

God Made the Sea and Fish

Text: Genesis 1:1-2:4 and Proverbs 8:27-29

Aim: To teach that God made the sea and fish.



Preparation

Read Genesis 1:1-2:4 and Proverbs 8:27-29. Answer the following questions:

- Who made the sea and even now keeps it in place? (Proverbs 8:27-29)
- How did God create the sea and all the creatures in it? (Genesis 1:9-10, 20-21; Proverbs 8:29)
- What did God think of his creation? (1:10, 21)

Think about the power of God's word and the wonder of his creation.

Pray for each child you teach, asking God to help them understand his power and majesty shown in what he has made and controls.



Visual Aids

Before your lesson, gather the following visual aids:

- The previous lesson's picture of the sky with all the things on it.
- A large sheet of darker blue paper for the sea background.
- A collection of pictures of fish, seaweed, shells, sand, dolphins, octopus, sharks, whales etc. You could use real shells and real sand for the children to touch and feel.



Lesson

Remind the children of last week's lesson using the picture you made: God made the sky and everything in it.

Show the children the large sea background. Talk to the children about the sea and ask, "Who made the sea?"

- What do we find in the sea? Fish, seaweed, shells etc.

- Use Blu-Tack to stick the pictures of these various items onto the background as you talk about them and show the children the real objects. For each item ask, “Who made the sea? Who made the...?”

Get the children to come out and point to the different creatures. We must thank God for all the amazing things he made in the sea.



Activity

Choose either Activity A or Activity B from the Media section of this webpage.

Activity A – print Activity A-1 onto blue paper for each child and Activity A-2 onto white paper (one copy for every four children).

Before the lesson, cut along the wavy edge of Activity A-1 and fold the page as marked. This section will hide the creatures and get opened to reveal them.

Cut out a set of pictures from Activity A-2 for each child – use a paper clip to keep them together.

Help the children to make a ‘sea floor’ by gluing a strip of yellow paper or real sand across the bottom of the page inside the fold. The children paste the pictures onto their page in the correct spaces provided and colour them in.

You could also supply torn strips of green paper to be pasted on as seaweed.

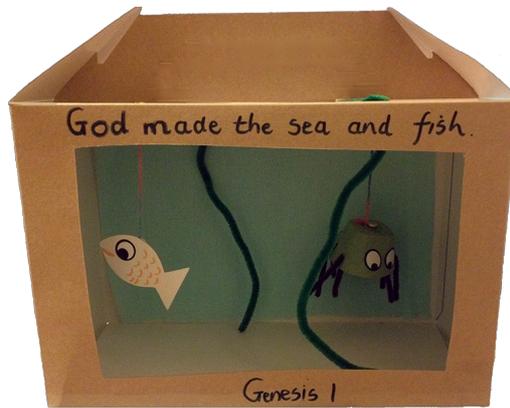
Activity B – Make a 3D fish tank. You will need a box for every child. Before the lesson, cut a window in the side of each box using a craft blade, leaving a small margin to make a frame. Write ‘God made the sea and fish’ along the top and ‘Genesis 1’ along the bottom.

Paste a sheet of blue paper onto the inside of the box opposite the window.

Print Activity B onto paper or card (you will need one copy for every three children), and cut out the fish.

The children colour them in and stick on googly eyes. You could simply print these on coloured paper or card and give each child a variety of colours to avoid colouring in. Use wool or fishing line to hang them in their tank.

Help the children to shape and attach green pipe cleaners to the top of the box as seaweed. If you have time, you could also make an octopus out of an egg carton cup, adding pipe cleaners for legs as shown in the picture below.



Game Idea

Octopus Tag. Tell the children that you are going to pretend to be an octopus (show them a picture of an octopus). You are going to try to catch them and they must try to run away before they are caught. As you begin walking towards them to catch them, wave your arms like an octopus. After a few rounds, let one of the children be the octopus!

Fishes in the water. Use a length of rope to make a circle on the floor to make a pool of water. The children stand around the outside of the circle. When you say, "Fishes in the water" they must jump into the circle. When you say, "Fishes out the water" they must jump out of the circle.

Prayer

Thank you, God, for making the sea and the fish. Amen.

You could also encourage the children to pray. They must think of one thing in the sea and simply say, "Thank you God for..."

Reinforcement

Print the Reinforcement Slip page from the Media section of this webpage and give one slip to each child to take home. This will encourage parents to reinforce today's lesson. Alternatively, you could copy the text below and edit as appropriate for your context. This can then be printed or emailed to parents.

Today your child learned that God made the sea and fish.

To reinforce this lesson this week:

1. Make a collage of the sea using pictures cut from a magazine. Ask your child who made

the sea.

2. At bath time, demonstrate the action of the sea using toy boats and making waves etc.
Ask "Who made the sea?"

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