



PHUMC Sunday School lessons for Preschool – 5th grade.

September 20, 2020 – God Creates People (Genesis 1:26-2:4)

Prepare to Wonder

Faith Word: Creativity

The Bible story is not only about creation, but also about the creativity of God places in each of us. God creates humanity. God then shares the creative process by giving humanity a part of God's self. "Let us" demonstrate that God is not working alone. God is engaged in relationship of mutuality and shares the creative process with others.

When God creates humans, God does so in God's own image. To be created in the image of God is as if we are mirrors of God in the world. Each of us is a reflection of something greater. We are created to resemble the divine. This is a gift. Everyone has God within, and it is because of this that we are able to embrace our own unique expressions as children of God. Our ability to imagine and be creative is a part of how we are made in the image of God.

On the seventh day God rests, but this does not mean God will not continue to act and interact with God's creation. To rest actually puts things back into motion and calls for humanity to help carry out God's creative process. We are then reminded that all is right, good, and holy, and God honors God's work and all of creation with God's blessing. It was all supremely good.

The Bible story helps children come to know their identity as a child of God. It provides a foundation of self-reflection and self-acceptance. To be known and loved by God is one of the most important messages we can teach our children. Help your children see the reflection of God in themselves and how they can use their creativity to help continue to create a beautiful world.

Spiritual Practice for Adults

This week write positive affirmations on your mirrors or on sticky notes around your home. You can also write messages to others in your family. When you read your messages, stop and pause. Repeat the word or phrase three times and then remember that you are a beautiful child of God.

WONDER together

- What does it mean to be a child of God?
- How do you know you are a child of God?

CONTINUE to Wonder

- Are all people children of God?

Wonder with Me

READ the Bible Story

- Genesis 1:26-2:4 (Read from your Bible or see below for the Celebrate Wonder version)
- Roll the Wonder Cube. Take time to answer a few of the questions.

**To make the Wonder Cube that will be used for 13 weeks, print off the Cube template (see below), cut out, and fold on the dotted lines. Tape or glue the flaps together to create a cube.*

WATCH the Bible Story

- <https://youtu.be/WjS6mnGGakE>

SHARE the Faith Word

Faith Word: Creativity – Creativity is the process of imagining and making something, just like God imagined and created the world.

WONDER: What makes someone creative?

Spiritual Practice

- **Share the Celebrate Wonder Family Activity Book together** (page 8 & 9). Spend some time talking about the material on the pages. Challenge everyone in the family to participate in the Spiritual Practice activity for this week (on pg. 9).
- **Celebration Chart** – (See below) print one for each child. Display them on your refrigerator. Help your child mark a space each time he/she completes an item on the chart. When the vertical, horizontal, or diagonal line is completed, celebrate together!

