

GRADE Two
CHAPTER One
God's Creation

Objectives

- To name the many gifts of God in creation
- To understand the difference between humans and the rest of creation
- To realize that Jesus is God's greatest gift
- To learn that Jesus is the Son of God

Step One: Invite: Name your personal experience, p. 41-43

- Look around your home, school, church and neighborhood and write down all the things you want to thank God for. Did you include yourself? Read the Words of Faith on p. 43 and make a banner with the word Creation on it. Attach your lists to this banner and hang it where it will remind you of God's love.
- Go outside and collect little pieces of nature, like feathers, twigs, rocks, flowers, leaves and anything else you think is beautiful. Arrange your objects on a plate and put a candle in the middle. You may decorate it more if you like. Now use this centerpiece each time your family gathers to eat. Light the candle and have each person say one thing they are thankful for in God's creation.

Step Two: Explore: Understand the meaning of God's Word and Teaching, p. 42-47

- Read the story on p. 42-43. What makes people such a special part of God's creation? What is the task God has given us to do?
- Read p. 44. What is the only way in which Jesus is different from us? Look at the Words of Faith on p. 45 and talk about the meaning of sin.
- What are some of the ordinary things that you do every day? Do you think Jesus might have done these too? Why is being a human being such a wonderful thing?
- Jesus is called the Son of God. He also had a human family, his mother, Mary and his father, Joseph. Read the information about Mary on p. 48. Did you ever hear the Hail Mary? Can you pray it?
- Draw a picture of Jesus with his family on earth and his Father in heaven.

Step Three: Celebrate: Offer prayers of praise and thanksgiving

- Color the picture in the activity on p. 45 in your book. Hang it in a special place in your room where you can be reminded of your friend, Jesus.
- Use the prayer on p. 41 to praise God for all his gifts.

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.

CALL to FAITH

- Post any artwork until the next lesson and then use the next chapter's activity to take its place.