTRUCTIONS

Opening Prayer

Gather children around a candle and explain that we are entering into a special time with God. Encourage the children to hold their hands out in front of them palms up as a sign they are ready to receive what God has for them today. Light the candle

Prayer: God we light this candle remembering: you made light, you made us, and you are with us now. Amen

(For safety sake, you may wish to extinguish the candle after the prayer)

Decoration: As a suggestion, you can decorate the room for this lesson. You could color and cut out lots of flowers (the patterns are provided in the following pages) and tape them up on the walls. You could also make trees and plants out of paper and put them up.

Craft and outdoor activity: When the children arrive, they can continue to work on the creation art project. It would be good to take them outside of the church so they can observe the trees, plants, flowers that are nearby. Invite the children to observe carefully the different types of leaves. Help them to distinguish the different colors of the plants. Ask them to pick up leaves that have fallen off the trees, but remind them not to take the leaves off of plants or trees.

Snack, prayer, songs: When they get back to the classroom, it would be a great time to pray thanking God for the beautiful plants he's made. Also take this opportunity to serve the snack.

Craft: After the snack, help them to continue to work on the creation art project. They can make trees, flowers, plants, fruits and seeds. Use colorful paper, play doh, pipe cleaners, and other elements that would work.

Bible Story: Make sure to find various illustrations, pictures of the trees, fruit, and plants. Or bring real plants, fruit, seeds, etc. Talk about what they saw on their walk outside – the beautiful colors, the shapes of the leaves, the smells of the trees. Help them to imagine how sad it would be to live in a world without beautiful plants. Ask them what plants we use to eat. If the time is right, the children could try different types of fruit, to reinforce the idea that God made the plants to nourish us and the animals.

Bible Verse: Make a copy of the picture of the flower and the respective image that follows. The children can color the flower while you continue to help them repeat the Bible verse, various times. It would be good to the verse in the center of the flower, so that the parents can help their children to memorize the verse when they're at home.

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Craft: Today the children will not color a new number. Explain that on the same day that God made the earth, he made the trees and plants (if children weren't there the previous week they can color the number 3). There are other possible crafts included at the end of this lesson if you have time for them.

Closing Prayer

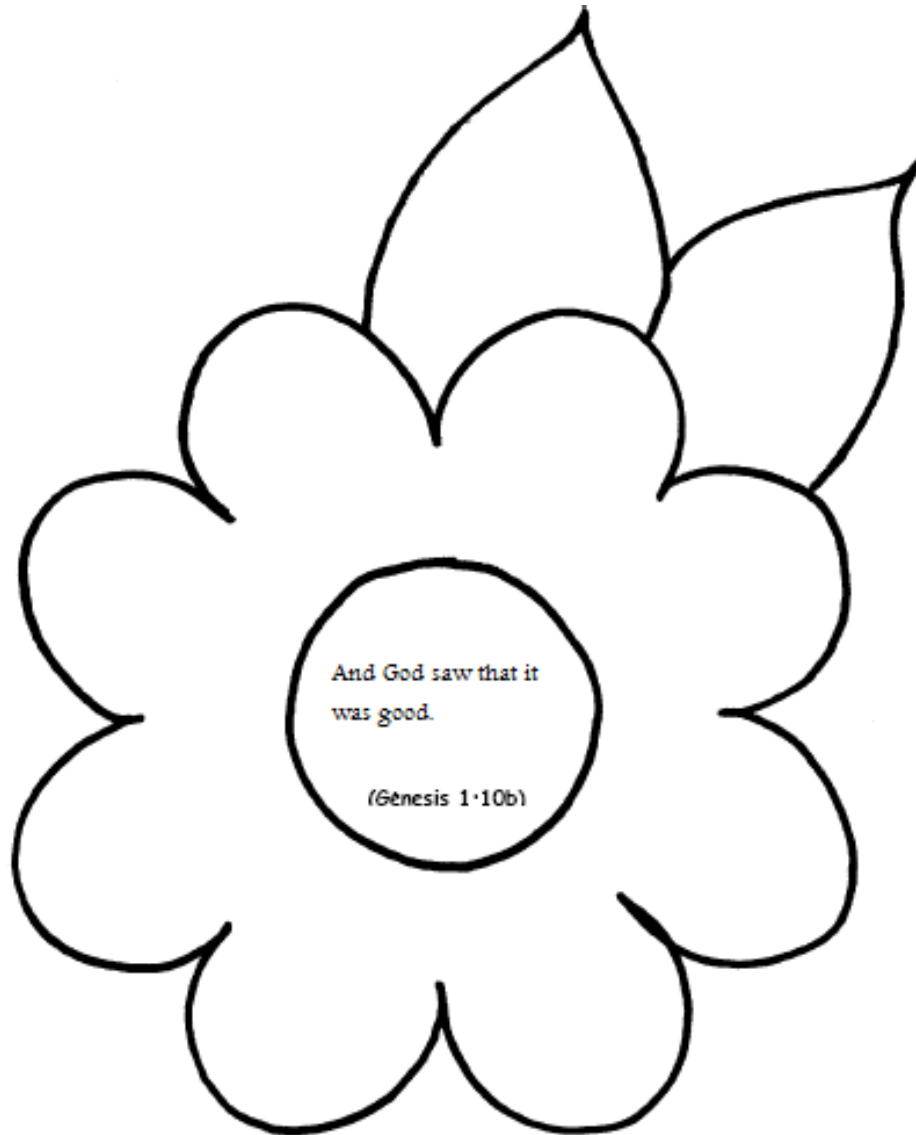
Gather children around the candle again. Light the candle

