

Sunday School Lesson #1

Creation (Genesis 1:1-2:4)

Theme: In six days the Triune God created all things as a home for mankind, whom He made in His image. Because of His great love for man, to God belongs all the glory.

Opening:

Make the sign of the cross: “In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen”

Prayer: “Heavenly Father, we thank and praise you for creating us and the whole world. Help us to listen and learn all about your amazing creation. In Jesus name we pray. Amen”

Question: Have you ever made a picture of something? Before you started the picture wasn't there, but after you drew it, there it was. You drew something beautiful. The people, the grass, the trees, the ground and the sky all around us – at one time they were not there. At one time there was nothing – only God. And then God did something amazing. God created the whole world. Today we will hear all about God's creation, what He made, how He did it and why He did it.

Reading: Read Genesis 1:1-2:4 As you read show the children the picture cards that tell the story.

Song: Teach the children the Creation Song.

Discussion:

- Matching the Day with the Creation: Talk about what God made on each day of the week. Ask the children if they can point to the picture of what God made each day.
- What did God make the world out of? He made it out of nothing. He made it by His Word.
- What did God say about all that He had made? He said, “It is Good!”
- What did God say when He created man? He said, “It is Very Good!”

Triune God:

Show the children the 3 cards that talk about the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

When we started our lesson, we started in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. That teaches us who our God is. We believe in the Trinity. That is the name of our church! Our God is the 3 in 1 God.

The Father – Created us and gives us things like clothing and food.

The Son – Died on the cross for our sins and rose from the dead.

The Holy Spirit – gives us faith when we are baptized and as we hear God's Word from the Bible. He makes us believers in Jesus.

-Why did God create the world? He made it because He loves us. He even knew that we would sin – we would do bad things that wouldn't make Him happy. Still He made us and loves us. He takes care of us and gives us everything we need.

Application:

What can we do because of all the things God has done for us?

-We thank and praise Him (for clothing, shoes, food, drink, house, home....)

-We go to church and we sit as still as we can so we can hear about Jesus.

-We sing: Pastor: "Our help is in the name of the Lord"

People: "Who made heaven and earth"

-We sing hymns: "We all believe in One True God"

Activity:

Do some sort of craft or coloring page about creation. I cut out black, yellow and blue circles. The children glued the created objects on the circles – sun, moon, stars, water, clouds, fish, birds, trees, animals, man.....

Memory Verse: (Genesis 1:1) "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth."

Creation Song:

Day One – Day and Night

Day Two – Heaven and Earth

Day Three – Seas and Land

Day Four – Sun, Moon and Stars

Day Five – Creatures of the Sky and of the Sea

Day Six – Creatures of Dry Land and then came Man

On the Seventh Day God rested – Everything was Good!

On the Sabbath Day we rest and praise Him as we should.

Sunday School Lesson #2

Adam and Eve (Genesis 2:4-25)

Theme: From the dust, God formed the man giving him a soul different from the animals. After teaching Adam that he needed a helpmate, God made woman from the man's rib. God instituted marriage and placed them into it.

Opening:

Make the sign of the cross: "In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen"

Prayer: "Heavenly Father, we thank and praise you for making both boys and girls, daddies and mommies. We thank you for marriage and children. Thank you for sending Jesus as a man to come and save us.

Review: Talk about the creation story, showing the children once again, the picture cards from the story and asking what God created on each day. Remind the children that God saw all of His creation and it was "Good." Talk about the reason that God created us – that He might love us and send His son Jesus to die for our sins. When God saw man He said it was "Very Good".

Sing the creation song with actions

Question: On day 6 of creation a lot happened. God created animals and other creatures on the land, but who else did He create? Man

But man was special: God created man in a special way. He created man in His image. God created man to rule over all of His creation and to care for it. God also created a special helper for the man. God created a woman, and God loved them.

Today's story will tell us all about the special way that God created man and woman, how He provided for them and the promises He gave them.

