

February Creation

Learn what God made on days 3 & 4.

Day 3—Then God said, Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together unto one place, and let the dry land appear: and it was so. And God called the dry land Earth; and the gathering together of the waters called he Seas: and God saw that it was good. Then God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb that yields seed, and the fruit tree that yields fruit according to its kind, whose seed is in itself, on the earth: and it was so. And the earth brought forth grass, the herb that yields seed according to its kind, and the tree that yields fruit, whose seed is in itself, according to its kind: and God saw that it was good. So the evening and the morning were the third day. *Genesis 1:9-13*

(Begin with the circles 1 & 2 on the board) It is now the third day, and listen, we can hear God speaking again, "Let dry land appear," He says. Suddenly there is a mighty shaking an shuddering as land comes up from beneath the water. Now there are mountains, rolling hills, meadows, and lovely beaches. But something is missing. The land looks empty. God speaks again, "Let the earth bring forth plants." Wow, now everything looks so beautiful (Put up circle for Day 3) The hills are covered with bright green grass, and the mountains are covered with lots of beautiful trees, The meadows are covered with flowers of every color, and there are fruit trees everywhere.

Day 4—Then God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heavens to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years: And let them be for lights in the firmament of the heavens to give light upon the earth: and it was so. Then God made two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night: he made the stars also. God set them in the firmament of the heavens to give light upon the earth, And to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness: and God saw that it was good. And the evening and the morning were the fourth day. *Genesis 1:14-19*

In three short days our world had be changed from nothing to the most beautiful place you could imagine. It is early on the fourth day. and we are waiting for God's voice to see what He is going to make next. This time God says "Let there be lights in the firmament" and look something is happening! Up high in the sky the clouds are parting, and a great big ball of fire can be seen. It is the sun. (Put up circle for Day 4) The flowers open up and turn joyously toward the sun. All the plants are soaking in the sunshine. Now we can see a beautiful blue sky, for when the sun shines on the water it reflects back that beautiful blue color. Oh, but wait, I see something else up in the sky. It's very hard to see when the sun is up, but I think I see the moon. God made it to rule the night sky. So as the sun is setting, the moon casts a beautiful glow on the earth and all the stars begin to shine. We will learn more about creation next time. Now let's learn about one of the animals God made.



Teaching Aids Needed:

Creation Circles 1-4

February Animal

Learn About the Tiger

Do you know very much about tigers? I found some very interesting facts about them. Easily recognized by its coat of reddish-orange with over 100 dark stripes, the tiger is the largest cat in the world. The big cat weighs up to 720 pounds, and stretches 6-feet long with a 3-foot long tail. Tigers generally hunt alone, able to bring down prey such as deer and antelope.

Even with their size, tigers can reach speeds of about 35-40 miles per hour, and can leap as high as 16 ft and as far as 33 ft, making them one of the highest-jumping mammals, just slightly behind cougars in ability. Tigers are strong swimmers and can often found bathing in ponds, lakes, and rivers. Unlike other cats, which tend to avoid water, tigers actively seek it out. During the extreme heat of the day, they are often to be found cooling off in pools. Tigers can swim up to 4 miles.



Mothers give birth to 3-4 cubs at a time. They weigh about 2 pounds each when they are born. The mothers raise them by themselves with no help from the fathers. At 8 weeks, the cubs are ready to follow their mother out of the den. The cubs become independent around 18 months of age, but it is not until they are around 2-2½ years old that they leave their mother.

Teaching Aids Needed:

Felt tigers from "Little Folks Felt" Wild Animal series

February Award Time

Seeds #7, 8

7. Listen to the parable of the seeds.* *Clear Word for Kids* Luke 8:5-15

Once a farmer went out to plant seed. As he was sowing, some seed fell on the side of the road. People stepped on them, and birds ate them. Some seeds fell on stony places. They came up quickly, but they didn't last, because they had no water. Other seeds fell among thorny weeds. When they came up, the weeds choked them so that they couldn't grow. But some seeds fell on good ground and produced a great harvest. Jesus said, He who has ears to hear, let him listen to what I have said.

Later the disciples asked Jesus what the story meant. Jesus said, I'll explain it to you because I want you to know what the kingdom of God is all about. But publicly I have to be careful what I say. . . . The seeds in the parable are the words of God in the Bible. The side of the road represents the hearts of those who listen, but the devil comes and takes away what they've heard so that they won't believe and be saved. The stony places are the hearts of those who not only listen to but believe what they hear. But when trouble comes, they give up. The seeds that fall among thorny weeds are the hearts of those who believe what they hear and take it seriously. But then they get so busy doing many things that the words of God don't have a chance to grow. The good soil represents the hearts of those who listen to the word of God, believe it, take it seriously, and obey. Together they produce a great spiritual harvest.

