

THE CREATION OF ALL THINGS

Genesis 1:1 – 2:25

Lesson Memory Verse: I Peter 5:7 "Casting all your care on Him, for He cares for you."

Lesson Aim: To show that God is the Creator of all things and that He cares for us.

Lesson Plan: Use the KEY – HE – SEE – WE – BE plan (explained in the Introductory Notes).

KEY (for Attention): Have you ever made anything with your own hands? (Allow time for the students to tell what they have made.) Here is a treat (or a toy) that I made with my own hands. I made it for you and I will give it to you after class. Do you know why I made it for you? I made it for you because I love you and care about you.

HE (for Authority): Our memory verse tells us that God also cares about you. He loves you more than anyone else ever could love you. He has shown His love by creating a wonderful world in which you can live. When you think about all of the beautiful and amazing things that He has made for you to enjoy, you can be sure that He will also take care of you in other ways. Our memory verse says that you should cast all your cares on Him. What does that mean? It means that you should pray and tell God about your problems. You can ask Him to take care of your problems and then leave them in His hands. He will solve your problems because He loves you and will take care of you. If you really believe what this verse says, you will not worry about your problems after you have told the Lord about them.

Words to explain or clarify:

"Casting" – putting, giving, placing

"Care" – worries, problems, troubles

"Him" and "He" – refers to God

"Cares" – looks after; loves (Notice the two meanings for "care" in this verse.)

SEE (for Apperception) and WE (for Application): PLEASE do not read these comments until you have read the Scripture for this lesson. First, let the Holy Spirit teach you directly from His Word. In today's lesson we will learn about God's love and care for us by the things that He made in the six days of creation.

I. The First Day (1:15)

A. God created the heavens and earth (1:1).

B. God made the light (1:3).

C. God separated the light from the darkness so there would be a day and night (1:4-5).

WE: We should thank God that He made the light. It would be impossible to live on earth with no light. We need the light for many things. Can you think of one reason why we need light? (Let the students make some suggestions.) One reason that we need light is to grow food. You and I would starve without light. God is taking care of you and me every day by giving us light.

II. The Second Day (1:6-8)

A. God made the heaven (sky) above and earth beneath (1:6, 8).

B. God divided the waters by putting some in the heavens above and some on the earth (1:7).

WE: We need to thank God that He gave us water. Water is needed to give us life. It is also needed to give life to fish and animals and plants, so we can have food to eat. God is good to give you and me water. Thank Him whenever you take a drink of water. Without it you would shrivel up and die.

III. The Third Day

A. God made the waters go into the seas so that the dry land would appear on earth (1:9-10).

B. God made the plants to grow on earth so there would be food for animals and for man (1:11-12).

WE: We should be thankful that God has given us plants that produce food for us. God shows us that He cares for us by giving us food.

IV. The Fourth Day (1:14-19)

- A. God made the sun, moon and stars (1:14-16).
- B. God made the sun to shine during the day (1:16a).
- C. God made the moon and stars to shine at night (1:16b).

WE: God gives us light and warmth from the sun. We could not live on the earth without the sun to keep us warm. In addition, He placed the sun, moon and stars in the sky so that we can use them for directions and not get lost when we travel, especially by sea or by air. The sun, moon and stars are used by God to make the day and night beautiful. Yes, God cares for us in many ways by giving us the sun, moon and stars.

V. The Fifth Day (1:20-23)

- A. God created sea life: whales, fish, lobsters and shrimp (1:20-21).
- B. God made flying things: birds, bats, grasshoppers, beetles, butterflies and insects (1:20-21).

WE: All of these things were good for people before Adam and Eve sinned. Even now many of these things are good for food or to help plants grow. Some of them are good for food, some of them make this world beautiful and interesting, some of them can teach us about sin, and all of them can teach us about God. Yes, God shows that He care for us by these creatures that He made on the fifth day.

VI. The Sixth Day (1:24-31; 2:7, 21-25)

- A. God made animals and creeping things: cows, pigs, non-flying insects, snakes, lions (1:24-25).
- B. God made man (1:26).
 - 1. He formed man from the dust of the earth (2:7).
 - 2. He made Eve out of Adam's rib (2:21-23).
 - 3. He made Adam and Eve in His own (spiritual) likeness (1:27).
 - 4. He made them rulers over the creatures in the sea, in the air and on the earth (1:28).

WE: God made everything good (1:31), but He made man and woman extra special. He made them so that He could love and care for them. He wants us to depend on Him and thank Him for all that He does for us. We need to worship Him and rejoice that He is so good to us.

VII. The Seventh Day (2:2-3)

God rested because He did not need to create or make anything else after the sixth day. He rested because everything that He made was perfect.

WE: We should be glad that God has made everything that is necessary for us and for all the people on earth. He has taken care of us very well. Be thankful.

VIII. God's Purpose for Man (2:8-17)

- A. God planted a beautiful garden in which Adam and Eve could live (2:8-14).
- B. God told man to take care of it (2:15).
- C. God commanded man not to eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil (2:16-17).
- D. God said Adam and Eve would die if they ate of this tree. It was a test to see if they would obey God.

WE: God loved and cared for Adam and Eve so much that He made them a beautiful garden in which to live, and He came each day to talk to them. God has promised us a beautiful city in which we can live forever, if we prove that we love Him. We can do that by receiving Jesus as our Savior from sin and by obeying Him. That will show our love to Him. Have you ever received Jesus as your Savior?

BE (for Action): Today we learned that God made the whole world and everything in it, including you and me. Can you name something that God made for which you are very thankful? God shows that He loves us by the things that He made, but He showed His love even more when He sent Jesus to die for our sins so we could live with Him forever. You must understand that we cannot live with God if we have any sins on our record. But Jesus will remove all of our sins if we believe that He paid for all of them and ask Him to remove all of our sins from our record books. You might think of your record book like a report card. When Jesus removes all of your sins, He is removing all of the bad marks and replacing them with good marks. He wants to do this for everyone, but He will not do it until you hate your sins and ask Him to remove them from your record book. Have you asked Jesus, God's Son, to remove your sins? If not, do it today so God can let you live with Him forever in a land that will be more beautiful than the Garden of Eden. (Give an invitation by asking those who want to ask Jesus to remove all of their sins from their record book to raise their hands. Ask those that raised their hands to stay after class so you can help them.)