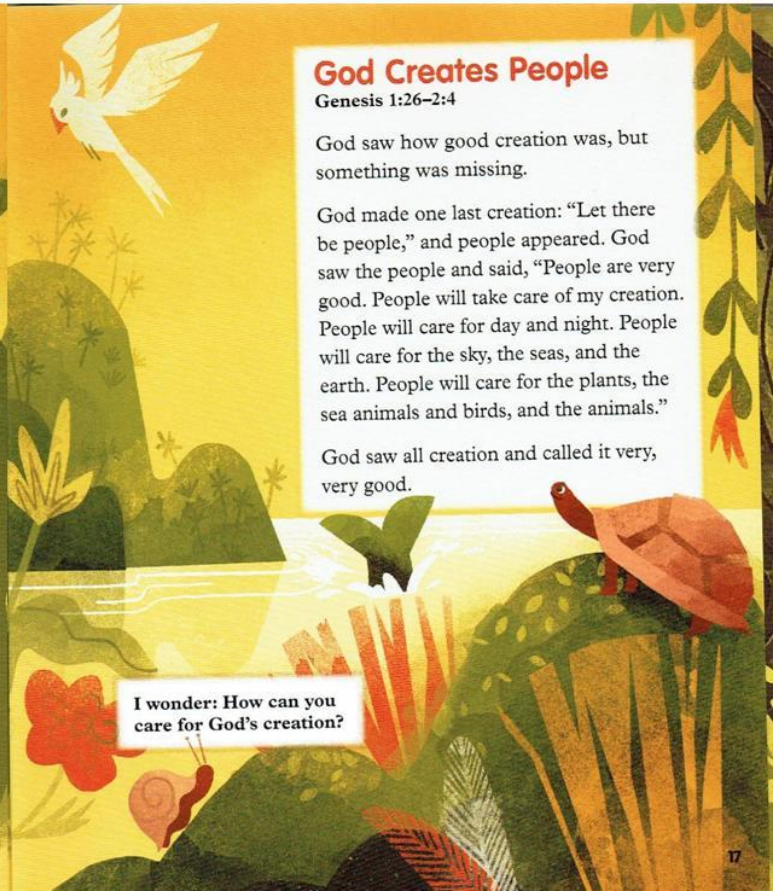
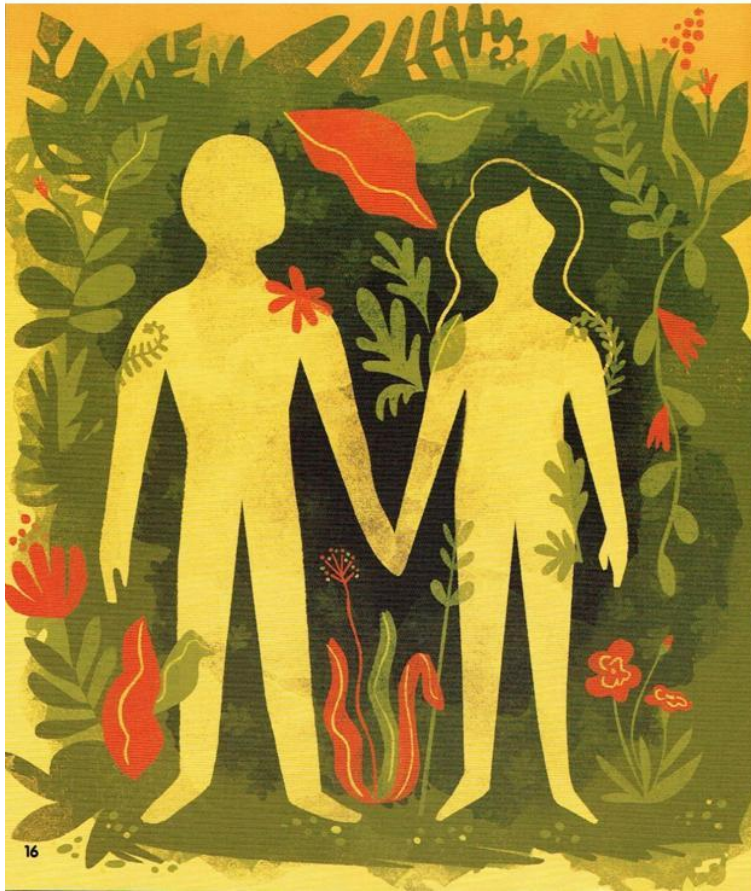
Go in Peace

Blessing: Bless your child by touching them and saying “_____ (child’s name) “May God bless you and care for you. **Go now in love.”**

Prayer: Dear God, thank you for creating me and making me your child. Amen.

Additional Activity for each age group

Select the material toward the end of the lesson that is age appropriate for your child(ren)



