

Lesson 6 - Why God Made Flowers

Aim

- To understand that all things in the creation are meant to give us joy. Flowers were made to be beautiful for us to look at and make us happy.
- To understand that we must care for the creation with love and not destroy such things as flowers.

Materials

- A vase of flowers
- Photographs of daffodils, dandelions, tulips, daisies and other colorful flowers.
- Story to read - “The Flower Story”, by Tim Atkinson
- Large picture of sky and flowers in a field.
- Pictures of a large happy flower, a large broken flower, sun, cow, bee, butterfly, boy, football mother and girl to stick onto large picture.
- blu-tac
- Flower patterns on different coloured paper that are already cut
- glue
- scissors
- A3 and A4 white paper

Lesson Outline

1. Introduction
2. Story & Discussion
3. Activities - flower picture, garden picture, egg box flowers, tissue paper flowers
4. Review the lesson
5. Prayer

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1) Introduction

Show the vase of flowers and photographs. Do the children know their names? What flowers do they know? Identify the names of the flowers before reading the story. What do the children notice about the flowers? What are their colours? Do they have a scent? Which is their favourite one? Today we are going to read about one particular flower.

2) Story and Discussion

Read, “The Flower Story.” Show the large picture for the story and stick on the characters as you read. After reading, discuss the different characters the flower spoke to - the sun, the cow, the bee, the butterfly, the dog. What answer did each give? What did the boys do? Why? What did the girl do? Why? Ask the children to say why God made flowers.

3) Activities

- * Make a flower picture - Duplicate the flower pattern and cut several flowers from brightly coloured paper, one for each child. Each child selects a few coloured flower patterns to stick on a larger piece of paper to make a colourful picture.
- * Make a garden picture - Give each child a piece of paper, plain or divided into blue sky and green/brown earth. Let them cut out/stick on pictures cut from seed catalogues or advertisements.
- * Make egg-box flowers - Cut up egg-box bottoms to use as flower heads. Paint or decorate as desired. make a hole with a pencil point in the back of each 'flower' and insert a 'bendy' straw. Bend the top of the straw over so that the flower head is at right angles to the straw. Children could make several of these and put them in a decorated yoghurt pot, anchored with plasticine, or they could make a posy by wrapping a lacy paper doily around them.
- * Make tissue paper flowers - Cut circles of coloured tissue paper about 8cm in diameter, and let children choose about six. Position these on top of one another, and let an adult staple them to a piece of paper. Show the children how to gently squash the topmost two circles to make a flower centre and then 'pinch and push' the lower four to give realistic flower petals. Let children draw in stem and leaves.

4) Review the aims of the lesson

- * To understand that all things in the creation are meant to give us joy. Flowers were made to be beautiful for us to look at and make us happy.
- * To understand that we must care for the creation with love and not destroy such things as flowers.

5) Prayer

Say a prayer of thanks to God for giving so many beautiful flowers that make the world a beautiful place. Name some well-known flowers. Pray that we can learn to take care of flowers.

Why Did God Make Flowers?

version 1



It was a hot summer's day and the field was full of green grass and brightly coloured flowers. There were dandelions, tulips, poppies, daisies and many more - red, yellow, blue, pink and white. One little flower looked around him and felt very happy. What a beautiful world! But why did God make him and all the other flowers, he wondered. He decided asked the sun.

"Sun, why did God make me?"

"I shine on you and your colours are very pretty," the sun answered.

A cow came by eating grass and sniffing. He asked the cow.

"Excuse me cow, why did God make flowers?"

"You have a sweet scent to smell," the cow answered.

A little later a butterfly came by and climbed inside the flower.

"Butterfly, why are you climbing inside," the flower asked.

"I've come to drink your nectar," the butterfly answered. "It's delicious food."

Then a bumble bee came and climbed inside the flower to take nectar.

"Dear bumble bee, why are you climbing inside me," the flower asked.

"I've come to take your nectar," the bee answered. "It makes delicious honey."

"So that's why God made me," the flower thought. "To be pretty, to smell nice and to make honey."

While he was thinking this, a boy came by playing football. The boy didn't like flowers. He broke some flowers with his ball and others he kicked with his feet. Then his big boot came on top of the little flower and broke it in half.

"Help! Help!" the flower called out. "Why did you do that?" But the boy couldn't hear.

The flower felt very sad. "Now I can't give any nectar, or look pretty or smell nice. Nobody can see me."

Presently, a little girl and her mummy came by. Both of them loved flowers.

"Aren't they lovely flowers!" the girl said. "Such beautiful colours and shapes - red, yellow, blue, pink and white. And the scent is so sweet. Mummy can we take some home with us?"

"Yes. We can put them in a vase, in the kitchen,"

Then the girl looked down and saw the broken flowers.

"Mummy! Look at these broken flowers. Let's take these too."

