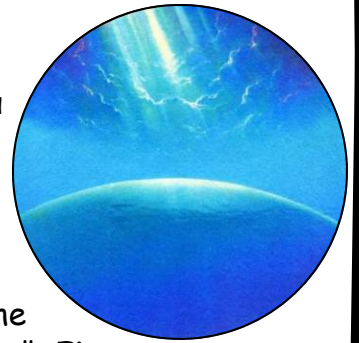


September Creation

Learn what God made on day 2.

Day 2-Then God said, Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters. Thus God made the firmament, and divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament: and it was so. And God called the firmament Heaven. So the evening and the morning were the second day. Genesis 1:6-8

(Begin with the circle 1 on the board.) Now, the first day has ended, and the second day is dawning. I wonder what God is going to say today. We wait and listen. Finally, we hear that wonderful voice again, and this time it says, "Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters." Firmament is a big word. It means God is going to create an atmosphere or air. Let's see how it is going to happen. Now we see that the heavy fog begins to lift. It goes up higher and higher, and God fills up the space with a great big layer of air between the ocean and the water up above the clouds. Are you wondering why God took a whole day to make something invisible like air? Air is important for all the living creatures He was getting ready to make. Without air there could be no life. But not just any air would do. God had to make just the right kind of air. The air that we fill balloons wouldn't do. It is not oxygen. He mixed up our air just right, so we would have enough oxygen to breathe, but not too much to set the world on fire. Even though we can't see air, we can feel it. If you stand in front of a fan you can feel the air blowing past you. If you blow up a balloon you can keep it up in the air. Air makes a great big cushion, so things can't fall too quickly. Without air, if you threw a rock up in sky, when it fell it would make a big hole and destroy everything it hit. Yes, God knew what he was doing when He took this very important step, to get the world ready for the other things He was going to make. The evening and the morning were the second day! We will learn more about creation next time. Let's now learn about one of God's creatures.



Teaching Aids Needed:

Creation Circles 1,2

September Animal

Learn about a bird and its song.

Northern Cardinal (Blue tab)

Using the book, *Bird Calls* by Frank Gallo, Read the clue:

I wear bright feathers of cherry red
And like to sing a cheery song.
What bird am I?

Pull the tab and show the bird. Then, listen to the bird's song. (Blue button)

Use the additional text to learn more about the Cardinal.

(It is copied here for ease of use so the children can look at the book while you teach them.)

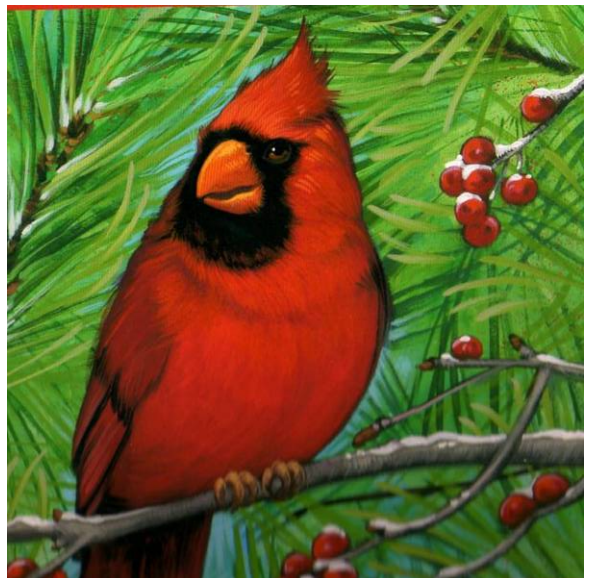
When you walk through the snow in winter, watch for colorful birds at the edge of field or along the roadsides. You might see a bright red cardinal sitting in a snow covered tree or bush. If you're lucky, you might also see a number of cardinals gathered in small flocks.

