**SS LESSON JULY 7 2019**

**APPRECIATING GOD’S CREATION**

Understanding and believing that God is the Creator is an important part of salvation, worldview, and all things. In particular, it is very useful for children to accept this truth with the honest faith of young

children. Pray to be able to speak with certainty with the help of the Holy Spirit.

**Song: Oh Give Thanks**

Oh give thanks unto the Lord / 感謝の心で (kansha- no koko-ro- de)

For He is good, yes He is good / 主イェスに歌おう (shu ye-su- ni uta-o-oh)

Oh give thanks unto the Lord / 賛美の歌声 (sanbi- no uta-go-e)

For He is good, yes He is good / 主イェスにささげよ (shu ye-su- ni sasa-ge-yo)

CHORUS:

For He is worthy, worthy / 主はすばらしい、すばらしい (shu wa suba-ra-shi- suba-ra-shi-)

For He is good, yes He is good / 主イェスをたたえよ (shu ye-su- wo- tata-e-yo)

For He is worthy, worthy / 主はすばらしい、すばらしい (shu wa suba-ra-shi- suba-ra-shi-)

For He is good, yes He is good / 主イェスをたたえよ (shu ye-su- wo- tata-e-yo)

**INTRODUCTION**

1. Before you start the message, tell them that they’re about to hear an important story about what happened at the beginning of the world.

2. Ask questions that will interest them.

Example 1: In any story (book, manga, drama), if you miss the beginning of the story, you cannot understand the rest. The meaning of this world where we live cannot be understood without knowing the beginning of it. How do you think the world began? How was this world created and by who?

Example 2: Do you know where flowers come from? Right! You plant the seeds and they grow. But have you ever thought about where those seeds come from? What else do flowers need to grow? Yes! Soil, water, and the sun! But where do those come from??

Read the scriptures: Genesis 1, 2

**❑ Point 1**

Make sure to let them know that God is the beginning of the beginning. Before the creation of heaven and earth, there was nothing, but God was there.

In addition, let them know that it is only God that creates things from nothing. Modern science and technology can use electricity to create light, and we can now create cloned organisms. But no one but God can create new light and life from nothing.

**❑ Point 2**

Everything in this world is created by God. Here, 7 days of creation (1: 3-31) is explained. 1. light, 2. Sky and sea, 3. land and plants, 4. sun, moon, stars, 5. sky and sea animals, 6. land animals and humans. Use a craft or activity to help them understand this better.

God did not rest on the seventh day because He was tired. It was because everything was completed the way He wanted, and it was very good. That is why we come to church on Sundays - to rest from our jobs and thank God for all that He has done for us.

**❑ Point 3**

Let the kids know just how wonderful God’s creations are. Point out things in nature like the beautiful blue sky, sunset sky, stars and moon, the ocean, etc. Talk about how big and also small and detailed His creations are. The big oceans, trees, planets down to the small ants. Let them name some things that are different sizes.

You can turn this into an activity where you categorize God’s creation by size.

But what if everything was a different size? What if trees were the size of ants and apples were the size of planets?? What if the sky was green and the ocean was black?? What if we had eyes on the bottoms of our feet and our hands were where our ears are?? You see, God thought about all of these things and made them perfect so that we can live perfectly.

**CONCLUSION**

All things in the whole universe are made by God. Are you grateful to God for everything that He made for us?