Reading: Read Genesis 2:4-25 As you read, show the children the picture cards that tell the story.

Discussion: -Go through the pictures on the cards and ask questions about the story as you point to the pictures (How did God make Adam? What did God put Adam in charge of? How did God make Eve? After God made the woman what did God do to join them together?)

-Show the children either different figures or pictures of animals. Talk about how God brought all of these animals to Adam and asked him to name them. Allow the children to name each animal.

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Just as God gave Adam a helper – Eve, God also gives us Himself. He created us and still takes care of us, He sent Jesus to die for us and He gives us His Holy Spirit to give us faith and to keep us believing in Jesus.

Application:

God has given us many helpers. Who does God give to you to help you? (Daddy, Mommy, Grandparents, teachers).

Should we love and listen to the people God gives us to help us?

God also gives Jesus. He loves us even more than all the people

People: "Who made heaven and earth"

Sing the hymn: "We all believe in One True God"

Activity: Options: Coloring page – Garden of Eden with Adam and Eve, matching game of animals and Adam and Eve, make a diorama of the garden, color paper plate with 2 trees (Life, Knowledge of Good and Evil), Adam, Eve, animals, etc.

Memory Verse: (Genesis 2:7) "And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground..."

Sunday School Lesson #3

The Fall (Genesis 3:1-24)

Theme: Adam and Eve lose their original righteousness, when they doubt God's Word and listen to Satan. God delivers the first Gospel promise when He foretells the defeat of Satan through a male offspring (Jesus) born of the woman. Adam and Eve believe.

Opening: Make the sign of the cross: "In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen"

Prayer: "Heavenly Father, we have disobeyed your Word. We have sinned against you. We are sorry for all the bad things we do. Just as you forgave Adam and Eve in the garden, please forgive us. We thank you for your mercy. Amen

Review: Review the six days of creation by either going through the pictures of each day or by singing the creation song. On day six of creation not only did God create Adam, but He also created Eve. He made her from Adam's rib. She was Adam's perfect helpmate. God married them and then He placed Adam and Eve in a beautiful garden. He put them in charge of everything that He made. In the middle of the garden God placed 2 trees - the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. God commanded them to not eat of the second tree. God loved them and didn't want anything bad to happen to Adam and Eve. He had made them perfect and everything was good.

Question: Show the children 2 apples. Tell them that one of the apples is good to eat and one of the apples is poisonous and they shouldn't eat it. Should you eat the apple that is poisonous? Why not? Because it would harm us. In our story today, God told Adam and Eve to not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. God knew that if they ate of it, they would die. God loved them.

Reading: Read Genesis 3: 1-24 showing the children the picture cards as you read the story.

Discussion: Who talked to the woman in the garden? It was a serpent – which is a snake. Eve didn't know it, but it was really the devil. The devil was very bad and evil. He had come into the garden to trick Adam and Eve. The devil was a liar. God had told Adam and Eve the truth, but the devil only tells lies. He told Eve that

the fruit would not harm her. The devil told Eve that if she ate it, she would be like God. This sounded good to Eve, so instead of trusting God's Word, she listened to the serpent. What bad thing did she do? She ate the fruit that God told her not to eat. Then Adam ate it too. When they did this, they had sinned and all of a sudden they knew all about sin and evil. They hid from God because they knew they had disobeyed him. They tried to cover up their bodies with leaves because now they were ashamed of their bodies. They tried to put the blame on each other.

Law: God knew what they had done. Because they sinned God brought punishment to them. He cursed the snake. God told the woman she would have pain when she would have babies. God said the man would have to work really hard to get the ground to produce food. There would be thorns and thistles. God told them that they would return to the dust of the ground. Because they sinned, they would die.

