

May 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

May Animal

Learn About the Hippopotamus

Do you know very much about hippopotamuses? I found some very interesting facts about them. One by one, about 15 hippopotamuses rise to the surface of the calm water—some with a great deal of snorting and hissing as they exhale, others more quietly. At the surface, they each take a breath of fresh air. The family group of hippos spends most of the day in the water. Staying submerged helps a hippo stay cool in the hot, tropical climate where it lives. The



hippo's nose, ears and eyes are on the top of its head, and they stick out of the water while the rest of its head and its body lie beneath the surface. That way a hippo can breathe, see, and hear even while its body is under water. When the hippo sinks completely underwater, its nose and ears automatically close so that no water seeps in. Hippos are excellent swimmers and can hold their breath for about five minutes. They can even walk along the bottoms of rivers and lakes.

At dusk, hippos leave their watery daytime spot, lumber onto land, and walk as far as 6 miles to graze on short grasses, their main food. Grazing until dawn, a hippo may eat up to 150 pounds of grass a night. They avoid the heat of the sun by returning to a river or lake before sunrise. Hippos live in southern Africa and are between 12 to 15 feet long and weigh up to 4 tons. Two tusks in the hippo's lower jaw can grow more than a foot long. Hippos eat only vegetation—grasses and water plants. Hippos can live to be more than 40 years old.



Baby hippos are born underwater, and must swim to the surface to take their first breath. They weigh about 75 pounds when they are born. A mother typically gives birth to only one hippo. The young often rest on their mothers' backs when in water that is too deep for them, and they swim underwater to nurse. They also will nurse on land when the mother leaves the water.

Teaching Aids Needed:

Felt hippos from "Little Folks Felt" Wild Animal series

May Award Time

ABC's #4, 5

- 4. Play a matching game.**
- 5. Play a rhyming game.**

Using the "Marvelous Mix and Match Rhyming" game, you can complete both of these requirements in one game. Give the children only 3 sets of words to begin with and help them match them. Add more pieces as the children are able. Some children may be able to do more words than others. There are 56 words in the matching game. You could just have one set and give different words to each child, or you could have multiple sets, so you can give each child the same words.

Teaching Aids Needed:

"Marvelous Mix and Match Rhyming Game" from Oriental Trading company

May

Neighbor Friends

Neighbor Friends - Bible Character Helper

Today we want to learn about a helper, from a story Jesus told in the Bible. It is an example of how He wants us to help others. (Use the Sabbath School Bible Felts.)

The Story of the Good Samaritan *Clear Word for Kids* Luke 10:29-37

The young man asked, "Who is my neighbor?" Jesus answered, "Let me tell you a story. A man left Jerusalem to go to Jericho. On the way he was attacked, robbed, and left to die. Soon a priest came along and saw the man, but decided that he was dead. He didn't want to touch a dead body, or he wouldn't be allowed to work at the Temple. So he walked on the other side of the road. Then a Levite came along. He saw the man, but kept on going because he too was scheduled to work at the Temple that day. Later a Samaritan came along. When he saw the man, he felt sorry for him and stopped to help. He gave him first aid, put the wonder man on his own donkey, and took him to Jericho. He found a place to stay and took care of him all night. The next morning, he paid the owner for two days and said, 'Let this man stay another day. He should be better by then. But if he needs to stay longer, I'll pay you for any extra time on my way back' Which one of the three men was neighborly?" The lawyer answered, "The Samaritan, of course!" Jesus replied, "You answered your own question. Now go and do the same."

Teaching Aids Needed:

Bible

May Memory Verse

Proverbs 20:11

"Even a child is known by his actions."

The parent should have taught this verse at home.

Your job is just to test the verse.

Award

Bible Friends # 1, 8

1. Practice treating the Bible Properly.*

Show the children how to hold a Bible carefully and turn the pages without damaging them. Teach them that a Bible should always be placed on the top of other books and not left on the floor.

8. How did Jesus help as a child?

As a child, Jesus manifested a peculiar loveliness of disposition. His willing hands were ever ready to serve others. He manifested a patience that nothing could disturb, and a truthfulness that would never sacrifice integrity. In principle firm as a rock, His life revealed the grace of unselfish courtesy. . . . Jesus lived in a peasant's home, and faithfully and cheerfully acted His part in bearing the burdens of the household. He had been the Commander of heaven, and angels had delighted to fulfill His word; now He was a willing servant, a loving, obedient son. He learned a trade, and with His own hands worked in the carpenter's shop with Joseph. In the simple garb of a common laborer He walked the streets of the little town, going to and returning from His humble work. He did not employ His divine power to lessen His burdens or to lighten His toil. *Desire of Ages pp.68-72*

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

Teaching Aids Needed:

Bible