God Creates People

Genesis 1:26-2:4

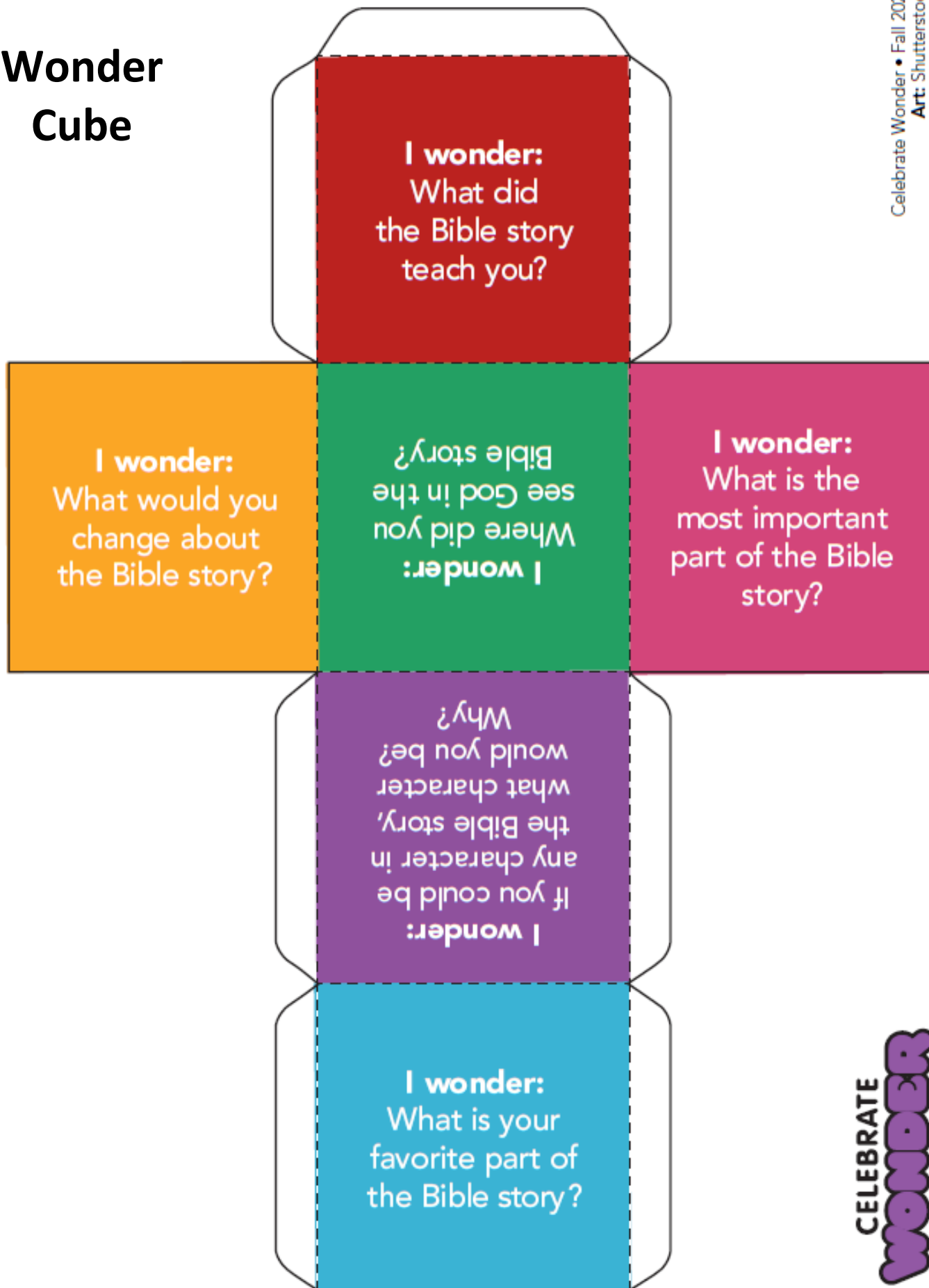
God saw how good creation was, but something was missing.

God made one last creation: "Let there be people," and people appeared. God saw the people and said, "People are very good. People will take care of my creation. People will care for day and night. People will care for the sky, the seas, and the earth. People will care for the plants, the sea animals and birds, and the animals."

God saw all creation and called it very, very good.

