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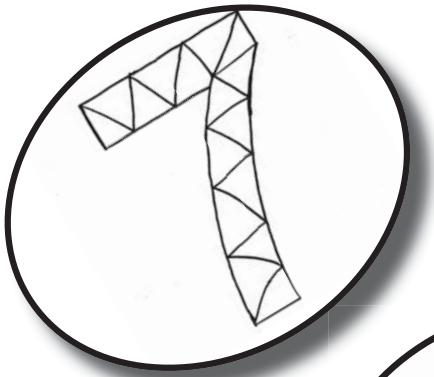

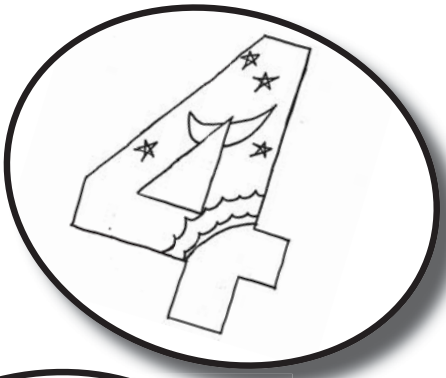

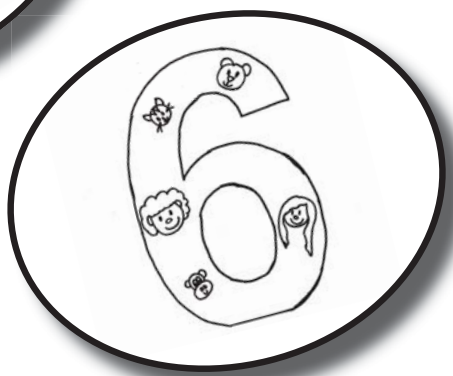

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Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.

Hebrews 11:3

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LESSON ONE

In The Beginning ...

LESSON TEXT: Genesis 1:1-13

For centuries, scientists, philosophers, and men of every religion under the sun have been asking the same questions: Who are we? Where did we come from? Many people have tried to answer these questions, but they have only been able to offer theories that cannot be proven. The Bible, however, does more than offer guesses to these questions. In fact, the first few chapters of the book of Genesis (which means "origin" or "beginning") reveal to us exactly who we are and where we came from. Genesis 1:1 says, “In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth” According to God's Word, we are His creation, designed to live on this earth that He created especially for us. God created our world with a specific plan in mind. This week we will take a closer look at this plan to better understand just what happened “In the Beginning”.

The first information we get in the Bible is that the earth began “without form, and void”. In other words, the earth had no structure and was empty. There were no stars, no moon, and no sun. There were no plants, animals, or any living things. How could that be? As humans, this is impossible for us to understand. Only God knows! The next scripture tells us that God’s Spirit was hovering, or moving, over the face of the deep (or water). This tells us that in the beginning there was only water. From this point, God created something wonderful: Our universe!

God's first spoken words were, “Let there be light”, and with them, there was light! Could we say, “Let there be,” and—POOF!--something appear? No, we couldn't. Only God could do this! See how powerful He is? We only have to look around to see how mighty and majestic are His works! For God, creating the light was even more simple than flipping a switch!

Next, we read in verse four "And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness.” Remember that in the beginning there was only darkness. Now, God created a specific period of light.. He called this light “day”, and the darkness He called “night”. Have you ever thought about what it would be like if it were always nighttime? What if it were always daytime? As humans, our brains produce chemicals during the day that help us wake up and

have energy, which allows us to be productive. At night, our brain produces a chemical called melantonin, which makes us sleepy so we will rest in preparation for a new day. How wonderful God is! His creation has order and purpose. He has also accomplished this all on the first day! Not bad for a day's work!

On the next day, God spoke again: “Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters.” (Gen 1:6) This firmament He called Heaven, and this was the second day. Then God called for the waters under heaven to be drawn together and allow dry land to appear. Guess what? It happened just like that! God called the dry land Earth and the waters, Seas. The Bible says that God saw it and it was good.

On the third day, God really got creative! He said, "Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed is in itself, upon the earth: and it was so." (Gen 1:11) Again, at God's word, this happened just as God declared. As always, God saw His creation as “good”.