Cardinals especially like bushes with berries or seeds. They use their big red beaks to eat the fruits and seeds and insect, too. Male and female cardinals sing in early spring. They sound so happy when they seem to say "Cheer, cheer! Birdie, birdie, birdie!" (Listen to the song again-blue button)

A cardinal nest is a deep cup made of twigs, weed, bark, and little roots, It is lined with grass, moss, or hair and is very hard to see. The three or four eggs are light green or blue-white with little red-brown spots. (Point to the picture of the nest.)

Cardinals can have three or more broods in one season. The father feeds grubs and insects to the little birds. While the mother sits on the new eggs.

Listen to the bird's song again, as you have time.



Teaching Aids Needed:

Book: *Bird Calls* by Frank Gallo

September Award Time

Travel 6, 8, 9

8. Locate the U.S. on a globe?

Point out the different continents. After they can identify North America. Point out the part that is the United States.

6. Learn about 5 ways to travel. (Show pictures as needed)

There are lots of ways to travel. The **car** is the most common way we get around. It is always important to buckle into your car seat. Another way you might travel is a **school bus**. Do any of you take a bus to school? Sometimes you might also take a bus on a field trip. It is always important to follow the teacher's instructions on the bus. If we want to travel a long distance we might take an **airplane**. How many of you have been on an airplane? Your family will pack their suitcases and head off to the airport. At the airport you will wait in line to drop off your luggage and then you will head for security. Mommy and Daddy will put all the family's belongings on a conveyor belt to go through the x-ray machine. Then you will take turns walking through a scanner. On the other side, you get your things and then wait at the gate to get on the plane. When your row is called you will board the plane and put all your things under the seat or in an overhead bin. You need to buckle your seatbelt and then you are ready to take off.

Another way to travel is to take the **train**. If you are taking a long trip your family might have a bedroom on the train. It is fun to watch out the windows, and eat in the dining car. A cruise **ship** is a complete vacation in itself. Your family will board the ship and porters will take care of your luggage for you. There are lots of different places to eat, and lots of things to do. Your family will have a room to sleep in that is much nicer than those on a train. It will have a window to see out to the ocean, and sometimes there will be a balcony. Every ship has a pool up on the very top deck. Your ship may visit several different places that you can get off the ship and see.

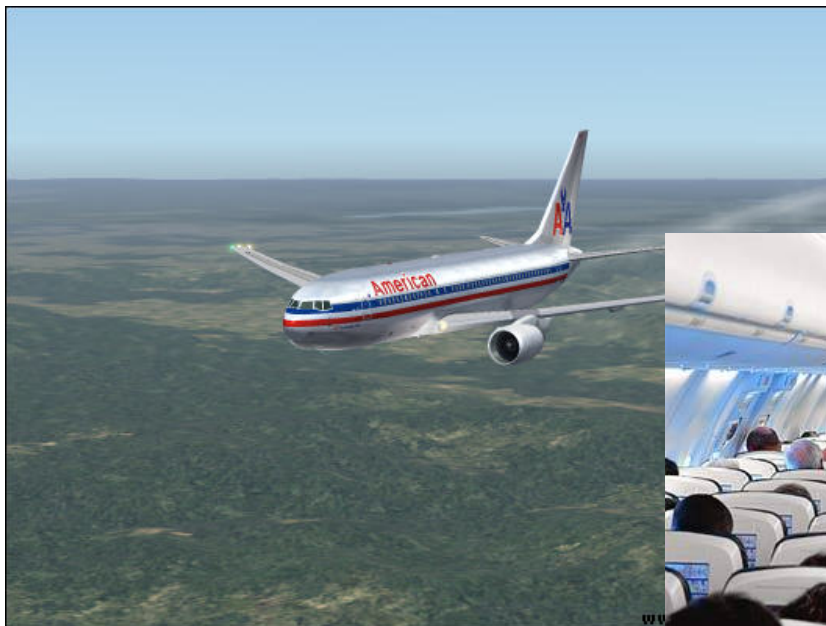
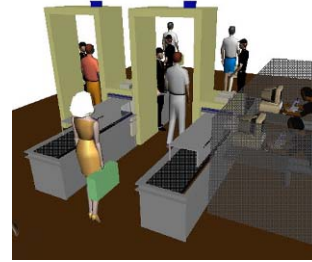
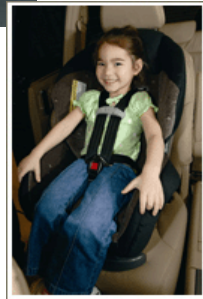
9. How will we travel to heaven?

