

## **Topic: Creation – God’s Orderliness Seen on the Earth**

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: “...and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years” (Genesis 1:14b).

Focus: Creation shows us that God is orderly. When God created the earth, He placed everything in a good order. The four seasons are also in the right order for things to grow.

Practical Application: The life cycle of a leaf is cyclic and is dictated by the seasons. Most leaves are born in the spring and live throughout the summer. In fall, the change in daylight hours triggers the leaves to die from lack of nutrients. The leaves turn colors, from red to yellow to purple, and then to brown. The skin and stem of the leaf becomes brittle and the leaf will then fall from the tree. The dead leaves will begin to break down in the elements, returning nutrients back into the soil for the next generation of leaves. God created this order for leaves and trees.

### **Intermediate:**

Verse: “And to every animal of the earth and to every bird of heaven...I have given every green herb for food; and it was so” (Genesis 1:30).

Focus: Creation shows us that God is orderly. When God created all the living creatures, He created them in the right order. He created the plants and herbs on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day so that the birds and animals created on the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> days would have food to eat.

Practical Application: Seawater is full of billions of very tiny plants called phytoplankton. Most types are less than one millimeter long, but without them, very little else could live in the sea. They are the most important food for many fish, whale, sea turtles, seals, and even birds. They would all starve if there were no phytoplankton in the ocean. (Phytoplankton → eaten by zooplankton → eaten by fish → eaten by seals or whales or birds)

### **Advanced:**

Verse: “You are Jehovah, You alone; / You have made heaven, The heaven of heavens with all its host, / The earth and all that is on it, The seas and all that is in them; / And You give life to all of them; And the host of heaven worships You” (Nehemiah 9:6).

Focus: Creation shows us that God is orderly. Because of the order in God’s creation many different kinds of living things can exist together on the earth.

Practical Application: Rainforests are home to more than half of the world's animals, from tiny insects to large mammals, and at least two-thirds of the world's plant species. The soil, the climate, as well as the 30 million species of plants and animals, all exist together and have their place, order and function. For example, plants and trees prevent soil erosion, generate much of the earth’s oxygen supply, and provide food, herb, and shelter to insects and animals. Even tiny bacteria and earthworms function to decompose or recycle dead plants and animals into chemical nutrients like carbon and nitrogen that are released back into the soil, air, and water.