

A LIVING FAITH LESSON ON: The Creation.

Object: A globe of the earth. (Preferably one on a stand that allows it to spin.)
Scripture: "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." Genesis 1:1



Paree Looy! It is interesting to look at a globe of the earth. Can you find where we live on the globe? I like to give the globe a little nudge and watch it spin. The earth keeps on spinning around and around and it has ever since it was created. The very first words in the Bible tell us that "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." Then it goes on to tell the story of God's creation.

The first thing that God created was light. The Bible tells us that God said, "Let there be light," and there was light.

Then God thought, "Hmm... there needs to be a space to separate the waters of the heavens from the waters on the earth." So God made a space to separate the earth from the heavens. He called it "sky."

Next, God brought all the waters of the earth together to make the oceans and the seas and to create dry land between them. Then he covered the dry land with flowers, trees, and grass.

God paused, looked at the beautiful trees and flowers and said, "That's good!" Then he continued his creation.

He created the sun, moon, and stars. They were beautiful! God looked at them, and again he said, "That's good."

Then God created the birds and fish. He blessed them and told them to multiply so that the sea would be filled with fish of all shapes and sizes and the air would be filled with beautiful birds. God looked at them, smiled, and said, "That's good."

Finally, God made the animals. Tall, skinny giraffes and furry little squirrels. He made cuddly little kittens and big, ferocious lions - animals of every kind. Then God made man and woman. The Bible says he made them to be like Him and He put them in charge of all that He had created - the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, and every living creature.

When God had finished, he looked at all that He had created, and he said, "That is VERY GOOD!"

I encourage each of you to take a walk. As you walk, look at all that God has created. Give thanks and remember, not only were we created in God's image, but He placed us in charge of his creation. Listen to what the psalmist David said: (Psalm 8:6-8)

You made him ruler over the works of your hands;
you put everything under his feet:
all flocks and herds,
and the beasts of the field,
the birds of the air,
and the fish of the sea,
all that swim the paths of the seas.

As we look at all that God has created, let's remember, it is up to us to take care of it.

Heavenly Father, we thank you for all of creation. We thank you for life and for life eternal through Jesus Christ, your Son. Help us to take good care of all that you have given us. Amen.