Will we need a bus or an airplane to go to heaven? No! Jesus is coming to get us. He will leave His home in Heaven, which is found behind Orion. (Show picture of Orion) Then a space the nebula opens up and we can see into where heaven is.. Through it comes the voice of God announcing that Jesus is coming. There is thunder and lightning and earthquakes and soon there appears a small black cloud in the east. God's people recognize it as the cloud bringing Jesus and are not afraid, but the wicked can't hear the voice of God. All they can hear is thunder. The cloud grows larger and larger, and brighter and brighter. Before long, it fills the whole sky. (Show pictures of second coming) In the cloud with Jesus are all the angels of heaven, thousands and thousands of them, more than you can count. The base of the cloud looks like fire and a beautiful rainbow arches above his head. He has a trumpet in His right hand and a sickle in the left. The sound of angels' singing is heard. The trumpet is blown, and Jesus cries "Awake, awake, all of you that are asleep, and arise." Then just like Lazarus, all the dead people all over the world who love God are raised. It is an exciting time. The dead are raised to healthy bodies and rise to meet Jesus in the air. The living are changed too. In a moment, in just a twinkling of an eye, we will become perfect. Our faces will glow with the presence of God, like Moses' did when he came down from Mt. Sinai. We are then caught up in the air to meet Jesus. We all travel in the cloud with Jesus for 7 days, until we get to heaven.

Teaching Aids Needed:

Globe

September Means of Travel



September Means of Travel



September Award Time

Background Material (*Last Day Events* ch. 19)

God Announces the Time of Christ's Coming

Dark, heavy clouds came up and clashed against each other. The atmosphere parted and rolled back. Then we could look up through the open space in Orion, whence came the voice of God.--EW 41 (1851). Soon we heard the voice of God [THE VOICE OF GOD IS HEARD REPEATEDLY DURING THE PERIOD IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING CHRIST'S RETURN. SEE THE GREAT CONTROVERSY, PP. 632, 633, 636, 638, 640, 641.] like many waters, which gave us the day and hour of Jesus' coming. The living saints, 144,000 in number, knew and understood the voice, while the wicked thought it was thunder and an earthquake.--EW 15 (1851). As God spoke the day and the hour of Jesus' coming, and delivered the everlasting covenant to His people, He spoke one sentence, and then paused, while the words were rolling through the earth. The Israel of God stood with their eyes fixed upward, listening to the words as they came from the mouth of Jehovah and rolled through the earth like peals of loudest thunder. It was awfully solemn. At the end of every sentence the saints shouted, "Glory! Hallelujah!" Their countenances were lighted up with the glory of God, and they shone with glory as did the face of Moses when he came down from Sinai. The wicked could not look upon them for the glory. And when the never-ending blessing was pronounced on those who had honored God in keeping His Sabbath holy, there was a mighty shout of victory over the beast and over his image.--EW 285, 286 (1858). I have not the slightest knowledge as to the time spoken by the voice of God. I heard the hour proclaimed, but had no remembrance of that hour after I came out of vision. Scenes of such thrilling, solemn interest passed before me as no language is adequate to describe. It was all a living reality to me, for close upon this scene appeared the great white cloud, upon which was seated the Son of man.--1SM 76 (1888).

