

WHAT'S MY CHILD LEARNING?



This is a review of the information your child is learning in *God Made the World*, Pre-K Age 4. Each chapter's activities begin and end with music that reinforces the chapter content.

Unit 1: God Made People

Goals

Children learn that they are unique and loved. They will come to know God's love through the experience of the love of family and friends.

Chapter 1: God Made Me

Children are made to feel at home in the preschool class. They make name tags and learn one another's names. They learn that God the Father made each of them unique and special and that they shine like stars for God by doing the best they can.

Chapter 2: God Made My Family

Children tell about their families, consider various kinds of families, and describe ways that family members show love for and help one another. They learn about God's Son, Jesus, and about Mary and Joseph. Children make gifts for their families.

Chapter 3: God Made My Friends

Children learn through a game and a story that friends help one another. They learn that God's Son, Jesus, wants to be their friend. They make flowers to remind them that friends are wonderful.

Chapter 4: God Made My Helpers

Children name some of the many people who help them. They learn that God the Father helps them through others. Children learn that rules help them. Children make thank-you cards for people who help them.

Chapter 5: God Made My Church Family

Children learn about their Church family—people who love God's Son, Jesus, and try to live as he did. Through the experience of making a paper chain, children learn the importance of each member of the Church family. They learn about priests, Mary, and the Communion of Saints. Children complete photo frames of Church family members and add drawings of themselves.

Unit 2: God Made Holy Things

Goals

Children learn about the parish church and the Bible. They learn that music, water, and food form the foundation for participation in the liturgy.

Chapter 6: God Made Churches

Children share what they know about churches. They learn that God is in the church where the Church family gathers to pray. The children will learn about some of the objects found in churches and practice kneeling, folding their hands, and praying. They make stand-up paper churches.

Chapter 7: God Made the Bible

Children learn that the Bible is like a love letter from God. They listen to stories from the Bible about Jesus and the children and about David and Goliath. Each child makes a prayer book to use at home or in church.

Chapter 8: God Made Music

Children learn that songs can be prayers. They meet the King David from the Bible again, this time as the composer of song-prayers. They make a banner and then march and sing to honor God the Father.

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Chapter 9: God Made Water

Children explore water, preparing to learn about its use in the liturgy. They learn about and are blessed with holy water. They are encouraged not to waste water and to do their part in keeping water clean. Children make a water scene as a reminder to take care of this gift from God the Father.

Chapter 10: God Made Food

After talking about the importance of good food, children learn about bread. They learn where one of its important ingredients, flour, comes from. Children reflect on meals on special occasions and then learn about the sacred meal—the Eucharist—that we celebrate as Christians. They make a place mat as a reminder to thank God the Father for food.

Unit 3: God Made the Earth

Goals

Children learn about some essential elements of the earth. They learn to respond with awe to God the Father's creation.

Chapter 11: God Made Land

Children learn that God the Father made the earth. They learn about different land features. They learn that God's Son, Jesus, loved the world, and so we care for it. Children make an earth picture to hang at home.

Chapter 12: God Made Air

Children learn that air, like God, is essential for life. They describe and experience some of the characteristics of that invisible substance. They listen to the Bible story in which God the Father breathed life into us at creation. Children thank God for the gift of air, and they make a kite.

Chapter 13: God Made Light

Children learn ways in which we see the light God the Father created. They hear the story of how God's Son, Jesus, cured the man who was blind. They learn that candles are used in church and make candles with cutout paper flames to remind them that Jesus is the Light of the World.

Chapter 14: God Made Color

Children delight in the different colors in our world. They learn that colors have meaning and that certain colors evoke certain feelings in us. From there, children learn about liturgical colors. They make a color booklet and pray a litany of thanks to God for color.

Chapter 15: God Made Weather

Children study different types of weather. They consider the effect weather has on us from day to day. Children learn from Scripture about a song in which three men called on weather to praise God. Children make a weather wheel and use it to show what the weather is each day.

Unit 4: God Made Living Things

Goals

Children learn about the abundance and variety of living things. They learn to respond to that variety with gratitude and love for our wise and loving God who created it.

Chapter 16: God Made Flowers

Children learn that flowers are a gift that expresses love. God the Father gives us flowers, and we put flowers in church to honor him. Children learn that God's Son, Jesus, said that if God the Father cares for all the flowers of the fields, then how much more he must care for us. Children receive a flower as a gift, and they make a basket of flowers to give to someone.

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Chapter 17: God Made Trees

Children learn about many uses of trees and hear about the role wood played in the life of God's Son, Jesus. Children imagine themselves as a good tree that bears good fruit. They praise God the Father for trees and then complete a picture of a tree.

Chapter 18: God Made Animals

Children make animals from clay as they learn that God the Father made all the animals. They talk about ways animals help us and learn that they should care for animals. They make a box decorated inside and out with animals.

Chapter 19: God Made Birds

Children name various birds and then recall that God the Father made and cares for all of them. They learn that God's Son, Jesus, told us that God cares for the sparrows but for us even more. Children dance like birds to express thanks to God. They make a bird mobile.

Chapter 20: God Made Fish

Children name various sea creatures and praise the Lord for them. They learn about the miraculous catch of fish when Jesus first met the fishermen. They also learn that they are like a fish that God's Son, Jesus, caught. They color a large fish.

Unit 5: God Made Surprises

Goals

Children learn to experience the world as a surprising place of joy. They learn of the eternal life that awaits them as children of God.

Chapter 21: God Made Butterflies

Children learn that caterpillars transform into butterflies. They talk about other surprises in our world, such as seeds that become flowers. They make a three-dimensional picture of butterflies and flowers.

Chapter 22: God Made Big Things

Children talk and think about things in God's creation that are enormous, such as oceans, mountains, and elephants. Children praise God, who can do anything and has power over everything. They make a book about the greatness of God's love. Together, they make a class thank-you card to God.

Chapter 23: God Made Little Things

Children talk about small things, such as acorns, ladybugs, and babies. They learn to value small things. They make a pet pocket for five small creatures.

Chapter 24: God Made Nations

Children learn about nations and that there are many different nations in the world. They learn that all people, from all nations, are equal and precious in God's sight. They practice saying nice things to others. They make flags from other nations and have a parade.

Chapter 25: God Made Laughter

Children learn that God wants us to be happy. They learn that they can experience happiness through various activities with others. Children learn about ways they can make others feel happy.