So the little girl and her mummy carefully picked the broken flowers together with the others. They took them home and put them in a vase in the kitchen. They looked very pretty. As the girl looked at the flowers, she asked a question.

"Mummy, why did God make flowers?"

"Heavenly Father wants to make us happy. He made flowers beautiful to look at and a sweet scent to make us happy."

"I'm glad God made flowers," the girl said. "I love flowers."

The flower now understood why God made him - to make people happy and to make the world a beautiful place. He was a very happy flower.

Why Did God Make Flowers?

version 2



It was springtime and everything started to grow in the field. There were lots of different flowers; daffodils, dandelions, tulips, daisies and more. A little daffodil looked around him and saw blue sky and green grass.

“What a beautiful world,” he thought to himself. “But why am I here? ”

Soon a bumble bee came by and climbed inside the daffodil

“Good morning daffodil,” said the bee.

“Good morning bee,” answered the daffodil. “Why are you visiting me today?”

“I’ve come to take your nectar. It makes delicious honey,” the bee explained.

“So that’s why I’m here,” thought the daffodil. “To help the bees make honey.”

Soon a pretty butterfly came by to collect some nectar also.

Next, a little dog came along sniffing the flowers.

“What are you doing Mr.Dog?” the daffodil asked politely.

“I’m sniffing your sweet scent. You smell nice,” said Mr. Dog.

“Really!” said the daffodil. “So that’s why I’m here; to make dogs happy.”

Next, some boys came by playing football, but they didn’t care about the flowers. They stood on the daisies, kicked some dandelions and broke a few tulips.

“What’s happening!” the daffodil cried. “They’ve hurt our friends. Who are they? Why are they doing that?”

Next, came a little girl walking together with her mummy.

“Look Mummy!” the little girl called. “That field is so beautiful. Look at those flowers. So many colours, red, yellow, pink, purple, orange and blue. Aren’t they lovely? But, look Mummy! Some are broken and bent. They need water.”

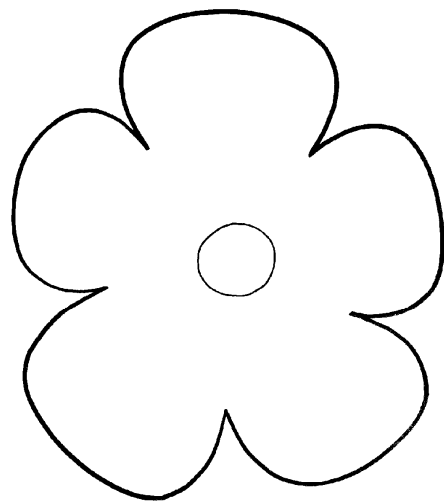
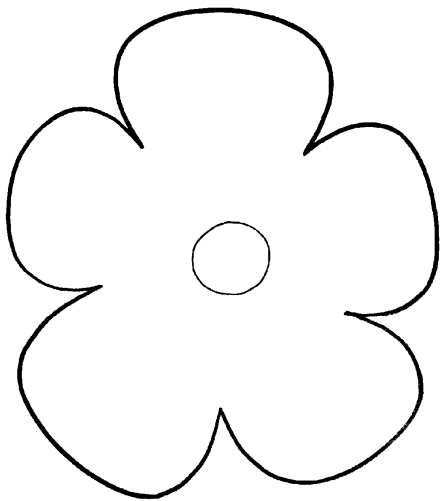
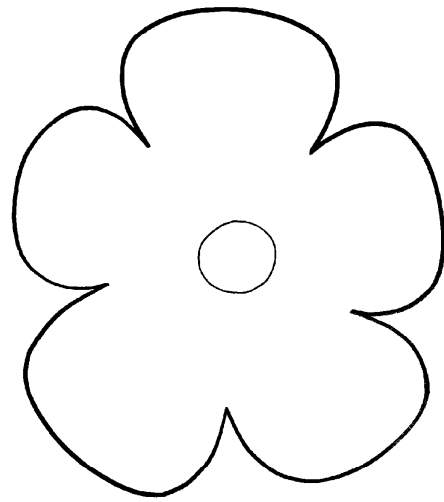
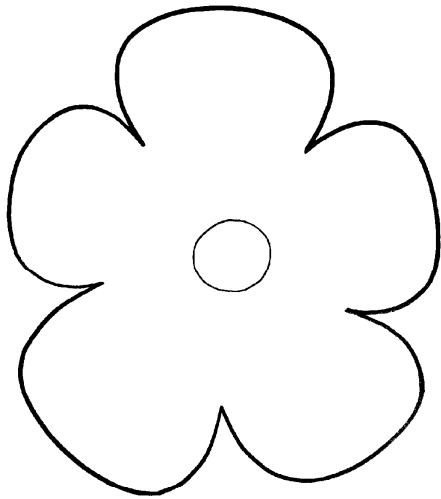
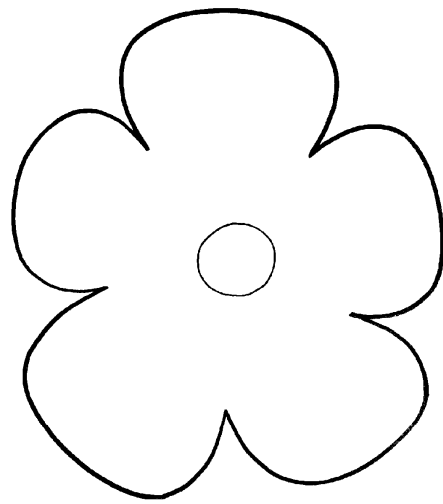
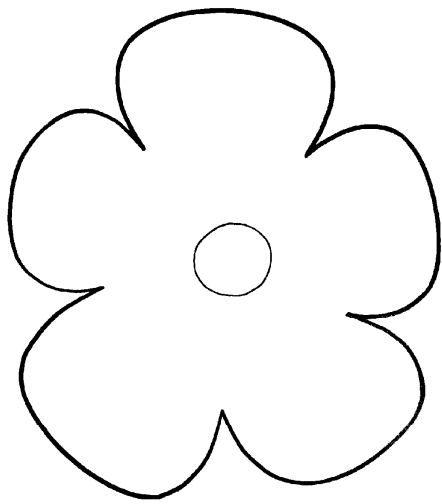
“We can take them home and put them in water,” her mummy replied. “They will be fine.”