The Terror of the Lost

When the earth is reeling to and fro like a drunkard, when the heavens are shaking and the great day of the Lord has come, who shall be able to stand? One object they behold in trembling agony from which they will try in vain to escape. "Behold, He cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see Him" (Rev. 1:7). The unsaved utter wild imprecations to dumb nature--their god: "Mountains and rocks, fall on us, and hide us from the face of Him that sitteth on the throne" (Rev. 6:16).--TMK 356 (1896). When the voice of God turns the captivity of His people, there is a terrible awakening of those who have lost all in the great conflict of life. . . . The gain of a lifetime is swept away in a moment. The rich bemoan the destruction of their grand houses, the scattering of their gold and silver. . . . The wicked are filled with regret, not because of their sinful neglect of God and their fellow men, but because God has conquered. They lament that the result is what it is, but they do not repent of their wickedness.--GC 654 (1911).

Jesus Descends in Power and Glory

Soon there appears in the east a small black cloud, about half the size of a man's hand. It is the cloud which surrounds the Saviour, and which seems in the distance to be shrouded in darkness. The people of God know this to be the sign of the Son of man. In solemn silence they gaze upon it as it draws nearer the earth, becoming lighter and more glorious, until it is a great white cloud, its base a glory like consuming fire, and above it the rainbow of the covenant. Jesus rides forth as a mighty conqueror. . . . With anthems of celestial melody the holy angels, a vast, unnumbered throng, attend Him on His way. The firmament seems filled with radiant forms--"ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands." No human pen can portray the scene, no mortal mind is adequate to conceive its splendor. . . . The King of kings descends upon the cloud, wrapped in flaming fire. The heavens are rolled together as a scroll, the earth trembles before Him, and every mountain and island is moved out of its place.--GC 640-642 (1911).

The Reaction of Those Who Pierced Him

Those who have acted the most prominent part in the rejection and crucifixion of Christ come forth to see Him as He is, and those who have rejected Christ come up and see the saints glorified, and it is at that time that the saints are changed in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, and are caught up to meet their Lord in the air. The very ones who placed upon Him the purple robe and put the crown of thorns upon His brow, and those who put the nails through His hands and feet, look upon Him and bewail.--9MR 252 (1886). They remember how His love was slighted and His compassion abused. They think of how Barabbas, a murderer and a robber, was chosen in His stead, how Jesus was crowned with thorns and scourged and crucified, how in the hours of His agony on the cross the priests and rulers taunted Him, saying, "Let Him come down from the cross, and we will believe Him. He saved others, Himself He cannot save." All the insult and despite offered to Christ, all the suffering caused to His disciples, will be as fresh in their recollection as when the satanic deeds were done. The voice which they heard so often in entreaty and persuasion will again sound in their ears. Every tone of gracious solicitation will vibrate as distinctly in their ears as when the Saviour spoke in the synagogues and on the street. Then those who pierced Him will call on the rocks and mountains to fall on them and hide them from the face of Him that sitteth on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb.--Letter 131, 1900.

"Awake, Ye That Sleep, and Arise!"

The clouds begin to roll back like a scroll and there is the bright, clear sign of the Son of man. The children of God know

what that cloud means. The sound of music is heard, and as it nears, the graves are opened and the dead are raised.--9MR 251, 252 (1886). "Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, and shall come forth" [John 5:28, 29]. This voice is soon to resound through all the nations of the dead, and every saint who sleeps in Jesus shall awake and leave his prison house.--Ms 137, 1897. The precious dead, from Adam down to the last saint who dies, will hear the voice of the Son of God and will come forth from the grave to immortal life.--DA 606 (1898). Amid the reeling of the earth, the flash of lightning, and the roar of thunder, the voice of the Son of God calls forth the sleeping saints. He looks upon the graves of the righteous, then, raising His hands to heaven, He cries: "Awake, awake, awake, ye that sleep in the dust, and arise!" Throughout the length and breadth of the earth the dead shall hear that voice, and they that hear shall live. And the whole earth shall ring with the tread of the exceeding great army of every nation, kindred, tongue, and people. From the prison house of death they come, clothed with immortal glory, crying: "O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?" (1 Cor. 15:55). And the living righteous and the risen saints unite their voices in a long, glad shout of victory.--GC 644 (1911).

