

## **Lesson 2 - God Made Day and Night**

### **Aim**

- \* To learn the difference between day and the night
- \* To understand that God made day and night for us and both are important

### **Materials**

- \* A selection of items or pictures we associate with sunny warm weather; sunshine, sunglasses, bucket and spades, swimsuits, sun cream, beach towels, ice cream, shadows
- \* A selection of items or pictures we associate with night-time; pillow, torch, owl, stars, moon
- \* Story to read - "Thank you God for Sunshine," (The Preschoolers Family Story Book, by V. Gilbert Beers).
- \* Daytime and night-time pictures.
- \* Pictures to cut and paste - sunglasses, sun, moon, lamp, rooster, rainbow, stars, cloud, owl, bed
- \* Memory cards
- \* Light blue and dark blue A4 paper or card
- \* scissors and glue

### **Lesson Outline**

1. Review the previous lesson
2. Daytime
3. Thank you God for Sunshine
4. Daytime and Night-time
5. Activities - worksheet, memory, which picture is missing?
6. Review the lesson
7. Prayer

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### **1) Review the previous lesson**

Show pictures of the 6 days of creation. Ask the children to identify them and put them in the correct order.

- 1) God made light out of darkness. He called the light day and the darkness night.
- 2) God made the sky and put clouds there.
- 3) God made sea and land. Grass, flowers and trees grew on the land.
- 4) God made the sun to shine in the day and the moon and stars to shine at night.
- 5) God made fish to live in the seas and birds to fly in the air
- 6) God made animals. Then he made the first man, Adam
- 7) God rested on the seventh day, because he had worked so hard to create everything.

### **2) Daytime**

Today we will talk about the first day, when God made light out of darkness and He called the light day and the darkness night. Let's talk about the day. Show the selected items or pictures to the

children. Ask them which days we would use these things. Talk about the sun and how it gives us warmth and light.

### **3) Thank you God for Sunshine**

\* Read the story. Discuss the things that sunshine does for us; it brings the morning, we can play, have a picnic, lie in the sun, helps plants grow, keeps us warm, makes shadows. What would happen if the sun stopped shining? What are some things you like to do on a sunny day?

### **4) Daytime and Night-time**

- \* Look at the two pictures of daytime and night-time. Discuss with the children the different things we can do at night. What are some things you like to do at night when it is dark? Discuss the importance of sleep and night-time. If it was only daytime it would be hard to sleep at night.
- \* We need both daytime and night-time. When the sun shines we can play outside. When it is dark we can look at the moon and stars. We can switch our lights on and feel cosy inside.

### **5) Activities**

- \* Complete worksheet - Show pictures of objects that belong to day or night. Ask children to decide where they go. Cut out pictures and stick them on the correct paper.
- \* Play the memory game using pairs of pictures.
- \* Which picture is missing? - Display the pictures face up. Children turn away. Take one picture away. Can they say which one is missing? Also try with two missing pictures.

### **6) Review the lesson**

What could the children learn today? Refer to the lessons aims

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### **7) Prayer**

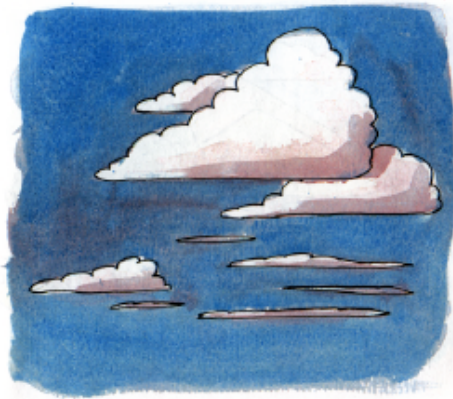
God made the sun and the moon a long time ago to give us light by day and by night. Say a prayer to thank God for all the things we can do in the day and at night..

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2. Thank you God for “Good morning” sunshine. Sunrise chases the night away. Good morning sunshine gives me a brand new day.
3. Thank you God for “Playtime” sunshine. Playtime sunshine helps me to splash in my backyard pool. It smiles while I have a picnic with my family.
4. Thank you God for “Hide-and-go-seek” sunshine. Do you see the puffy white clouds in the sky? They are playing “hide-and-go-seek” with the sunshine.
5. Thank you God for “Time-to-grow” sunshine. This morning I planted some seeds. The rain gave them a drink of water. Then the sunshine smiled and said, “Time to grow!”
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7. Thank you God for “Turn-on-the-light” sunshine. Sometimes it’s so dark and scary at night. Then you send your sunshine. It’s like turning on a BIG light in the sky.
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God made day and night (for display)

# day



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night

Pictures to cut and paste