So far, we have learned that God created the light, separated daytime from night, and caused plants to grow. He did this all in three days, simply by speaking! Think about His power the next time you walk in the woods or visit the ocean. Come back tomorrow ready to describe what you have observed in the world around you, as well as to find out what wonders God had planned for day four!

MEMORY VERSE:
In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. Genesis 1:1

QUESTIONS:
1 What does the word genesis mean?

2 What does the Bible say that God created in the beginning?

3. What happened on the first day? The second day? The third day?

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I	P	P	W	H	W	C	E	C	Q	T	C	water

CD Sun-Catcher

Supplies:

Hot glue gun / Craft Glue **Beads**
String/Yarn **New or Used CDs**
Supplies to decorate sun-catcher
(Ideas include: Jewels for bedazzling, Stickers, Foam Letters)

Directions:
Punch a hole (with nail) in CD large enough to run string through Glue 2 CDs together with the plain side facing out. Cut circle (on page 7) out and paste over the middle hole on both sides. Run string through for hanging. Put beads on the string to decorate. Loop and tie the string long enough to use as a hanger. Decorate the sides of the CD that face out. Jewels will show best on a sun-catcher.

Note to the teacher:
Take Picture of students to use with Lesson 5 Collect Magazines to use with Lesson 4 / Lesson 5. If time remains, read the directions for Lesson 5's craft and begin folding the magazines to use with Lesson 5.

Let There
Be
LIGHT
Genesis 1:3

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LESSON TWO

The Heavens Declared ...

LESSON TEXT: Genesis 1:4-19

Yesterday we discussed the first three days of creation. Did you look around and think about God speaking it into existence? What specific parts of God's creation did you observe? You may have noticed the summer plants, or you might have even taken a dip in the cool water. If it were fall, you probably would have taken time to look at the beautiful colors of the falling leaves; if it were winter, you might have had fun in the snow. Each season has unique aspects of God's creation to appreciate.

The topic of seasons brings us to the fourth day of creation. In Genesis 1:14, “And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years:” These lights were the stars, and God went on to say that they would give light to the earth. God gave us the stars as a way to tell time—to measure the days and years and seasons—by observing the way they are positioned in the sky. What if you could not tell what day your birthday was or when summer was coming? What if you couldn't tell that it was the Christmas season? Life would be rather dull, wouldn’t it? Even though God himself does not need to measure time, He has blessed us with a method for doing so. Isn’t God good?!

Among these stars, God created “two great lights”, the sun and the moon. The sun would be the greatest light and would shine over the day. The moon would rule over the night and would be a much paler light. Once again, God saw that this was good. God has provided a way to tell the day from the night, as well as the passing of the seasons. This finishes the fourth day of creation.

Now, you might wonder, if God made the sun and moon on the fourth day, what was the light He spoke of on the first day of creation? Later on in the Bible we learn that in heaven, there will be no need of the sun for Jesus will

be our light! Though it is difficult for us to understand, Jesus was with God during creation! Jesus was that very first light! How special we are to Him!

MEMORY VERSE:
The heavens declare the glory of God. Psalm 19:1

QUESTIONS:
1 What did God create on the fourth day?

2 How did He divide time so that we would know day from night, years and seasons?

3 Why did He create the sun to be brighter than the moon?

4 What do you think was the light He spoke of on the first day?

Instructions: Unscramble the words from lesson two that are listed below.

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Painting: Fall Tree Represents the Seasons

Supplies:
- Large Construction paper (light colored)
- Hypo-Allergenic Paint these colors:
  - Brown
  - Yellow
  - Orange
- Small Rectangular Sponges

Directions:
1. Using brown paint, paint the student's fore-arm and hand.
2. Student will put their print on the paper. Represents the tree trunk and branches.
3. Use the sponges to put leaves on the tree and falling around tree/on the ground.
4. Write "GOD MADE THE SEASONS"

Note to the teacher:
Take Picture of students to use on Lesson 4
Collect Magazines to use on Lesson 4 and Lesson 5
If time remains, read the directions for Lesson 5's craft and begin folding the magazines to use with Lesson 5.

LESSON THREE

Be Fruitful And Multiply...