Prayer: Thank you God for making us, Thank you God for making the world. Amen

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BIBLE VERSE

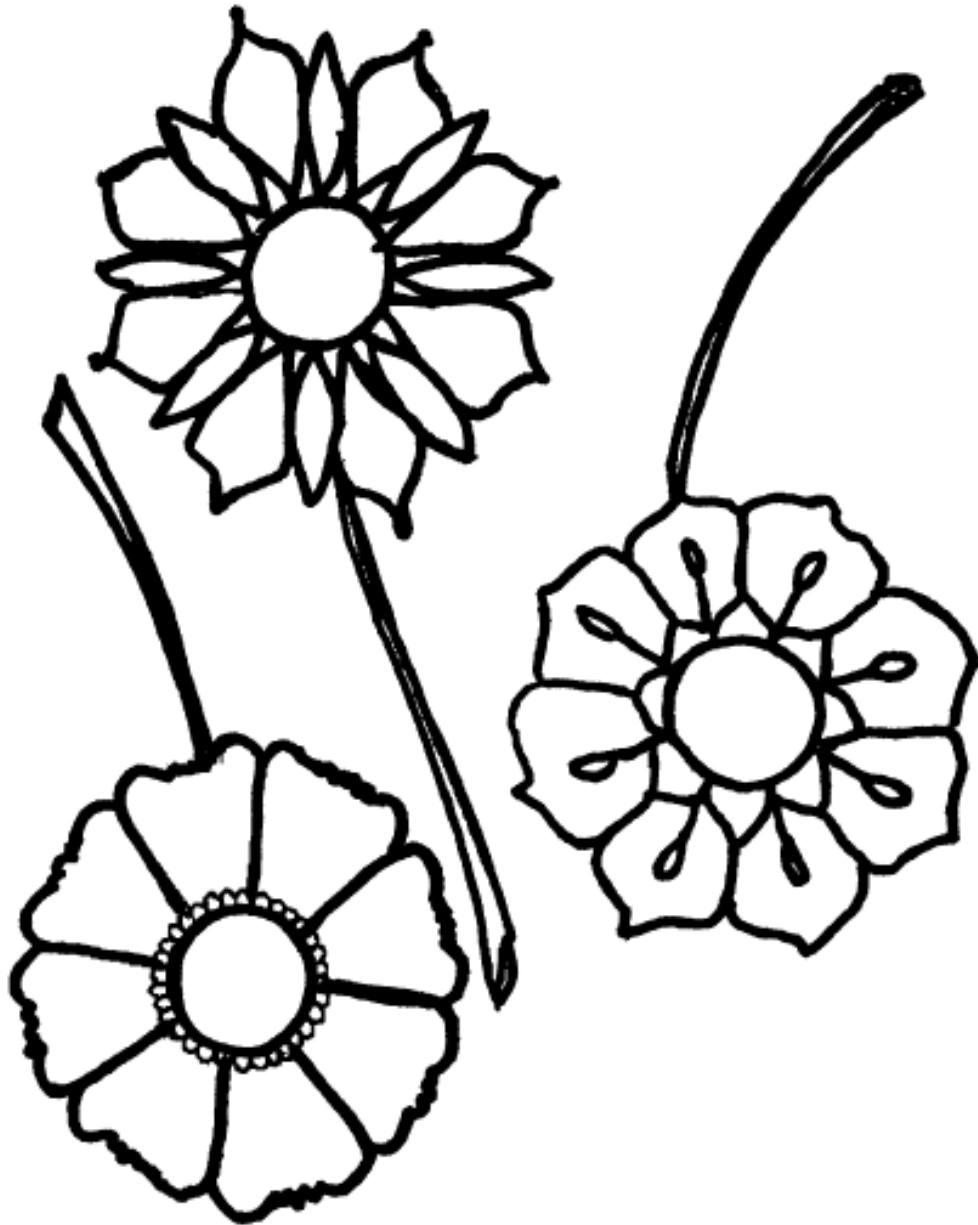
Color the flower and help them to repeat the verse