So the little girl picked the broken flowers, brought them home to take care of. She put them beside her other flowers. Her windows looked very colourful.

Do you know why Heavenly Father made flowers? He wanted to make something beautiful for us, to make people happy. We should be kind to flowers and trees and animals and all the things God has made for us. When we are kind to the creation, the creation feels happy too. If we see broken flowers, bring them home and take care of them.

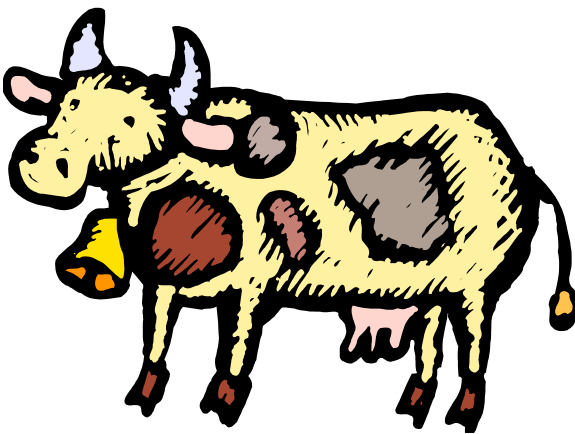
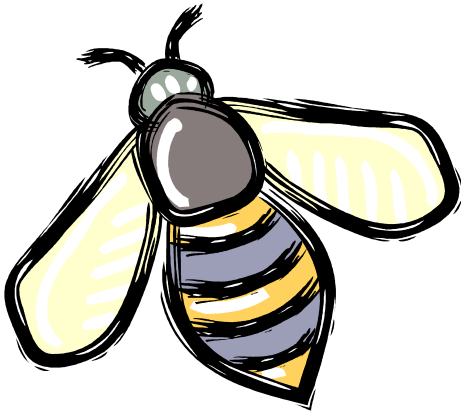
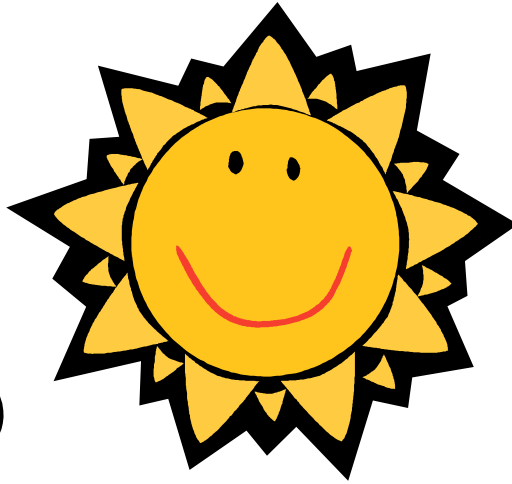
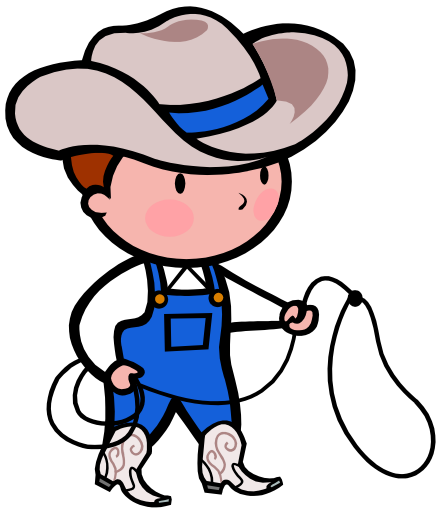
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