Gospel: God provided clothing for them. He had told the serpent, that crafty devil that He would send a seed from the woman, that seed or child would be Jesus. Although the devil would bruise the heel of Jesus (Jesus would suffer and die on the cross), Jesus would crush the head of the serpent, the devil. Jesus would conquer death because he wouldn't stay dead in the tomb. Jesus would come alive again. Jesus died to forgive the sins of Adam and Eve. Adam and Eve heard this and they trusted God's Word of Promise. They were sorry for their sin and God forgave them.

Application: When we don't listen to God or our parents or teachers, we are like Adam and Eve. We sin. God has given us parents and teachers and others to help us and to protect us, so we should listen and obey. The devil would like us to not listen. When we sin we say we are sorry. We know that just as Jesus forgave Adam and Eve, He forgives us. Although we also will die some day, we won't stay dead. God will raise us up and take us to heaven.

Sing Hymn: "We all believe in One True God"

Activity: Trace hand and arm on brown cardstock. Cut it out to make the trunk of a tree. Cut green circles to glue on and make the leaves. Take a green pipe cleaner and twist it to make a snake and wrap it around the tree. Also provide a coloring page of Adam and Eve in the garden by the tree being tempted.

Memory Verse: “And I will put enmity between you and the woman, And between your seed and her Seed. He shall bruise your head and you shall bruise His heel.”
Genesis 3:1

Sunday School Lesson #4

Cain and Abel (Genesis 4)

Theme: Through faith in the promise of a Savior, Abel brings an acceptable sacrifice of thanksgiving. Prideful Cain's works-righteous sacrifice is rejected. Despite God's warning, unbelieving Cain murders believing Abel. Unrepentant Cain is sent away from the church and society.

Opening: Make the sign of the cross: "In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen"

Prayer: "Heavenly Father, help us to always put our trust in you like Abel did. When we sin, help us to say we are sorry and confess. We know Jesus died for our sins. Please forgive us. Amen

Review: God placed Adam and Eve in a beautiful garden. He put them in charge of everything that He made. In the middle of the garden God placed 2 trees - the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. God commanded them to not eat of the second tree. A snake came into the garden – it was the devil. He lied to Eve and she trusted the devil rather than God. She ate the bad fruit and sinned. Then Adam did the same. They hid from God in the garden, but God knew what they did. God cursed the snake. Eve would have pain in child-bearing and Adam would have to work with thorns and thistles on the ground. But God still loved them and wanted to save them. He clothed them with animal skin. God told them that a child – the Seed, would come from Eve and He would crush the head of the serpent. That Seed would be Jesus. He would save them. Adam and Eve trusted in the promise.

Question: There were 2 children in a room playing with toys. A third child walked into the room and had nothing to play with. The teacher asked the 2 children with toys to share with the third child. One child gladly shared her toys, but the other child was angry she had to share her toys. She didn't think the new child deserved to play with her toys. She only shared because the teacher said she had to. Both children shared, but which child do you think the teacher was please with? The one who shared willingly. In our story today, we have 2 brothers who both gave offerings to God, but God was not happy with one of them.

Reading: Read Genesis 4:1-16 showing the children the picture cards as you read the story.

Discussion: Adam and Eve had a baby. What did they believe this baby to be? The Seed that would save them. They trusted in God's promise, but they would find out this child was not the Seed. That Seed would be Jesus. But God did bless them with children. This story was about their first 2 sons – Cain and Abel. Cain was a farmer and Abel was a shepherd. They both brought offerings to God, but God was not pleased with Cain's offering. Why not? Cain gave his offering grudgingly. He thought he was doing a good work in order to win God's favor. He was not trusting in God's mercy. Abel gave his offering out of thanksgiving. He fully trusted in God and God was pleased. Then Cain killed his brother, Abel. He lied to God about it. Cain fell deeper and deeper into sin. He refused to repent and say he was sorry. Cain only cared about himself. God tried to call him back because God is merciful, but Cain didn't care about God. So God sent Cain away from his family and the church.

