

Sharing our Bible Story for Today

This week our story comes from Genesis - the first book of the Bible! This is a story people told many, many years ago. They told this story because they were trying to understand why God made the world. Sometimes people try to make this a story about how the world was made, but the first people who shared this story were much more interested in why God made the world. Biologists and botanists, astronomers and archeologists, all kinds of scientists have so much to teach us about how the world was made and how all its parts interact. Maybe you will be a scientist someday, helping us learn more about how to care for God's creation! But today's story is more about theology than biology - it helps us learn about God! After you read the story, I wonder what new ideas you might have about why God made the world?

God Makes a World

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Thinking and talking about the Story

I wonder what new names for God you might think of after reading this story? Think of some actions that God takes in the story - what are some names for God that might describe those actions?

Think of 3 things that you already do to take care of the world.
What is 1 new thing you would like to try doing this month?
Think of at least one person you could invite to work on this new thing with you!

Putting the Story into Action

- 1) Have you looked at "*Take a Sacred Pause*" in our Sunday School at Home resources yet? If not we encourage you to take a look. Paying attention outdoors is a wonderful way to worship God. And being outside gives us the good energy we need to keep on caring for the earth and caring for one another.
- 2) Haiku is an ancient Japanese form of poetry, usually about nature and the seasons. Maybe you would like to write a haiku poem about creation and share it with someone you know! Haiku is a very short poem, and it follows this pattern:
The first line is 5 syllables.
The second line is 7 syllables.
The third line is 5 syllables.
We hope you will share your Haiku poetry with us too!

3) Do you have a question about the story? Send us an email and we will respond!
We love questions – the harder the better!

4) Have you ever seen people holding up big signs at football games or other sporting events – John 3:16, a reference to “for God so loved the world...”
Maybe you would like to make a big poster, beginning with those words and then writing and/or colouring words and images from the creation story. What signs do you see that God loves the world? Create a big bold beautiful banner and share a picture with us!

5) Did you explore this week’s story in another way – by acting it out or drawing pictures or some other creative idea, or by doing some research and learning about a climate justice issue that matters to you? We encourage you to share what you are learning with your church family! We miss being together in person!

Carman United Church and St. Andrew’s United Church families - to share your responses to this week’s story visit Carman United Church Face Book page or email the church office Karen.mcgill@crossroadsunited.com. Visit www.crossroadsunited.com and see Sunday School At Home to view previous lessons and stuff people are sharing.

Immanuel United Church families –If you are willing to have your art shown before or during worship, please ask your grown-ups to take/help you take a picture of your drawings and send the picture(s) to Ha Na to be shared before or during the service on Sunday.

Praying at Home

This is an old old hymn – do you know it? Maybe you can find an older grown up who can teach you the tune! It will also work well as a grace at meal time!
You can find lots more verses online or in Voices United # 291, or write some new ones yourself!

All things bright and beautiful,
All creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful
In Love God made them all!

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