

Student Guide
Fall



Early Elementary
Year 1

A photograph of a forest with tall trees, some with golden autumn foliage, reflected in a pond with lily pads. The scene is captured during the 'golden hour' of sunset or sunrise, with a soft, warm light. A large, faint, stylized 'S' logo is visible in the upper right background of the image.

MISSION 2:20



The following contains the first three lessons of the fall semester of year one of Summit Ministries' Sunday School Curriculum.

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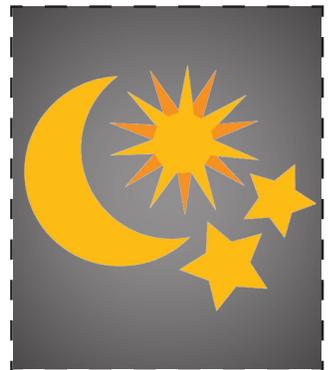
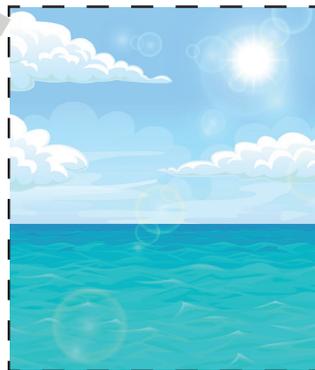
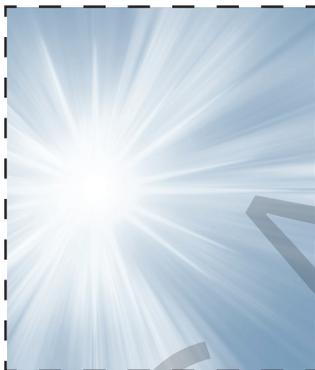
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Creation

Cut out the pictures. Glue them in the order of the days of God's creation. The numbers will help you know the days.

1	2	3	4
5	5	6	6



CREATION

Dear Parent,

Today we learned how God created the world we live in. Nothing existed before He created it. The Bible tells us that the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit acted to make everything we see, hear, touch, or taste. God created things our senses cannot even comprehend. By the power of His word, God spoke order to the formless earth, filled the cosmos with light, separated the waters below and above the earth, divided the land and sea, and spangled the heavens with stars. He made plants and animals for our use and for our enjoyment. Finally, God made the crown of His creation: human beings.

Bible Reference: Genesis 1–2. To help review the story, you will find some questions below.

Discussion Questions:

- What was the world like before God began creation?
- What did God create first? Second? Third? Fourth? Fifth? Last?
- What is your favorite time of day? Favorite plant? Favorite animal?
- Why do you think God made people as the last thing He made?

