


Understanding the Home Guide



God Created the World

Scripture Focus: Genesis 1:1-5

Lesson Goals

- to recall that God created all things
- to identify that God created everything out of love
- to state that it is important that we respect all of God's creation

Parent Preview

- Review the Scripture on page 21 of *The Catholic Children's Bible* (Genesis 1:1-5).
- Read the Background Reflection on page 22 of the chapter 1 activity booklet.
- Review this home guide chapter.

Get Ready! (10 minutes)

- Pray** the prayer on page 1 of the chapter 1 activity booklet.
- Invite** your child to brainstorm some favorite things in nature. Ask your child who created all of these wonderful things. (*God*)
- Tell** your child that this lesson explores all the wonderful things God has made, which we call God's creation.

Discover! (20 minutes)


- Read** with your child the article "Resurrection: God's Creation" on the second page of the chapter 1 activity booklet. Review the key words. Use the review questions to check your child's understanding.
- Invite** your child to complete the activity on page 3 of the chapter 1 activity booklet.
Answers: All three pictures show ways to care for God's creation.

Dive In! (20 minutes)

- Read** the Scripture on page 21 of *The Catholic Children's Bible* (Genesis 1:1-5).
- Ask** your child these questions:
 - What did God create on this first day? (*light*)
 - What did God call the light? (*day*)
 - What did God call the darkness? (*night*)
- Read** the Understand It! and Live It! sections on page 1 of the chapter 1 activity booklet. Invite your child to retell the Scripture passage in his or her own words.
- Invite** your child to complete the activity on page 2 of the chapter 1 activity booklet.

Go! (10 minutes)

- Invite** your child to share one thing he or she learned from today's lesson.
- Choose** one of the Family Activities on page 4 of the chapter 1 activity booklet to complete together during the next week.
- Ask** your child to find the sticker sheet on page 5 of the chapter 1 activity booklet. Tell your child to place the chapter 1 sticker on the correct location on the Seek and Find sheet in the folder.
- Conclude** by praying the prayer on page 1 of the chapter 1 activity booklet.



The **Lesson Goals** section identify the key desired outcomes of the chapter.

The **Parent Preview** section offers steps parents can use to prepare for the lesson.

The **Get Ready!** part of the lesson begins with an opening prayer and an activity that will spark interest in the lesson focus.

The **Discover!** part of the lesson involves a short reading to support understanding.

The **Dive In!** part of the lesson involves direct use of *The Catholic Children's Bible* and learning through a key Bible story.

The **Go!** part of the lesson invites the child to recall what he or she learned and closes the lesson with a fun activity and a prayer.

The reading on this page relays important information related to the lesson.

Respecting God's Creation

Have you drawn a picture to give someone? Has anyone made a present for you? Why do we make special things to share with one another? When we make something to give someone, we show them our love. Love means caring for and caring about one another.

The Book of Genesis—the very first book in the Bible—tells us about the special things God made for us. Genesis tells us that God made light and darkness, sky and water, land and plants, sun and moon, birds and fish, and people and all the animals on land. All **creation** is God's gift of love. All these wonderful things are how God shows his love and care for us.

This is why we must **respect**, or care for, all of God's creation. How would you feel if someone damaged a gift you made for them? Would you be hurt? Just so, we must take care of the gifts God made for us. We must take care of our planet and one another.

When we take care of everything God has made, we show him how important his gifts are to us. We thank God when we respect his creation, and we show our love for God himself.

The **Key Words** section highlights any words in the reading that may need additional definition.

Key Words

- creation** All the things God has made.
- respect** To care for, treat well, or honor.

The **Review!** section offers several questions that reinforce key concepts from the lesson. Answers are provided.

Review

1. Who made the water, land, animals, and people?
2. Why did he make everything?
3. Why must we respect God's creation?

Turn this page upside down to check your answers!

We Know and Live Our Faith

The following article and activity in the *We Know and Live Our Faith* resource correspond to the concepts introduced in this lesson:

- "God Made You and Loves You" + activity, pages 6–7

If you have additional time, read the selection together, and invite your child to complete the activity.

The **We Know and Live Our Faith** resource provides additional content that can be used to support the lesson.

Answers: 1. God. 2. God made everything out of love for us. 3. We respect God's creation to thank him and to show our love for him.

