

FAMILY SUNDAY SCHOOL

Genesis 1:1-2:3

Creating Sacred Space

Supplies: Bible, Basket with cloth, globe, cross and candle

Find a globe to remind you of God the Creator, a cross to remind you of God the Son, and a candle to remind you of God the Holy Spirit. No problem if you don't have one of the items, you can draw one on a piece of paper or print one out. Begin with a moment of silence and then say: When we gather together in our sacred space we do so knowing that this time is holy and God is always with us.

God the Creator: Take out the globe, hold it up, and say:

We gather together to praise
God the Creator,
Who made the whole world –
The light and darkness,
The land and seas,
The plants and trees,
The birds, the fish, the
animals on land,
And God made people
like you and me,
To care for
God's beautiful world.

God the Son: Take out the cross, hold it up, and say:

We gather together to praise
God the Son – Jesus.
Jesus walked on the earth,
teaching people God's way.
And he showed the world how
powerful God's love is.
He lived, and died, and rose
again.

When we see the cross, we remember that nothing is more powerful than God's love.

God the Holy Spirit Take out the candle, hold it up, and say:

We gather together to feel the power of God's Holy Spirit.
We can't see the air around us, but we know it's there.
Every breath we take fills us with life.

We can't see God, but we know God is there.

The Holy Spirit fills our hearts with God's goodness.

Read Genesis 1:!-2:3, the first biblical account of creation, pausing to celebrate what God created each day! **Discuss:** What part of the scripture is your favorite part? What part is the most mysterious? How can you

help to look after God's world?

Nature Walk & Collage

Go on a walk, take time to notice all that God created. Pick up objects from nature such as rocks, bark, grass, leaves, flowers, etc. As you walk, talk about what you see and hear in nature. When you return, gather art supplies and create a collage of your nature walk.

Prayer and Blessing

Take time to share your joys and concerns together.

Pray: Loving God, thank for the gift of your world. Help us to care for everything you have made. Amen.

End your time together with a blessing. Take out the anointing balm (chapstick). Using the chapstick make a heart or cross on the back of each others hand as you say...God made you special; you are a blessing.

MEMORY VERSE: GOD SAW EVERYTHING
THAT HE HAD MADE, AND INDEED, IT
WAS VERY GOOD. GENESIS 1:31