

Topic: Creation – God’s Greatness Seen in the Heavens

Note: The practical applications provided in the lesson are offered as suggestions to help the saints in their preparation. They are not meant to direct or limit the ways in which the focus of the lesson can be applied. The saints are encouraged to pray and contact the Lord to receive His burden and guidance in teaching and applying the lesson. Fellowship with other saints, and inquiring of the children themselves, may also bring out many helpful applications.

Elementary:

Verse: “The heavens declare the glory of God, / And the expanse proclaims the work of His hands” (Psalm 19:1).

Focus: Creation shows us that God is great. In the universe there are billions of stars. Only a great Creator could make so many stars.

Practical Application: Consider illustrating this point with pictures (or videos) of the sun, earth, planets, stars, and/or galaxies. Ask them if they can count all the stars in the night sky. Tell them each star is like the sun with many planets. Our sun is an average star like the ones we see in the night sky but there are millions upon millions of suns in the universe. Counting the stars in the universe is like trying to count the number of grains of sand at the beach. Impress upon them how great is our God who made so many stars.

Intermediate:

Verse: “Indeed, My hand laid the foundations of the earth, / And My right hand spread out the heavens; / When I call to them, / They stand together” (Isaiah 48:13).

Focus: Creation shows us that God is great. When we look up into the sky we see the sun during the day and the stars at night. Both the sun and the stars testify of God’s greatness.

Practical Application: See Elementary Application. Ask children how big the sun is compared to the earth and how much energy the sun produces. Tell them a million earths could fit inside the sun (from pole to pole, the diameter of the earth is 7,900 miles). The sun is so hot it heats planets that are millions of miles away. Find other details to impress upon the children how great God is to have made all these. Might also consider bringing physical objects to help the children conceive of the size difference between the earth and the sun, and thus the vastness of the universe.

Advanced:

Verse: “Who has measured the waters in the hollow of his hand, / Who has calculated the extent of the heavens with a handspan” (Isaiah 40:12).

Focus: Creation shows us that God is great. When God created the universe, He not only created our solar system. God in His greatness has created countless of solar systems and galaxies. Who could have created all of these? Only someone who is great!

Practical Application: See Elementary and Intermediate applications. Ask them about the solar system and galaxies. Explain that our solar system consists of the sun and planets. Each star you see in the night sky is like the sun with many planets. Stars are not scattered randomly through space, they are gathered together into vast groups known as galaxies. The sun belongs to a galaxy called the Milky Way. Astronomers estimate there are about 100 thousand million stars in the Milky Way alone. Outside that, there are millions upon millions of other galaxies also! To our great Creator, however, the Bible tells us that “the extent of the heavens” is merely the width of His hand. Only a great and awesome God could create a great and awesome universe.