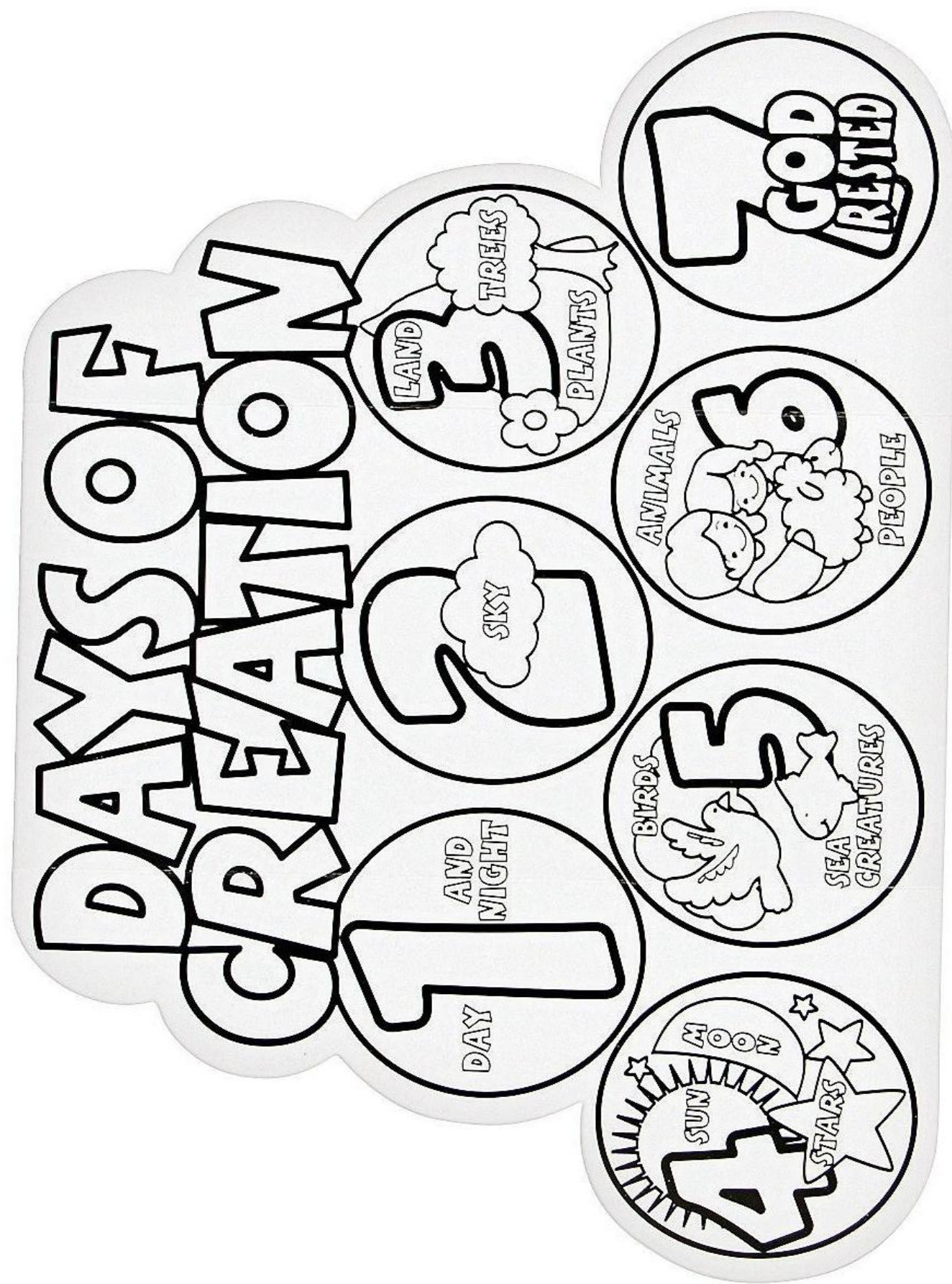
I wonder: How can you care for God's creation?

Wonder Cube



Place the chart on your refrigerator, kitchen table, or in an easy-to-access place. Throughout the week, have your child mark a space each time he or she completes an item on the chart. When a vertical, horizontal, or diagonal line is completed, celebrate together!

CELEBRATE				
Saw beauty in nature	Was kind to animals	Cared for living things	Was kind to a friend	Helped someone
Saw something good	Spent time in nature	Cleaned up trash	Took care of plants	Recycled
Laughed	Made someone laugh	Free Celebration!	Encouraged a friend	Showed hospitality
Said a table blessing	Shared with someone	Prayed for blessings	Prayed for good choices	Blessed someone
Prayed for someone	Prayed for peace	Made peace	Was friendly	Prayed for community



Preschool Activity

Print this page. Have your child create a drawing of herself or himself in the “mirror”.

**CELEBRATE
WONDER™**

“I Am Beautiful” Journal Page



Early Elementary Activity

I See God (Art)

Supplies: paper, pencils, colored pencils, crayons and markers.

Say: Close your eyes. God is so big and so creative.

WONDER: What do you think God looks like? What do you imagine God is like?

- Draw and color how you imagine God.
- Talk about your Child's drawings together.

Wonder: What did you learn about God?

Older Elementary Activity

Mirror Affirmations (Family Connections)

Supplies: sticky notes, markers

Say: **Let's show our love for our family and boost their self-esteem by reminding them how God sees them.**

Give your child a marker and some sticky notes. Have your child write messages such as "You are made in God's image," "You are good," "You're supremely good," and "You rule!" on sticky notes.

Place the notes on mirrors in your home for family members to see and enjoy.

Word Search for God Made People

Find the words on the list that are hidden in the puzzle. The words can be left to right, up and down, or diagonally.



ADAM
BIRDS
BREATHED

DUST
EDEN
EVE

FISH
GARDEN
IMAGE

LIFE
MAN
WOMAN