8. Do a craft using seeds.

I did not find any pre-prepared crafts using seeds from a company like Oriental Trading. You will need to create something of your own. It could be as simple as gluing seeds to the outside of a can to make a pencil holder. Use your imagination. Please share any ideas you have with me.

Teaching Aids Needed:

Bible
Craft supplies

February Neighbor Friends

Neighbor Friends - Doctor

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

A doctor is our neighbor friend,
A helper on whom we depend.
On our good health her plans do dwell,
It is her goal to make us well.



A Day in the Life of a Doctor.

Dr. Black is going to have a busy day. She isn't even dressed yet, and her cell phone rings. A little girl has a sore stomach, and needs to be seen right away. When Jennifer arrives at the office she is crying. Dr. Black gently touches her stomach. "Is this where it hurts?" Jennifer nods. Dr. Black tells Mrs. Jones that Jennifer needs to have her appendix taken out. An ambulance comes to take her to the hospital. By now, Dr. Black's office is filled with sick boys and girls. Sam has a sore throat, and Dr. Black gives him some medicine. Johnny hurt his finger playing baseball. Dr. Black looks at the x-ray. Good, it isn't broken only sprained. Dr. Black asks the nurse to put a splint on his finger, so it can heal. Amy isn't sick. She is here for her annual check up. The nurse measures her height and weight. Dr. Black checks her ears and throat with a special type of flashlight. She listens to her heart. She is fine. The nurse prepares the vaccines, and gives Amy a shot. It hurts a little, but Amy knows it will keep her from getting other sicknesses. Carol comes in sneezing and sneezing. Mrs. Williams doesn't know what is wrong. Dr. Black thinks Carol might have an allergy. She asks Mrs. Williams, "Is there anything new at your house?" "Well, yes," says Carol's mother. "Carol's grandparent's gave her a kitten for her birthday." "Well", said Dr. Black, "I think she might be allergic. We will have to do a lab test." It is time for Dr. Black to go to the hospital to see Jennifer. The surgeon has finished her surgery. Jennifer is fine and can go home in a few days. While Dr. Black is still at the hospital, she visits her newest patient Laura, Pastor and Mrs. Brooks new baby. Pastor Brooks has brought flowers to Mrs. Brooks. As Dr. Black returns home that evening, she thinks of Jennifer and the Brooks' and her other patients, and smiles. She has the best job in the world.

Teaching Aids Needed:

Community Helper Felts

Doctor-Ethnicity of your choice

White Coat /w stethoscope

February Memory Verse

Proverbs 3:5

"Trust in the Lord will all your heart."

The parent should have taught this verse at home.

Your job is just to test the verse.

Award

Bible Friends # 2, 5

2. Who gave us the Bible ?*

The Bible points to God as its author; yet it was written by human hands; and in the varied style of its different books it presents the characteristics of the several writers. The truths revealed are all "given by inspiration of God" (2 Tim. 3:16); yet they are expressed in the words of men. The Infinite One by His Holy Spirit has shed light into the minds and hearts of His servants. He has given dreams and visions, symbols and figures; and those to whom the truth was thus revealed, have themselves embodied the thought in human language.

The Lord speaks to human beings in imperfect speech, in order that the degenerate senses, the dull, earthly perception, of earthly beings may comprehend His words. Thus is shown God's condescension. He meets fallen human beings where they are. The Bible, perfect as it is in its simplicity, does not answer to the great ideas of God; for infinite ideas cannot be perfectly embodied in finite vehicles of thought. Instead of the expressions of the Bible being exaggerated, as many people suppose, the strong expressions break down before the magnificence of the thought, though the penman selected the most expressive language through which to convey the truths of higher education.

God designed the Bible to be a lesson-book to all mankind, in childhood, youth, and manhood, and to be studied through all time. He gave His Word to men as a revelation of Himself. . . . It is the medium of communication between God and man.
Faith to Live By pp 10,11

Read the above information and then explain it in your own words.

5. How did Samuel help as a child? *Patriarchs & Prophets 573*

It was not customary for the Levites to enter upon their peculiar services until they were twenty-five years of age, but Samuel had been an exception to this rule. Every year saw more important trusts committed to him; and while he was yet a child, a linen ephod was placed upon him as a token of his consecration to the work of the sanctuary. Young as he was when brought to minister in the tabernacle, Samuel had even then duties to perform in the service of God, according to his capacity. These were at first very humble, and not always pleasant; but they were performed to the best of his ability, and with a willing heart. His religion was carried into every duty of life. He regarded himself as God's servant, and his work as God's work. His efforts were accepted, because they were prompted by love to God and a sincere desire to do His will. It was thus that Samuel became a co-worker with the Lord of heaven and earth. And God fitted him to accomplish a great work for Israel. {Patriarchs and Prophets 573.3}

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

Teaching Aids Needed:

Bible