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DECORATION

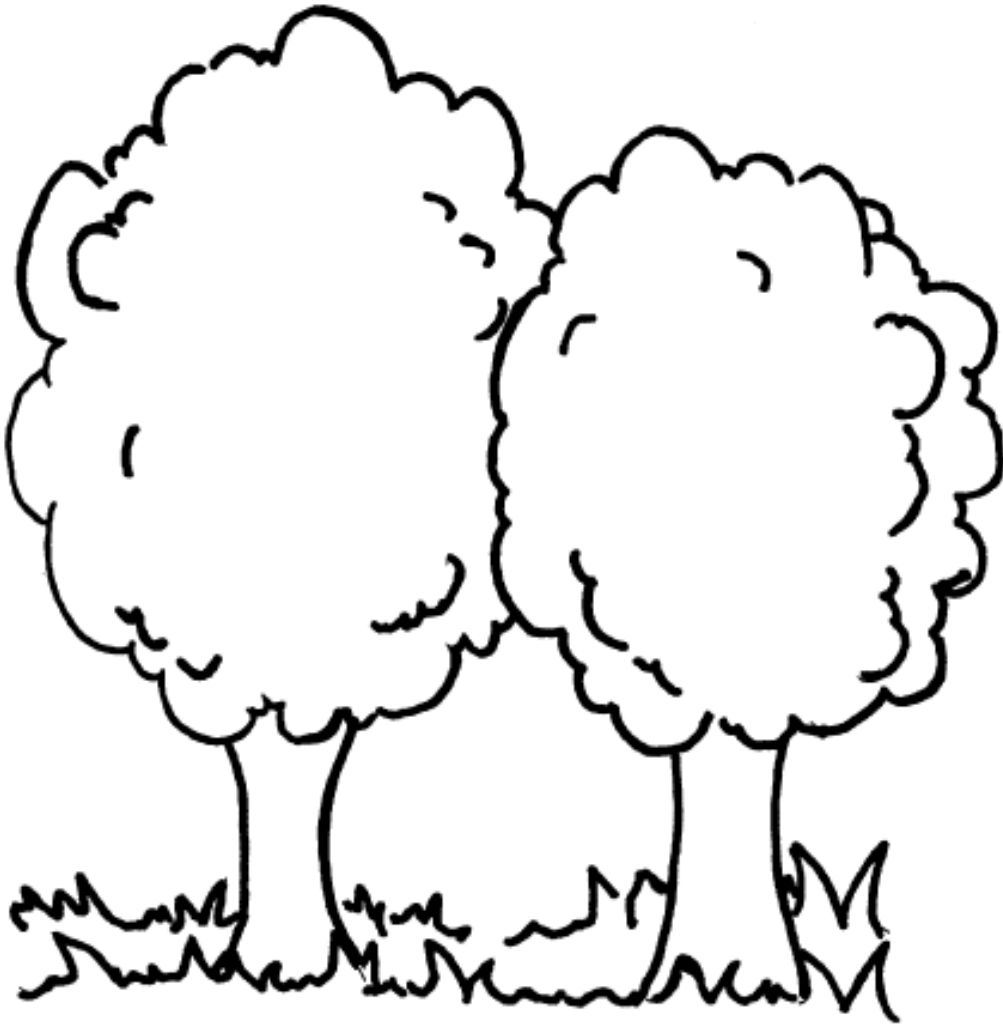
Make copies of the flowers and color them, then cut them and put them all over the room, so that it's decorated when the children arrive.



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CRAFT 1

Draw fruit in the trees and color the pictures



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CRAFT 2

Materials - thicker paper (like scrapbook paper), crayons

Instructions -

1. Use the pattern to make a big flower on the piece of paper. Make one for each child.
2. Each child should color the flower.
3. Then help them fold the paper as indicated below. As they unfold the flower they will see how God makes the flowers grow.