Memory Verse: Genesis 1:1

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

Bible Truth: God Is the Creator

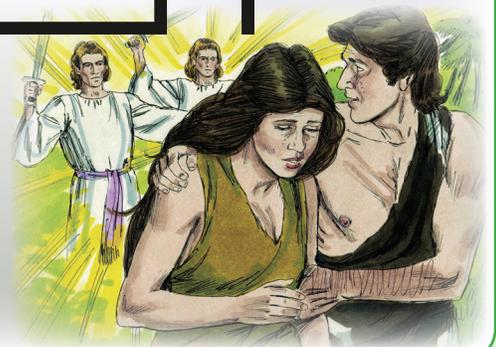
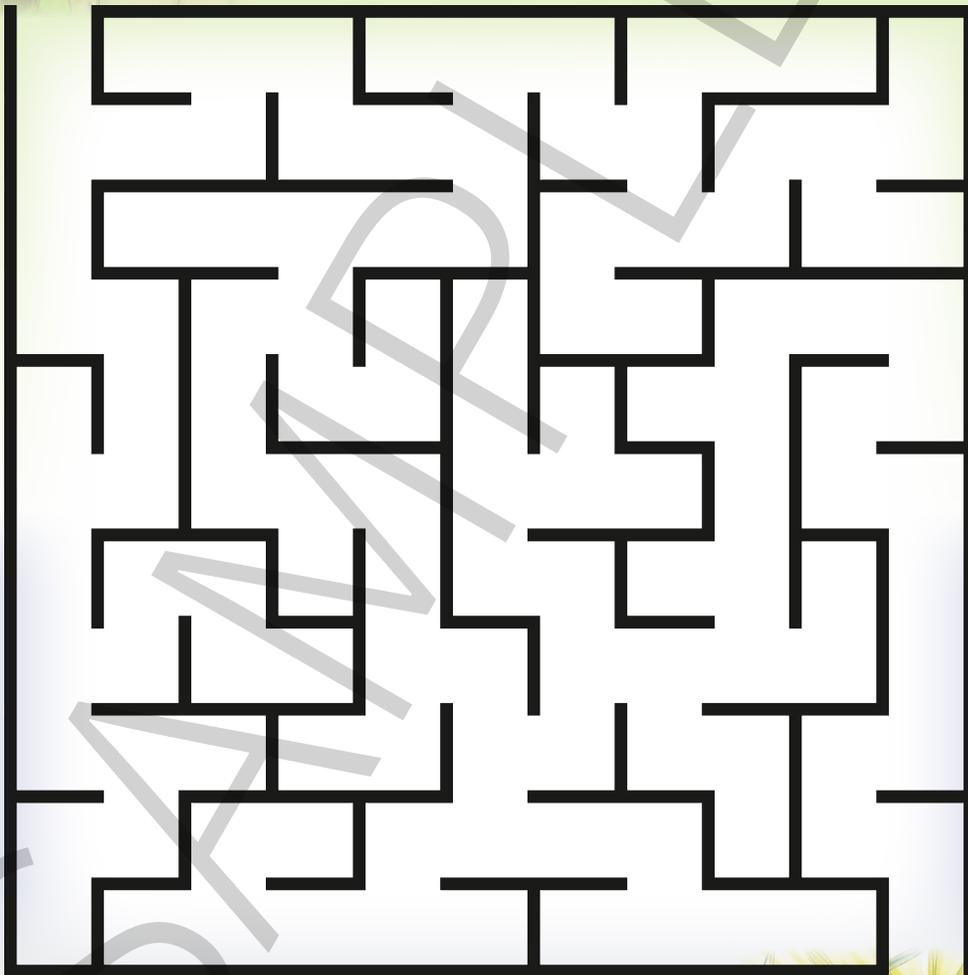
God created all that exists. Those who believe the earth and its multitude of living creatures simply evolved through entirely random processes deny the obvious: chaos does not lead to order. Guide your child to see the beauty of God's creation, its orderliness, and its complexity.

Character Trait: Gratitude

Take your child on a nature walk to allow him or her to show gratitude for God's creation. Notice the beauty of the seasons and the variety of creatures that God made. As you walk, express your thankfulness to God for His lovingkindness in making the earth for our enjoyment.

The First Sin

Draw a line through the maze from the first sin to the sad end.
Tell why Adam and Eve were sad.



THE FIRST SIN

Dear Parent,

Adam and Eve, the first people, lived in harmony with God, with each other, and with the earth. They felt no guilt or shame, and they had no knowledge of sin or its devastating consequences. We don't know how long they lived in a state of perfect harmony, but all too soon, Satan tempted Eve into disobeying God's command. Eve believed Satan and ate the fruit. Adam ate too, and the consequences were severe. God punished Adam and Eve by sending them out of the garden, cursing the ground, and condemning them to death. Yet, God spoke words of hope: someday a Savior would be born who would crush Satan once and for all.

Bible Reference: Genesis 2–3. To help review the story, you will find some questions below.

Discussion Questions:

- Who tempted Eve to sin? What did he tell Eve? Who told Adam to eat the fruit?
- What could Eve have done instead of sinning? What can you do when you are tempted to sin?
- Why do you think Adam ate the fruit, too, even though he knew it was wrong?
- What do you think will happen next in the story? What is God's plan for the problem of sin?

Memory Verse: For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard (Romans 3:23).