Law: When we give to God and others grudgingly it is sin. God doesn't decide He loves you based on how good you are. If you are a good girl or boy, God loves you. He still loves you when you aren't a good girl or boy. But that doesn't mean God likes it when we are bad. God hates sin and He does not want us to do bad things. When we do bad things we should say we are sorry.

Gospel: God forgives us not because of how good we are, but because He sent Jesus to die for our sins. That's how much He loves us.

Application: We can give offerings to God of all kinds. Sometimes we give money, especially when we are older, but sometimes our offerings to God come by our actions. When we come to church gladly to hear His word. When we sing with the church. When we say Amen to prayers – those are our offerings of thanksgiving to God for all He has done. We don't deserve God's Love. We are thankful that God loved us first. Now we want to love Him back and all the people around us.

Sing Hymn: "We all believe in One True God"

Activity: Color the 2 altars and the offerings. Cut them out. Glue the altars onto paper plates and cut a slit at the top of each altar. Label each plate "Cain's

offering” or Abel’s Offering”. Have the children slide the correct offering into the slit of the correct plate.

Memory Verse: “If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin lies at the door. And its desire is for you, but you should rule over it.”
(Genesis 4:7)

Sunday School Lesson #5

Noah and the Flood (Genesis 6-9)

Theme: Because of the universal wickedness of unbelieving man who was sinning without restraint, God in His righteous judgment determined to destroy the world with a flood (Law). For years, God sent prophets like Enoch and Noah to warn these arrogant men to turn from their sin. In the end only the Jesus-believing Noah and his family trusted in God's gracious means of salvation (Gospel) and were saved in an ark! Noah, a preacher of Christ's righteousness, gave thanks for God's undeserved kindness.

Opening: Make the sign of the cross: "In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen"

Prayer: "Heavenly Father, help us to trust in your promise just as Noah did. Help us to turn away from sin and trust in Jesus for forgiveness. Thank you for always keeping your promises. Amen

Review: Review the story of Cain and Abel. Talk about how Abel trusted in the promise and did what was right, but Cain did not and he did evil. Many years went by and the earth was filled with people. Unfortunately, most of the people did not trust in God. They were like Cain and they did bad things. And God was angry. Today's story talks about what God did to punish the evil and also how God kept His promise to save us through Jesus by saving one man and his family.

Object Lesson: Present a bowl of water. Talk about the things we do with water. It washes our bodies, our dishes. Water comes down as rain and waters the earth. We drink water. All these are good, but sometimes water destroys like when it comes as a flood. In our story today, God uses water. He uses it to destroy the bad and to save the good who trusted in Him.

Reading: Read portions of Genesis 6-9 showing the children the picture cards as you read the story. (Gen 6:1-2, 5-8, 13-22; 7:7-12, 17,23; 8:1,6-12,15-21; 9:1, 8-13) Depending on the age of the children, you may need to use language they understand as you read/tell the story. Also select the portions of the story that are most important and understandable by the children. A children's Bible may help also help.

Discussion: Questions to ask and discuss: Why was God angry? What did He send because the people were so wicked? Did God destroy everyone? Who did He save? How did He save him and his family? What else did God save? How long did it rain? How did Noah know it was okay to leave the ark? What did Noah do after he left the ark? What did God put in the sky to remind Noah about His promise?

Law: The people in the world did not trust in God and were very wicked so God destroyed them with the Flood.

Gospel: God saved Noah and his family by providing them with an ark. Noah trusted in God. He trusted that God would send Jesus someday to save them. God kept that promise when he saved Noah.

Application: God also saves us through water, do you know how He does it? God gave us baptism. When the pastor puts the water on our heads, he says, "I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, Amen." When he says those words, God washes away all of our sins and we become children of God. We trust in Jesus just like Noah did. When we see a rainbow in the sky we can remember that God kept His promise to Noah. No more floods to destroy the earth, and God sent Jesus to save us.

