

## **Topic:** Creation – Amazing Principles in Creation

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: “As for God—His way is perfect....” (Psalm 18:30a)

Focus: In creation everything has been designed in a perfect way. Everything is planned and designed very carefully so that nothing is lacking or in excess.

Practical Application: It is amazing that everything needed to produce a tree, a flower, a plant, or fruit is found within a little seed. God’s detailed planning provided everything necessary for life. There is nothing the seed lacks; it has protection and it has its own food source. Even the tiny seed is strong enough to push its way out of the ground. There is also no waste or excess—every part in the seed is useful. Bring in seeds of different sizes along with pictures of what the seeds would grow to be.

### **Intermediate:**

Verse: “The day is Yours; the night also is Yours; / You prepared the moon and the sun” (Psalm 74:16).

Focus: In creation everything has been designed in a precise and exact way.

Practical Application: The sun, earth and moon are three spheres of different sizes, yet they are exactly the right size and in the right location so that there could be both a solar eclipse and a lunar eclipse. (A lunar eclipse occurs when the Earth passes between the moon and the sun and the Earth’s shadow obscures the moon or a portion of it. A solar eclipse occurs when the moon passes between the Earth and the sun, blocking all or a portion of the sun.) For the sun, earth, and moon to line up exactly for these eclipses means that God must be very exact and precise. Bring three circles (or spheres) of different diameters and have the children try to position them like an eclipse.

### **Advanced:**

Verse: “Truly, truly, I say to you, Unless the grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it abides alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit” (John 12:24).

Focus: In creation we can see the principle of resurrection (that life issues out of death), and God gives us a wonderful picture of resurrection. Some people doubt that resurrection is possible, yet if we look at the plants and trees we see a picture of resurrection.

Practical Application: In order for a seed to germinate life, it must first be planted into the ground. In the ground there is no light and no air, and it seems like the seed is just being buried in the ground to die. Yet life springs forth from this seed that is buried in the ground. Death is not the end, but a means through which life is produced. Forest fires also show a picture of resurrection. The fire seemingly destroys life but it is actually necessary for new growth in a forest. It burns things such as dead twigs and leaves, creating new space for plants to grow and allowing sunlight to reach the forest floor, enabling new seedlings to grow. The ash produced from the burning is absorbed into the soil, providing nutrients for the new plants.