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God

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Teaching Points:

1. God is the beginning and the Creator of everything.
2. God is good and everything He made is good.
3. God made everything beautiful. (Eccl 3:4)
4. Because God made us, we must obey Him.
5. He gives everything that we need. So we should pray to Him and thank Him for all His provisions.

When we look around and notice the kind of earth we live on, we discover that it is really a wonderful place. How many different kinds of trees, plants, animals and birds we find! What lovely colours and sweet smell the flowers have! What delicious fruits and vegetables grow out of the earth! There are big animals like the elephant and tiny ones like mice. There are insects that jump high in the air and tiny ants that creep. Each one has eyes to see and legs to walk. Each has its own special food to eat. How great and wise and mighty is our God who could think of all these things and make them so perfect.

Fish are made so that they can live in water. Birds are made with light bones and strong wings so that they can fly. Because God made all these wonderful things, we say He is Almighty or All powerful. Because everything He made was very good, we know He is good and perfect. He looks down and sees everything. He knows everything that happens everywhere. So He is an All-knowing God.

Because God is good, He loves us and gives us everything that we need. He gives us food to eat, clothes to wear and houses to live in. So we should love Him and thank Him. Also, we should pray to Him because He is a generous Giver.

Memory Verse :

“I will love you, Oh, Lord, my strength. Psalms. 18.1.

Questions :

1. Who created everything?
2. Tell some of the things, which God has created?
3. Why should we love God?
4. Why should we pray?

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Lesson - 2

Creation (Gen 1:3-25)

Teaching Points:

1. God created everything by His word.
2. Life comes from God and all living creatures came by His command.
3. There were six days of Creation.
4. God provided everything man needs.

We have learnt that God is the creator of everything; that God is good and that everything He made was good. Before the world began, God was there. He created the heavens and the earth by His word and that was the beginning.

The Bible tells us that the earth was empty and dark covered with water. The Spirit of God came down and moved over the water. The first chapter of the first book of the Bible tells how God made all the things that we see.

In the darkness one day there was a voice. God spoke. It was a command. “Let there be light”, He said. In the Hebrew language, it was just one word but it was extremely powerful. When God speaks something happens. When God said, “Let there be light”, light was there. He called the light Day and darkness, Night. That was the first day. Then God separated the water covering the earth from the water which rises up as steam to form clouds and He stretched out a kind of curtain over the whole earth. We call it the sky and we say “The clouds are in the sky”. Sometimes it is called heaven, but it is not the heaven where God’s throne is. That is far, far away beyond the sky. Again there was an evening and morning and that was the second day.

Then God commanded the water covering the earth to move to one part of the world and let the land appear. When the water moved away, there was the dry land with hills and valleys and plains and in the other

part there were the oceans and seas. At that time God told the dry land to send up plants and trees and all growing things with leaves and flowers, fruits and seeds. Each fruit had seeds and each seed could grow into another plant of the same kind. God saw that it was good. That was the third day.

And God said, "Let there be lights in the sky to count the days and months and years." He made the Sun for the day and the moon and the stars for the night. And God saw that it was good. That was the fourth day.

And God said, "Let the waters bring forth many living creatures, great and small." He also said, "Let there be birds to fly in the air." God blessed every creature and said "Do multiply." That was the fifth day.

After the fish and birds have come, God said, "Let the earth bring forth animals and all creeping things to eat the grass, leaves and fruits. God made the beasts big and small. Every kind was different but each was perfect and lived in its own way. God saw that it was good, but He had not finished His creation. What did He create next? We will see it in the next lesson.

Memory Verse :

John 1:3. All things were made by Him and without Him was not anything made that was made.

Questions :

1. Who created the world and everything in it?
2. How did He do it?
3. What was created on the first day? (Revise each day's work)

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Lesson - 3 Creation of Man (Gen 1:26-30; 2:7-25)

Teaching Points:

1. In eternity God planned the creation of man.
2. God created man in His own likeness.
3. Man was created for God's glory and God crowned him with glory and honour.
4. We must worship God.

Lesson :

We have learned how God by His word created the earth and all that is in it. Today we shall see how He made the first man and woman.

God's plan was that the last of His earthly creation should be someone like Himself. He must be far superior to the animals and plants that He created. He was to be the ruler of the earth with its animal kingdom and the vegetable kingdom. He should be a spiritual being in the image of God so that God can have intimate communion with him.

From the dust of the earth He formed the body of the first man. Then He breathed into His nostrils the 'breath of life' so that he became a *living soul*. Then God made a special place on earth for man to live. He planted a garden in Eden and put the man there. In the middle of the garden was the tree of life and another one called the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. God told Adam to eat freely from any tree in the garden except from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. "You will surely die", said God, "when you eat of it."

God created all animals male and female. However, Adam was 'single'. God saw that it was not good for man to be alone and in a special way He made a companion for Adam. How did He do it?