From Caves and Dens and Dungeons

In the fastnesses of the mountains, in the caves and dens of the earth, the Saviour reveals His presence and His glory. Yet a little while, and He that is to come will come and will not tarry. His eyes as a flame of fire penetrate into the fast-closed dungeons and hunt out the hidden ones, for their names are written in the Lamb's book of life. The eyes of the Saviour are above us, around us, noting every difficulty, discerning every danger; and there is no place where His eyes cannot penetrate, no sorrows and sufferings of His people where the sympathy of Christ does not reach. . . . The child of God will be terror-stricken at the first sight of the majesty of Jesus Christ. He feels that he cannot live in His holy presence. But the word comes to him as to John, "Fear not." Jesus laid His right hand upon John; He raised him up from his prostrate position. So will He do unto His loyal, trusting ones.--TMK 360, 361 (1886). The heirs of God have come from garrets, from hovels, from dungeons, from scaffolds, from mountains, from deserts, from the caves of the earth, from the caverns of the sea.--GC 650 (1911).

From Ocean Depths and Mines and Mountains

When Christ comes to gather to Himself those who have been faithful, the last trump will sound, and the whole earth, from the summits of the loftiest mountains to the lowest recesses of the deepest mines, will hear. The righteous dead will hear the sound of the last trump, and will come forth from their graves, to be clothed with immortality and to meet their Lord.--7BC 909 (1904). I dwell with pleasure upon the resurrection of the just, who shall come forth from all parts of the earth, from rocky caverns, from dungeons, from caves of the earth, from the waters of the deep. Not one is overlooked. Every one shall hear His voice. They will come forth with triumph and victory.--Letter 113, 1886. What a scene will these mountains and hills [in Switzerland] present when Christ, the Lifegiver, shall call forth the dead! They will come from caverns, from dungeons, from deep wells, where their bodies have been buried.--Letter 97, 1886.

The Wicked Are Slain

In the mad strife of their own fierce passions, and by the awful outpouring of God's unmingled wrath, fall the wicked inhabitants of the earth--priests, rulers, and people, rich and poor, high and low. "And the slain of the Lord shall be at that day from one end of the earth even unto the other end of the earth: they shall not be lamented, neither gathered, nor buried" (Jer. 25:33). At the coming of Christ the wicked are blotted from the face of the whole earth--consumed with the spirit of His mouth and destroyed by the brightness of His glory. Christ takes His people to the city of God, and the earth is emptied of its inhabitants.--GC 657 (1911). To sin, wherever found, "our God is a consuming fire" (Heb. 12:29). In all who submit to His power the Spirit of God will consume sin. But if men cling to sin, they become identified with it. Then the glory of God, which destroys sin, must destroy them.--DA 107 (1898). The glory of His countenance, which to the righteous is life, will be to the wicked a consuming fire.--DA 600 (1898).

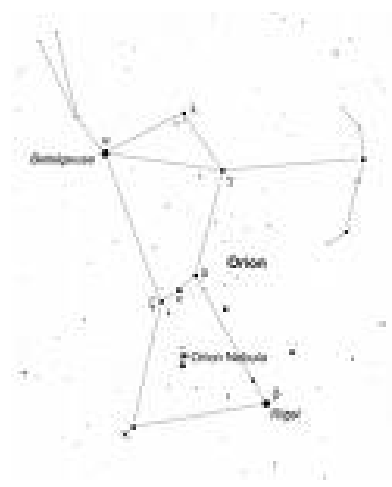
Destruction of the Wicked an Act of Mercy

Could those whose hearts are filled with hatred of God, of truth and holiness, mingle with the heavenly throng and join their songs of praise? Could they endure the glory of God and the Lamb? No, no; years of probation were granted them, that they might form characters for heaven; but they have never trained the mind to love purity; they have never learned the language of heaven, and now it is too late. A life of rebellion against God has unfitted them for heaven. Its purity, holiness, and peace would be torture to them; the glory of God would be a consuming fire. They would long to flee from that holy place. They would welcome destruction, that they might be hidden from the face of Him who died to redeem them. The destiny of the wicked is fixed by their own choice. Their exclusion from heaven is voluntary with themselves, and just and merciful on the part of God.--GC 542, 543 (1911).

