

## **Start-Up/Third Grade Lesson Plan Session 1 – Creation**

### **Materials needed:**

**All your special materials will be in a tub marked with your name in the Mouse House (ordinary materials like paper, markers, glue etc. are also in the Mouse House but are in the general area for teachers.) Please return your special materials to the tub after each class so we will have them to use again next year.)**

- Paper and pencil for each child
- Days of Creation Posters
- Blue tape

### **Before class begins:**

- ✓ Tape the “Days of Creation” posters to the wall. You could also have your assistant tape them up one at a time as you talk about each creation day.

### **Prayer**

(Please begin each class with an “Our Father”, a “Hail Mary” and a “Glory Be”. This will help the children learn these three basic prayers.)

### **Icebreaker:**

“Fact or Fiction?”

Ask everyone to write on a piece of paper THREE things about themselves which may not be known to the others in the group. Two are true and one is not. Taking turns they read out the three ‘facts’ about themselves and the rest of the group votes which are true and false. There are always surprises. This simple activity is always

fun, and helps the group and leaders get to know more about each other.

**Lesson:**

Say:

**What is the first book of the Bible? (Genesis).**

**Genesis tells us the story of many people and things but the very first story in the Book tells us how God created the world. Did you ever wonder how all of this got here? Well, this is how it goes.**

- **Out of nothing, God made this great, complicated world.**
- **First, He made the light (day) and the darkness (night) and then space (you may hear it called “firmament” but it is SPACE). All the emptiness that is between the earth and the highest stars.**
- **Space wasn’t created by scientists, or cartoonists or movie writers. For all their hype about trips to the moon, there would be none, even in cartoons, if God hadn’t made space.**
- **Then He gathered together all the waters under the space and called them seas and what was left was dry land and that He called earth.**
- **When this was done – God looked at it lovingly and said, “It is good.”**
- **Then He made all the green growing things on the earth and then (lovely invention) he made the stars.**

- Next came the sun and the moon, and then the fish in the seas and the birds in the air.
- After He made the fish and the birds, He blessed them so that they would have the power to lay eggs and raise families.
- Next, God made the animals and then came the best part of all.
- After all the world was made and the sky and the stars and the sun and the moon were in place, and there were green growing things, with rivers and seas and land where the birds flew and the animals and fishes lived, God said something amazing.
- “Let us make man in our image and likeness.”
- What? How can we be made in the image and likeness of God???
- Well, first I’ll tell you what it DOESN’T mean. It doesn’t mean that we look like God because this happened in the very beginning, long before Jesus as the Son of God came here to take the form of a human baby.
- And it can’t mean that we are made out of the same *stuff* as God because God is not made of stuff. He is a spirit. He never changes. He does not have a body.
- Then what makes us like God?

- It is the *foreverness* that He breathed into man that is like Him, the part of us that never dies, as God never dies. The part of us we call our soul.
- We are like God deep inside, in our soul. We cannot see or touch our soul because like God, it is a spirit.

So let's review and then we'll play a little game to help us remember.

Day One            Light (day) and Darkness (night)

Day Two            Space and the Sea

Day Three         All the green, growing things

Day Four          Sun, moon and stars

Day Five          Birds and Fish

Day Six            Animals and People

Day Seven         God rested.

- God did what? He rested? Was God really tired from making the world and everything in it?
- No, God was still creating on the seventh day – He made it a day of rest and called it the “Sabbath”. Have you heard that word before? It's a Hebrew word that means “rest” or the stopping of work.
- So if God doesn't get tired, why did He create the Sabbath? (The Sabbath day was created for US! We need a day of rest and peace

and time with God and our families. God plans only the best for His creation!)

**Game:**

**Creation Charades**

Divide kids into groups of two or three (you will need 7 groups).

Assign each group a day of creation. Give them 5-10 minutes to discuss in pairs about how they will act out their creation day for the rest of the class (no words, only actions).

If you want a little competition, give a small prize to the team who took the least amount of time to get a correct answer.

**\*\*\* *Looking Ahead***

Next week you will need to make 4 sets of alphabet cards. You will find the note cards in your tub.