

FAMILY SUNDAY SCHOOL

Psalm 148

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 Psalm 148

- *Create a sound scape by pausing after the word of anything that makes a sound—and then make the sound!

 *If you were going to write a poem about the awesomeness of God, what words would you include?
- *As fast as you can, go around in a circle— youngest to oldest, maybe—listing wonderful things that God has made. See how fast you can get the list going—go around and around and around!

Rock Painting

Paint a rock and place it in a garden as a reminder of God's creation and your role as caretaker.

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

<u>Prayer and Blessing</u>

Take time to share your joys and concerns together.

Pray: God, you saw everything you made and said it was good. Help us to see your beautiful creation with joy and wonder. Help us to love and care for all that 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.