LESSON TEXT: Genesis 1:20-25

God spent the first four days of creation creating the light, the earth, sun, and moon, and the stars. If it seems like he was preparing these for something special, it is because he was! Who can guess what God created next? If you said living creatures, you are right. God's creation until this point included just what was needed to support life on earth. Genesis 1:20 tells us that, just as His previous creations appeared at his word, God spoke the animals into being: “Let the waters bring forth abundantly the moving creature that hath life,” God began by filling the oceans with life. Have you ever been to an aquarium? Just one look there will give you an idea of just how many different sea creatures exist! There are thousands of types of fish and mammals in the sea: There are dolphins, whales, sharks, starfish, and many more living things.

Next, God said in the same verse, “and fowl that may fly above the earth in the open firmament of heaven.” God created every winged creature, and guess what? Once again, He saw it was good! Then, in verse 22, God blessed these creatures: “saying, Be fruitful, and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let fowl multiply in the earth.” God not only created these wonderful creatures, but then He blessed them and caused them to multiply after their own kind. What does that mean? Well, have you ever seen a bird hatch a fish or a fish hatch a bird? Of course not; how absurd! Each creature brings forth young of its own species. God’s creation is orderly and productive!

This closes the fifth day. We have fish and birds, but what about all of the other animals we have in our world? The Bible says that in the beginning of the sixth day, God created beasts and cattle and every “creeping” thing on the earth. Can you think of some creatures that creep on the earth? Lizards and insects are two examples. Once again, God said that they were to produce after their kind, and once again, God saw that his creation was good.

By then, God was almost finished. His creation was just about perfect. There was only one more aspect of God's plan that He had yet to complete. Can you guess what it was? Come back tomorrow to find out!

MEMORY VERSE:
And God blessed them, saying, Be fruitful and multiply. Genesis 1:22

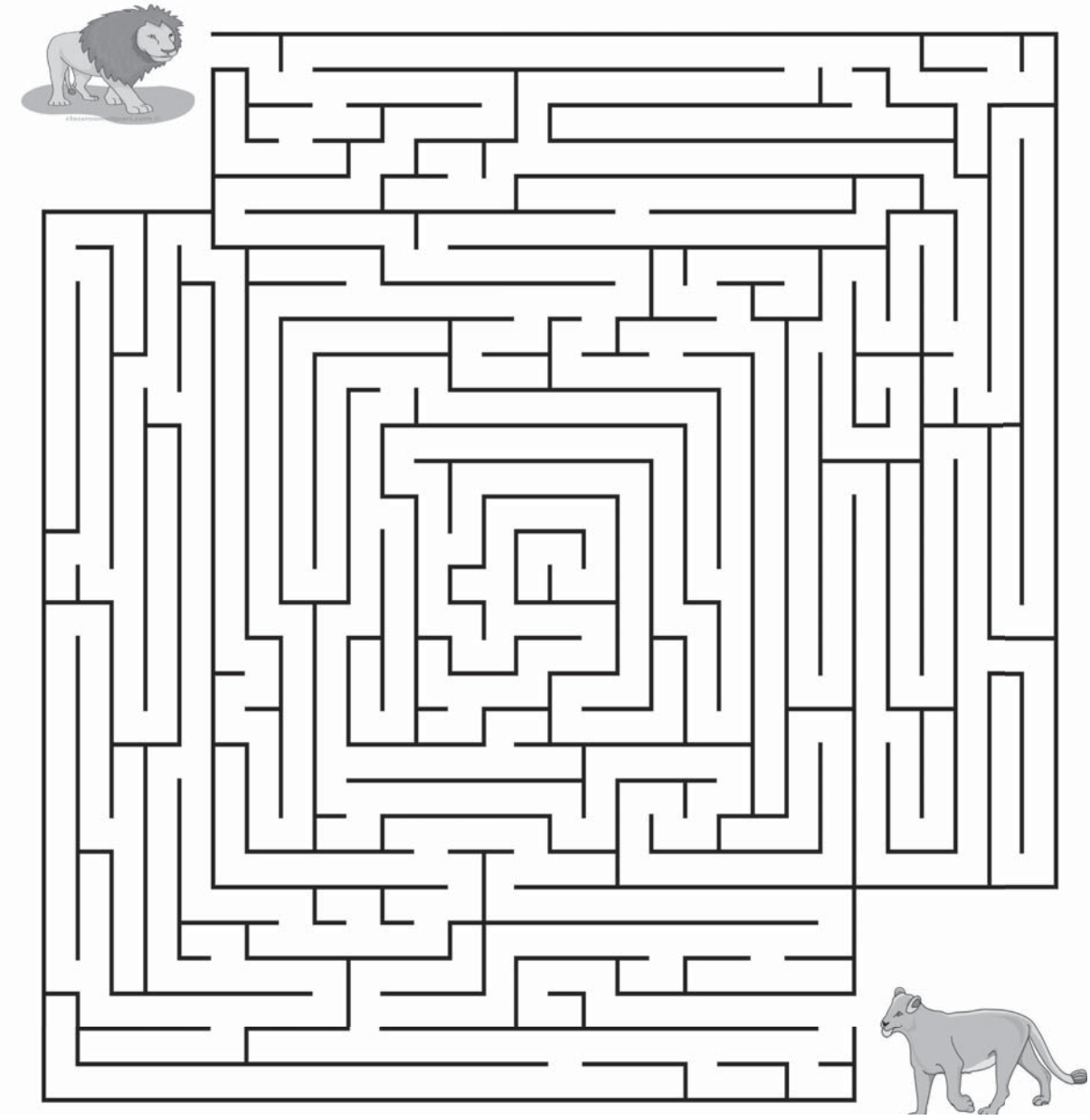
QUESTIONS:
1 What does God say after every creation?