Sing Hymn: "We all believe in One True God"

Activity: Color the pictures on the cardstock circles (one has half rainbow/half rain, and the other is the ark). Cut out the two circles on the card stock and trim around the ark. Place the ark on top of the other circle and put a hole in the middle to secure the two together with a brad. The children can turn the bottom circle to show it raining above the ark and then a rainbow above the ark.

Memory Verse: "But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord" (Genesis 6:8)

Sunday School Lesson #6

The Tower of Babel (Genesis 11)

Theme: In direct opposition of God's command to "fill the earth," (Gen 9:1) some unbelievers decided to gather in one accord around their own city and religious tower, so that they would not be scattered throughout the earth. Without fear or love of God, they did not praise His name, but in their pride, they sought to "make a name for themselves." God confused their language showing that without true unity, they were scattered. On Pentecost, the Holy Spirit restored unity and concord as they gathered around Word and sacrament. Through the Apostle's gift of speaking in tongues, God's name was praised by declarations of "the wonderful works of God" (Acts 2:11)

Opening: Make the sign of the cross: "In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen"

Prayer: "Heavenly Father, You bring us together through Your word. Help us to worship you alone and to put our trust in You. Bring us together in your church every Sunday so that we may continue to receive forgiveness and so we can praise you all together as your people.

Review: Review the story of Noah and the Ark. Talk about how God decided to destroy the wicked people on the earth because they did not trust in Him. Talk about how God saved only Noah and his family from the flood by putting them in an ark along with 2 of every kind of animal. Remind them that God saved Noah because He had faith. God saves us also because we have faith in Jesus. God gives us that faith in baptism.

Today's story talks about how men disobeyed God and did not scatter and fill the earth. Instead, they forgot about God. They trusted in their own works and decided to build a tower together. God confused their language so they couldn't work together. God showed forth His mighty power and showed them that He alone is worthy of their trust.

Object Lesson: Say the numbers 1 through 5 in German. Ask the children if they know what you said. Then say the numbers in Spanish and see if they understand then. Finally, say the numbers in English. Talk about how at the time

of Noah, everyone spoke the same language. In our story today, God will confuse their language so that people cannot understand one another.

Reading: Begin by reviewing God's blessing and command in Genesis 9:1. God told Noah and his sons to be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth. Genesis 10 speaks of the descendants of Noah and his sons. Simply tell the children that Noah's family grew very big so there were many people on the earth again. Continue with the story reading from Genesis 11:1-8. Show the children the picture cards as you read the story.

Discussion: Questions to ask and discuss: Did the people fill the earth like God told them to? The people decided to stay together by building something. What did they start to build? Why did they want to build it? Did God like the thing they were building? God was angry because they were not listening to His Word. They did not trust God. What did God do to the people? When the people couldn't understand each other what happened to their tower? Where did the people go?

Law: The people in the world did not trust in God. They did not listen to God's Word to fill the earth. They thought they could make their own church – a false church without God.

Gospel: God's will is done. God had a plan from the beginning of time. God made a promise to Adam and Eve, and to Noah. They were His church and God would send Jesus to save them – that was His promise. God would not allow a false church to get in the way of His promise, so God got rid of it by confusing their language. God unites us in Jesus around His Word and sacraments.

Application: When we don't go to church and gather to hear His word, we end up like the people who were building the tower of Babel. We end up trusting in ourselves. God gathers us together in the true church where we get to hear about Jesus in the Bible and we get to receive forgiveness in Baptism and in Lord's Supper.

Sing Hymn: "We all believe in One True God"

Activity: Color the Tower of Babel picture. Fold along the center line and cut all of the horizontal lines of the tower so that when you open it up you can pop each level of the tower out so it can stand up by itself. However, just like when you try

to do something without God's help, the children will see that the tower is flimsy and won't stay up very well. A coloring page is included as well.

Memory Verse: "Come, let Us go down and there confuse their language."

Genesis 11:7 First Commandment: You shall have no other gods

Close with the Lord's Prayer