**THE CREATION**

**Objectives:**

**1. Children should know that God created the world.**

**2. Children should be able to tell the story of Creation.**

**3. Children should know that we should also love and care for God’s Creations**

**Read the story of the creation in the Children’s Bible Reader, pp. 17-20. At the end, ask your child to name some things God created.**

**Each day this week, preferably at bedtime, read the creation story to your child, then complete the following exercise with him/her:**

**Once, at the dawn of our beautiful days, God made the light and dark go separate ways, and evening & morning were the very first day.**

* **And God said: Children (refrain): “This is good!”**

**On the very next day, God created the sky and painted it blue and set it on high.**

* **And God said: Children (refrain): “This is good!”**

**On the third bright morning, God looked around and removed the water from the high, dry ground. And He called the water the great seas and He colored the ground with grass and trees.**

* **And God said: Children (refrain): “This is good!”**

**Next God rolled up a fireball and called it the sun; a moon He made for its silvery light and the stars He made to twinkle at night.**

* **And God said: Children (refrain): “This is good!”**

**On Day Five God worked on the birds of the sky, the creatures that fly, and fish in the deep and sea creatures to creep.**

* **And God said: Children (refrain): “This is good!”**

**On morning number six God had a plan, to make all the animals that live on the land. From elephants so tall to inchworms so small, God made them all!**

* **And God said: Children (refrain): “This is good!”**

**Then God looked around and His creation He blessed, and then on Day 7, He took a good rest.**

* **And God said: Children (refrain): “This is good!”**

**This is the first lesson of the new year; the first day of the new liturgical year is designated as environmental awareness day. Even the smallest children can take small steps to help care for the lovely world God has given us. Have the children think of some ways their family can care for God’s world. Do they throw litter out into the street to make the world dirty? Do they recycle in their homes?**

**Activities to work on and present on Sunday:**

**Make the “Let there be Light” mobile**

* **Cut out moon and stars from white and yellow paper ahead of time.**
* **Bend floral wire to round shape and twist in place.**
* **Use pipe cleaners to attach to the mobile**

**Color the pages included for the different days of the creation story**