Bible Truth: Sin Causes Problems between People and God

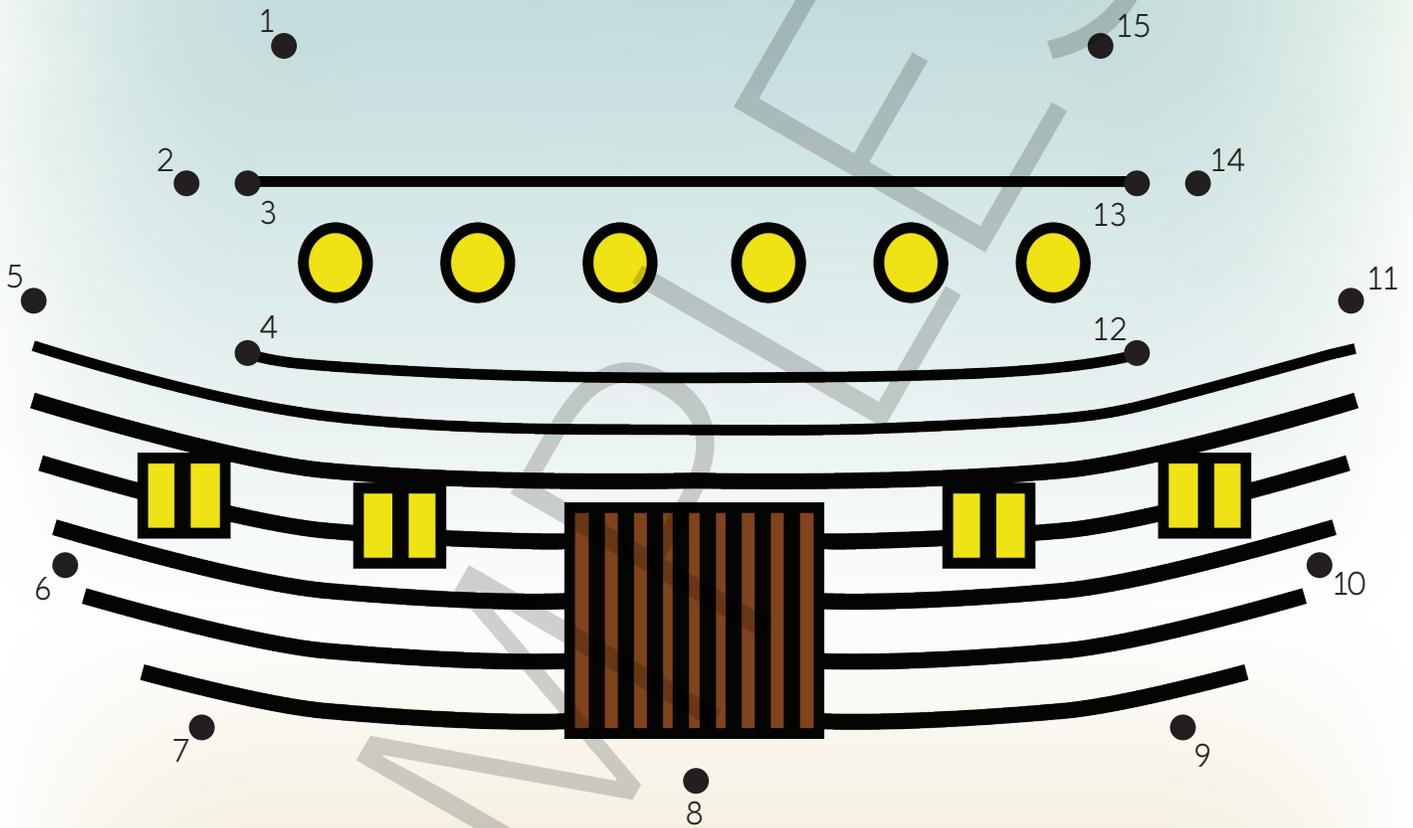
Discuss with your child how sin causes all sorts of problems, including fights, hurt feelings, and broken relationships. Have your child give an example of how disobedience can lead to disappointment and a break in trust between parents and their children.

Character Trait: Honesty

When Adam and Eve sinned, they were not honest with God or with each other. Both were at fault, and both blamed others. Remind your child to be honest with you and with God when he or she does something wrong.

Noah's Great Ship

Connect the dots from 1 to 15.



Trace the word.

Noah obeyed God.

NOAH'S GREAT SHIP

Dear Parent,

Today we learned that the people on the earth had disobeyed God for a long time, and God saw that only Noah obeyed Him. God told Noah to build a huge ark, a great ship, for his family and all the animals that God sent to the ark. God showed that He cared for Noah, Noah's family, and the animals.

Bible Reference: Genesis 5–9. To help review the story, you will find some questions below.

Discussion Questions:

- Why did God choose Noah to build the great ship?
- Why did Noah need to build a great ship?
- When the rain started, who was in the great ship?
- What do you think it was like to live in the great ship?

Memory Verse: Deuteronomy 6:18a

Do what is right and good in the LORD's sight, so all will go well with you.

Bible Truth: God Takes Care of His Creation

Today we learned that after the flood, God used Noah to help take care of His creation. Discuss ways your child has helped take care of creation and brainstorm ways that your family can be better stewards of God's creation.

Character Trait: Obedience

Ask your child how Noah demonstrated obedience to God. Discuss ways you have seen your child show obedience. Explore areas where your child can be more like Noah and choose obedience that pleases God. Pray together and ask God to help your child choose obedience this week.

EPHESIANS 2:20

*Together,
we are his house,
built on the foundation
of the apostles
and the prophets.
And the cornerstone
is Christ Jesus himself.*

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