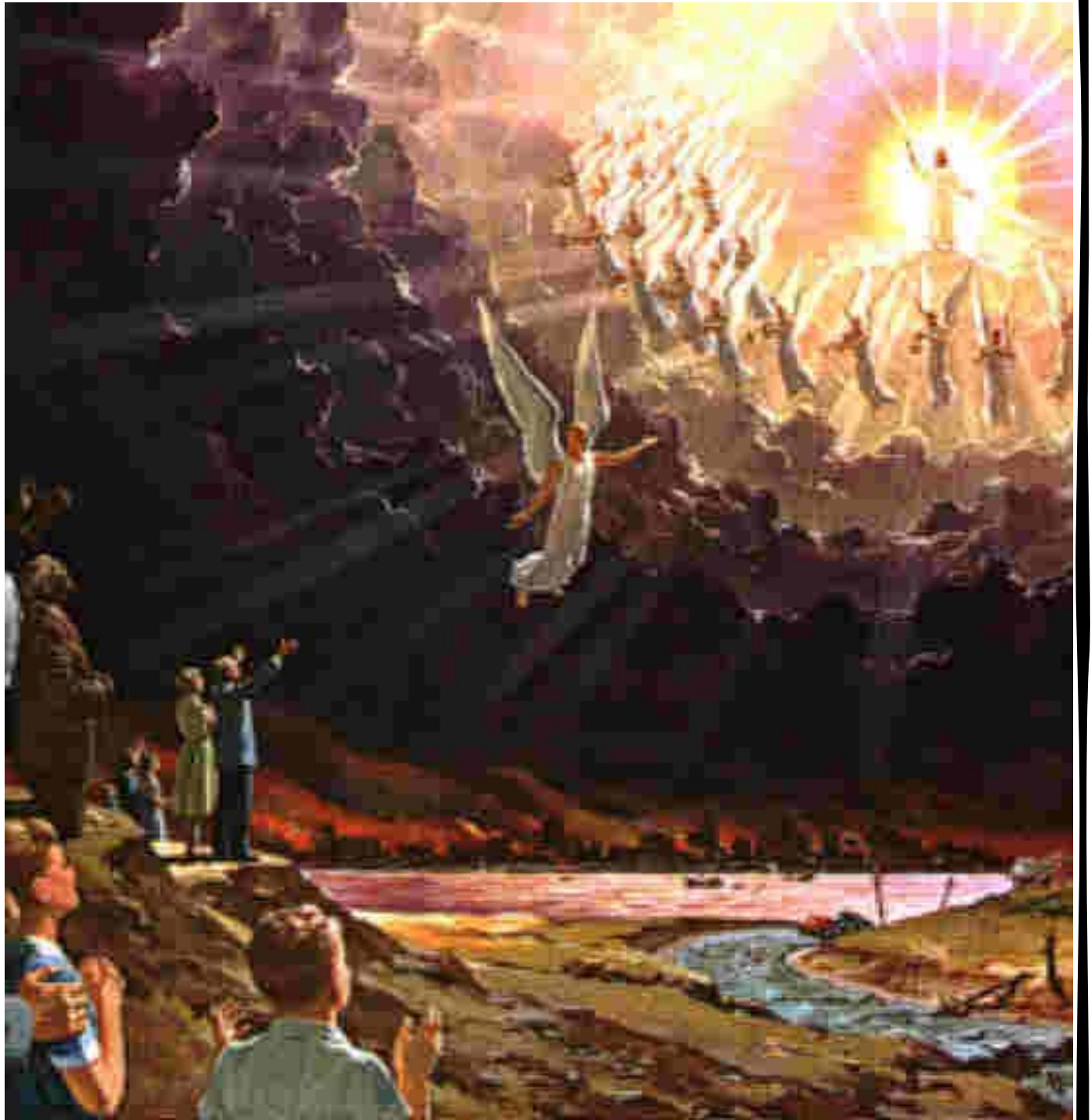
Homeward Bound!