2 What did God create on the fifth day?

3 When were animals created?

4 Can a bird produce a fish or a lizard a cow?

Help the lion reach his mate by guiding him through the maze



Bird Feeder
*** Be sure no student has a peanut allergy before doing this craft***

Supplies:
Pinecones
Yarn
Popsicle Stick
Bowls
Peanut Butter
Bird Seed

Directions:
Tie yarn around the pine cone.
Tie yarn into a loop to use as a hanger.
Using the popsicle stick coat the pine cone with peanut butter.
Put the coated pine cone into a bowl and pour seeds on the cone.

Note to the teacher:
Take Picture of students to use with Lesson 4
Collect Magazines to use with Lesson 4 / Lesson 5
Don't forget to develop your pictures to use on Lesson 4's Craft
If time remains, read the directions for Lesson 5's craft and begin folding the magazines to use with Lesson 5.

LESSON FOUR

... In His Own Image

LESSON TEXT: Genesis 1:26-31

After God made the animals and every creeping thing, it was time for him to make something completely different and uniquely special—us! In Genesis 1:26, we read that God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness:” He then said that man would have dominion over every living thing on the earth. Man was to rule over all of the fish, birds, cattle, and every other animal and creeping thing in the earth. What an honor God gave to man! To rule over the creatures of the earth also brought a great deal of responsibility. If man was allowed dominion over the other living creatures, then who has dominion over man? God does! After all, we were made “in His Image”. We are accountable to Him for all that we do!

The scripture says God created man in His Own Image, both male and female. Then He told them to be fruitful and multiply and have dominion over all the living creatures and subdue them. Once again, God said his creation was to produce after its own kind. God also made both male and female. Why do you think that is? He wanted a male and female to go together to produce offspring. A man cannot produce a child by himself, nor can a woman produce a child on her own. God planned for them to be mates and to need each other. That is how God made it to be.

Man was the last of God’s creation. God said in Genesis 1:29, “Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat.” Have you ever gardened with your grandparents or picked apples off a tree? If so then you are doing something that the very first people did, all the way back to the sixth day of creation. Next, God pointed out that He had given this food not only to people but to every living creature. God had provided everything mankind needs to survive. He still provides for us today. Isn’t God good?

With mankind, God's creation was complete. What do you suppose he did next? He decided it was time for a day of rest, and he called this rest the Sabbath. Tomorrow we will finish our lessons on creation by studying this day of rest.

MEMORY VERSE:
And God said, Let Us make man in Our Image. Genesis 1:26

QUESTIONS:
1 What did God create last?

