

GRADE K
CHAPTER One
God Made the World

Objectives

- To understand:
 - o God made the world
 - o We share the world with other creatures God made
 - o God wants human beings to take care of all creatures
 - o We should give thanks to God for making us

Step One: Invite: Name your personal experience

- Draw a picture of some of the creatures God created (don't forget to include yourself).
- Tell a story of a time when you had to share with someone else. Did you want to? Why did you do it? What is one good thing that happens when you share?
- Talk about what it means to use something that belongs to someone else. How should you treat it? What should you do if you see that it may be harmed or broken?
- Everything in the whole world was created by God and belongs to God. What are some ways you could show God that you appreciate all of creation?

Step Two: Explore: Understand the meaning of God's Word and Teaching

- Look at p. 27 in your book. Do the activity and then talk about it together.
- What are some other ways that people could take better care of God's creation?
- Make a family poster. Put on the poster at least five ways that your family can begin to take better care of creation. You can cut out pictures or draw and then print the action you will take under each picture. Post the picture where it will be seen by all every day.
- If you have time, you can go outside for a walk or to the zoo. Bring a notebook and write down each thing you see that God created. Don't forget the clouds or the blue sky!

Step Three: Celebrate: Offer prayers of praise and thanksgiving

- When someone does something wonderful for us, or shares something precious with us, we want to say, "thank you." God has given us the whole world to use for our happiness. Use the activity on p. 28 and thank God by making the sounds of what the animals would say.
- Now, have every member of the family go around and say at least one thing he or she is happy to thank God for.

Faith Activities: Tips

- Throughout each chapter, there will be sections marked “Activity.”
- Feel free to choose as many activities as you wish to share with your family. At a minimum, choose one activity above and beyond what might be mentioned in Steps 1-3.
- Follow the directions for the activity, share popcorn or a treat, relax and enjoy it.
- Post any artwork until the next lesson and then use the next chapter’s activity to take its place.