

Adventures with GOD!

INTRODUCTION – GOD’S WORLD (A.1.FALL)

LESSONS FOR CHILDREN AGES 3-5

GOAL FOR THE TRIMESTER: Help children foster a relationship with God. Learn that God created the world and all that is in the world. Understand how to take care of the wonderful world that God made. Give thanks to God for all that he made in creation.

MESSAGE FOR THE TEACHER:

“God made...” This is how each of the lesson titles for this trimester begins. During the next 12-13 weeks the children will learn that the world was and continues to be the work of God. His marvelous creation includes the sky and heavens, the earth, the plants and animals. In addition they will learn about the most wonderful creation of all – humans (man and woman). As we enter into God’s word keep in mind the focus is first and foremost about fostering a relationship with God. This is why every session begins and ends with a special time of prayer. We prayerfully enter in the presence of God and we end remembering God goes with us.

During this trimester you will have the opportunity to share with the children of your class the many beautiful things that God has made. These lessons will encourage the children in their walk as children of God. How do children learn? By observing, touching, feeling, smelling, etc. They will hear concrete and real stories, which will help them see the creation of God all around them, and connect with God.

When you talk about the trees, plants and flowers, the children can touch them and smell them. You could plant something and see how it grows. You can climb a tree or taste some fruit that they might have never tasted before. Another option is to make a mural utilizing leaves from plants and flowers. Remember that the children learn the most when they can touch, smell and hear.

You will find many ideas to help you in development of your lessons. However, don’t limit yourself to just these ideas. Use your creativity and spontaneity to reach the goals of the trimester in the best way possible. Study each lesson with enough anticipation to have

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everything you need ready. Ask for wisdom and guidance from the Lord so that a seed of love for creation and the creator will be planted in each child, as well as the desire to take care of the world, to thank God for what God created and to motivate others to see God's wonderful creation in the sky, flowers, water, and food.

Don't forget to open your Bible every time you teach a Bible story. The children need to realize that what you are teaching them are Biblical truths, not just simple theory. Let them touch carefully the Bible and explain that this is a book from God, the most special book in the whole world.

Remember that for small children, it is difficult to focus for a long time on one thing. A child that is three years old will probably only be able to pay attention to the story for about 3-5 minutes.

Starting in session 3, the children will be building an art project of creation made with play doh or modeling clay. Make sure to get the materials you need before time and enough varieties of colors to be able to make the different elements of creation – trees, animals, fruit, and flowers. Place a table or tray in one corner of the room for the creation art project. The children will add to this each week of the trimester. This will serve as a visual reminder of all God has created. You will probably need to help the smaller children with the play doh/modeling clay. As you help them, remind them weekly that when God created the world and everything in it, God didn't have to use his hands or play doh. God is powerful and everything was created when God spoke the words.