2 What makes man different from all God's other creations?

3 What did God command people to do?

4 What did God do after He finished creation?

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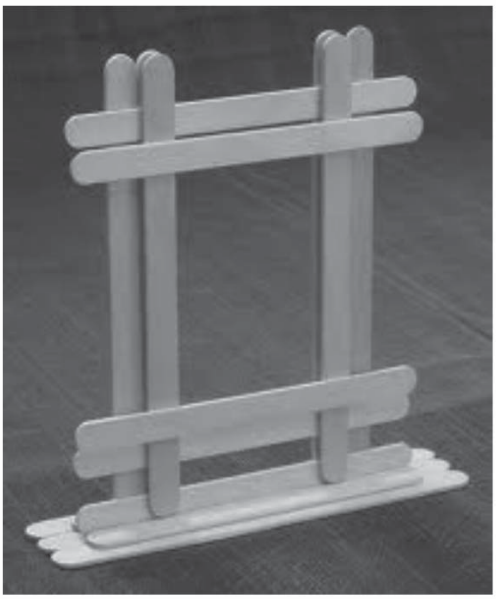
Magnetic or Free standing picture frame with student's picture or collage of people/animals



Supplies:

- Colored or Plain Popsicle Sticks (Large/Small)
- Craft Glue
- Magazines for students who have not been present so they can make a collage
- Self-adhesive Magnets
- Construction paper

Directions:

1. Glue or Hot Glue popsicle sticks together to make a picture frame for their picture.
2. Students may want to decorate the outside of the frame with buttons beads or gems .

OPTIONAL: Write on the frame with a permanent marker "GOD MADE ME (or child's name)"

For students who are attending for the first time, cut construction paper into a 4X6 piece. Glue pictures of animals and people from magazines. Later, students can replace the collage with pictures of themselves.

If time remains, read the directions for Day 5's craft and begin folding the magazines to use on Day 5.

LESSON FIVE

God Ended His Work

LESSON TEXT: Genesis 2:1-3

God's creation is now finished. The heavens and the earth are divided. Dry land has appeared, along with the sun, moon, and stars. Plants and trees have been made, as well as fish, birds, beasts and every creeping thing. Lastly, God has created man and woman. He has given every living creature instructions to be fruitful and multiply on the earth after their kind. Finally, God has instructed man to tend and eat of the earth's produce, to subdue the animals, and to see how they are fed.

Now God is ready for a day of rest. As the Bible says in Genesis 2:2, "And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made." Does this mean that God was tired? No! God doesn't face the same physical challenges we do as humans. What this means is that God was finished with the act of creation. It was complete, and there was nothing to add to it. God could rest and enjoy His work. God blessed this day and set it apart or "sanctified" it. The seventh day was to be a special day!

Exodus chapter 20 gives us further instruction about the Sabbath, or day of rest. Remember that God made man after His Own Image. Because of this, God gave instructions about the Sabbath to His people through Moses who recorded the Ten Commandments. As Exodus 20:8 says, the sixth commandment was to "Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy." God tells us that we are to labor for six days, and then we are to rest on the seventh day. This is because, after six days of creating, God himself rested on the seventh day.

God is good to give us a day free from work, but do you think God wants us to spend this day merely in fun and recreation? No! He wants us to rest and remember His creation. He wants us to spend that time worshipping Him and being thankful for what He has done! That is how we keep it holy. We set it apart, or sanctify it, just for Him! This is why God's people gather together at church on Sunday. We have a time of rest to worship Him, meditate on His Word, and praise His name. In

fact, we often sing a song of thanksgiving at church called “How Great Thou Art”. Truly, how great God is to make this wonderful world for us to live in. Let us take time not only on the Sabbath but each day to reflect on the beauty and majesty of His creation of which we are a part!