The living righteous are changed "in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye." At the voice of God they were glorified; now they are made immortal, and with the risen saints are caught up to meet their Lord in the air. Angels "gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other." Little children are borne by holy angels to their mothers' arms. Friends long separated by death are united, nevermore to part, and with songs of gladness ascend together to the city of God.--GC 645 (1911). We all entered the cloud together, and were seven days ascending to the sea of glass.--EW 16 (1851). {LDE 280.2}

And as the chariot rolled upward, the wheels cried, "Holy," and the wings, as they moved, cried, "Holy," and the retinue of holy angels around the cloud cried, "Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!" And the saints in the cloud cried, "Glory! Alleluia!"--EW 35 (1851). Oh, how glorious it will be to see Him and be welcomed as His redeemed ones! Long have we waited, but our hope is not to grow dim. If we can but see the King in His beauty we shall be forever blessed. I feel as if I must cry aloud, "Homeward bound!"--8T 253 (1904).







September

God Made Me

What is sound?

Sound is a type of energy made by vibrations. When any object vibrates, it causes movement in the air particles. These particles bump into the particles close to them, which makes them vibrate too causing them to bump into more air particles. This movement, called sound waves, keeps going until they run out of energy. If your ear is within range of the vibrations, you hear the sound. When the vibrations are fast, you hear a high note. When the vibrations are slow, it creates a low note. Sound travels slower than light. That is why you see the lightning before you hear the thunder. Now let's learn what happens to the sound waves when they reach your ear.

8. Learn about the ear.

Your ear is made up of three parts - these different parts are often referred to as the **outer ear**, the **middle ear** and the **inner ear**.



An Eardrum

The **outer ear** starts with the bit that sticks out of the side of your head (called the **pinna**), continues through the ear hole and down a small tunnel called the ear canal until it reaches the **eardrum**. (1) The pinna acts like a funnel, catching sounds as they whizz past your head, enhancing them, and directing them down into your ear canal. At the end of the ear canal the sound hits the eardrum and vibrates it.



The **middle ear** is next. The other side of the ear drum (shown left) is attached to a tiny set of 3 bones called the **hammer**, the **anvil** and the **stirrup** (2) As the eardrum vibrates, the hammer, anvil and stirrup move backwards and forwards in time with the vibrations, causing the stirrup to vibrate something like a miniature eardrum called the **oval window**.

Last is the **inner ear**. On the other side of the oval window is a salty liquid in a long, curled up container called the **cochlea** (3). Because the oval window is being pushed, it forces the liquid away from itself in waves along the length of the cochlea, a bit like the way you can create waves in a bath by sliding backwards and forwards. These waves will 'peak' at specific places along the cochlea based on how high or low the sound is, triggering a nerve message that tells the brain whereabouts along the cochlea the wave peaked and how strong the peak was. The brain interprets these nerve messages as sound. Everything is geared to getting sounds to the inner ear so it can send the messages to the brain. That is how we hear.

Teaching Aids Needed:

Tuning fork

September

Memory Verse

Philippians 4:4

"Rejoice in the Lord always, again I will say, rejoice."

The parent should have taught this verse at home.

Your job is just to test the verse.

Birth of Jesus

Read pages 14-21 of "The First Christmas"

3. Where did his parent's find a place to stay?

Now that we have reviewed the story who can tell me where Joseph found a place for them to stay. Remember that all the inns were full. (Let children respond) I'm glad you knew that.

4. Who told the shepherds about Jesus?

Do you remember the part of the story where the shepherds were watching the sheep? Who filled the sky with their presence and told the shepherds about Jesus. That's right it was the angels. I'm glad you knew that. Next time we will ask you more questions about Jesus.

If the children cannot answer, read the story again and repeat the questions. Ask different children until all can answer.

Teaching Aids Needed:

Book: *The First Christmas* by Allia Nolan ISBN 0-7944-0412-x