

# December Creation

## Learn what God made on day 7.

**Day 7**— Thus the heavens and the earth, and all the host of them were finished. And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had done; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had done. Then God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made. *Genesis 2:1-3*

(Begin with the circles 1-5 on the board) As the goes down on the 6th day of the creation week, the stars come out and all nature is bathed in brilliant moonlight. We must remember that when God counts days, each one begins and ends at sundown. So this is the beginning of the 7th day. Adam and Eve are enjoying their first evening together. Then out of the beauty of the night comes a majestic voice—it is the voice of God. He tells them how He has created everything: first, the light, and air, then the dry land and all the plants. He tells them about making all the sea creatures, birds and animals. How their hearts are overflowing with love, when God tells them that he has prepared it all for them. Then God tells them that this day, the 7th day, is to be a holy day. He has created everything in six days, and now, on the seventh day, He and they will rest together. God does not rest because He is tired, for God does not get tired, He rests because He had finished His perfect work of creation. He also wants to set an example for Adam and Eve to follow. In the morning, as the rising sun awakens them from their first night's sleep, Adam and Eve are perfectly happy. They eat some of the lovely fruit in the garden, and then they hear the voice of God calling them. The three of them spend the day together, enjoying all the wonderful things in their new home. It is thrilling to walk through the garden with the Creator. It is a wonderful day of rest and worship and talking to God. Adam and Eve will remember it all of their lives. God wants every Sabbath to be happy like that one, where we can rest and worship and talk to God. And all these many years later, all who keep the Sabbath holy will find a blessing in it that others will never know. God blessed the Sabbath day and set it apart, not for himself but for all the people of the world. It is a wonderful gift the God gave to all of us. Now let's learn about one of the animals God made.



## Teaching Aids Needed:

Creation Circles 1-7

# December Animal

## Learn About the Giraffe

Do you know very much about giraffes? I found some very interesting facts about them. The giraffe is the tallest animal in the world. His favorite meal is the thorny leaves of the acacia tree.

Giraffes can easily live 25 years. The giraffes' 18-foot height and excellent vision gives them a wide view of the grasslands where they live, making it easy for them to spot predators from a distance.

A giraffe's tongue can be up to 21 inches long. Giraffes can go weeks without drinking water. They get most of the water they need from the plants they eat.

A giraffe's front legs are longer than his back legs, which helps him run really fast, about 35 miles per hour. Scientists used to believe that giraffes made no sound, but giraffes do make noises. Some of their sounds cannot be heard by people.



Giraffes usually sleep standing up, because it can take too long for a giraffe to get back up on its feet if a predator should approach. Giraffes have two to four short blunt horns on their heads. No two giraffes have the same pattern of spots.

A baby giraffe is called a calf. A newborn giraffe is about 6 feet tall and weighs about 150 pounds. Within a few hours of being born, calves can run around. But for the first two weeks they spend most of their time lying down, guarded by the mother.

## Teaching Aids Needed:

Felt giraffes from "Little Folks Felt" Wild Animal series

# December Award Time

## **ABC's #1, 2, Test 6**

### **1. Recognize on sight 13 of the 26 letters.**

With alphabet flash cards, test the children on the letters.

### **2. Name one thing that start with each letter.**

The cards also have pictures of something that starts with the letter. Use the pictures to help the children identify the letter.

### **6. Sing the ABC song from memory.**

The parents should have taught them the song, Just sing it once with the children and mark off who knows it and send it back to the parents if they don't.

## **Teaching Aids Needed:**

Alphabet Flash Cards

# December

## Neighbor Friends

### Neighbor Friends - Pastor

Today we are going to learn about a pastor. ( Put pastor felt on board)

A pastor is our neighbor friend,  
A helper on whom we depend.  
In church he preaches of God's way,  
He prays for guidance every day.



### A Day in the Life of a Pastor.

Pastor Brooks is going to have a busy day. It is Sabbath morning, and there is a baptism today. He must remember to take a change of clothes. The family has worship together before leaving for church. He arrives early and meets with the prayer group. He greets Mr. and Mrs. Brown who have just started to attend. He asks someone to show their children to the Sabbath School classes. During Sabbath School, Pastor Brooks teaches a class for new members, which Mr. and Mrs. Brown attend. After class, he talks with Tiffany who is going to be baptized today. She is a little nervous, so he takes the time to encourage her. Pastor Brooks must then prepare for the church service. All the service participants meet together and pray for God's blessing on the service. Then Pastor Brooks, along with the others go into the sanctuary to begin the service. He welcomes all the members and guests and enjoys the music and other features. Soon, he must leave to get ready for the baptism. After they have changed, Pastor Brooks takes Tiffany into the baptismal tank and baptizes her. It is a special day, when someone gives their heart to Jesus. The church has a children's story while Pastor Brooks quickly changes. Then it is time for the sermon. Pastor Brooks has spent many hours during the week studying the Bible and planning what he is going to say this morning. After the sermon, Pastor Brooks greets the people at the door. He continues to visit with people during the fellowship luncheon. He finishes his lunch quickly, because at 2 o'clock he has a Bible Study with the Browns. That evening the youth have asked him to join them for a game night. As he returns home that evening he thinks of Tiffany and the Browns, and smiles. He has the best job in the world.

### Teaching Aids Needed:

Community Helper Felts

Pastor-Ethnicity of your choice

(Brown Suit, Bible (cut from robed clergy), and briefcase (optional) )

# December Memory Verse

John 3:16

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten son."

The parent should have taught this verse at home.  
Your job is just to test the verse.

## Award

Prayer # 1, 8

### 8. Listen to the story of the Lord's Prayer.\*

The Lord's Prayer was twice given by our Saviour, first to the multitude in the Sermon on the Mount, and again, some months later, to the disciples alone. The disciples had been for a short time absent from their Lord, when on their return they found Him absorbed in communion with God. Seeming unconscious of their presence, He continued praying aloud. The Saviour's face was irradiated with a celestial brightness. He seemed to be in the very presence of the Unseen, and there was a living power in His words as of one who spoke with God.

The hearts of the listening disciples were deeply moved. They had marked how often He spent long hours in solitude in communion with His Father. . . . It was from hours spent with God that He came forth, morning by morning, to bring the light of heaven to men. The disciples had come to connect His hours of prayer with the power of His words and works. Now, as they listened to His supplication, their hearts were awed and humbled. As He ceased praying, it was with a conviction of their own deep need that they exclaimed, "Lord, teach us to pray." Luke 11:1.

Jesus gives them no new form of prayer. That which He has before taught them He repeats, as if He would say, You need to understand what I have already given. It has a depth of meaning you have not yet fathomed.

The Saviour does not, however, restrict us to the use of these exact words. As one with humanity, He presents His own ideal of prayer, words so simple that they may be adopted by the little child, yet so comprehensive that their significance can never be fully grasped by the greatest minds. We are taught to come to God with our tribute of thanksgiving, to make known our wants, to confess our sins, and to claim His mercy in accordance with His promise. *Thoughts from the Mount of Blessing* p 102-103

Read the material above and then tell it in your own words.

### 1. Learn to pray by yourself.\*

After you have had the above discussion, ask the children if there is anything they want to pray about., and then help them offer their own prayers.

### Teaching Aids Needed:

Bible