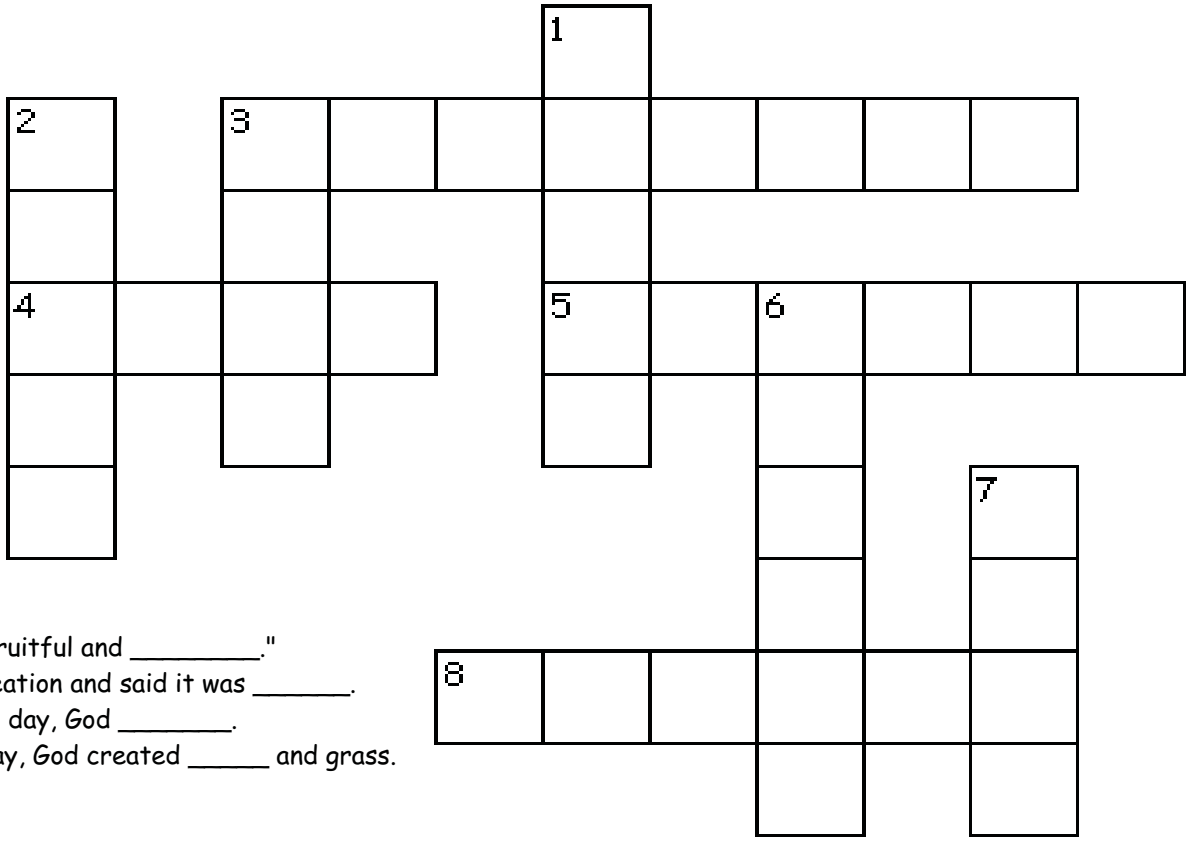
MEMORY VERSE:
And on the seventh day God ended His work which He had made. Genesis 2:2

QUESTIONS:
1 Why did God make the seventh day special?

2 What did God command us to do on the seventh day?

3 How do we keep this day holy?

4 What did God call this day of rest?



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3. God said, "Be fruitful and _____."
4. God saw his creation and said it was _____.
5. On the seventh day, God _____.
8. On the third day, God created _____ and grass.

Down

1. God created the _____ to help man measure time and the seasons.
2. God said, "Let there be _____.
3. God created the _____ to rule over the night.
6. On the _____ day, God separated the waters.
7. On the fifth day, God created birds and _____.

Recycled Art: Magazine Cross

Supplies:
Old Magazines
Craft Glue

Directions:
1. Cut the spine off a magazine.
2. Cut the pages in half lengthwise
3. Fold each side in half
4. Fold each side in half again
5. Fold each side in half again
(The original ½ sheet has now been folded in half and then each side was folded in half 3 more times)
6. Roll the folded strips into circles an glue them together
7. Outline the cross with more strips

*For the sake of time: Make strips ahead of time, use no more than 8-10 strips on any circle, make a cross approximately 1/3 the size of the cross pictured.

You can make it magnetic using the magnet strips used in the craft from Lesson 4.