The lesson for this week is about the sixth day of Creation. Six thousand years ago, God filled the earth with living creatures large, small, and creeping. Read Genesis 1:24 to your child.

- What creatures can you think of that are large? Draw a large creature in the box.
- What would be a small creature? Draw a small creature in the box.
- What would be a creeping creature? Draw a creeping creature in the box.

The sixth day of Creation was filled with excitement. Pause for prayer and ask God to bless your Bible study time throughout this week.

Sabbath Activities

The last three lessons have been about the week God created our world. God knew what to make first, second, then third, fourth, and fifth. On a sheet of paper, draw a picture of the different things God made for us. What was created on each day of the Creation week?
This week we are talking about God making land animals on day six of the Creation week.

- Can you think of a land animal that lives on a farm? Farm animals are called work animals or livestock.
- Do you have a land animal that lives at your home? Animals who live at our homes we call pets.
- Can you name an animal that has fur or hair?
- Can you name an animal that grows inside the mother’s body?
- Can you name an animal that drinks milk from their mothers?

Animals that have fur or hair, and that grow inside its mother’s body and drinks its mother’s milk after birth are all part of a special group of animals called mammals. Mammals live all over the place! Some live on land; some, in the water; and some even fly! There are more than 4,200 kinds of mammals! And God made them all on the sixth day of Creation!

Do you know who named all the animals? Read Genesis 2:19, 20.

**Here’s a quiz:**

Name this land animal. Here are some clues: It is a mammal.
- Some of them are large, but some of them can be quite small.
- Sometimes they live outside and sometimes they live inside homes.
- Sometimes children, like you, are given the job of feeding them.
- Some have long hair. Some have short hair.
- They love to play! Sometimes they make too much noise!
- When they love you, they protect you; but if you’re a stranger, watch out!
- Can you think of what animal this might be?

**A dog!**

Not all land animals trust us. Our pets trust us, though. God gave us pets and He expects us to be responsible and take good care of them.

Do you have a pet that you are responsible for? What do you have to do to take good care of it? Make sure you take good care of all your pets. God created them for you to love and enjoy. He wants you to care for them just as Adam cared for the animals in the Garden of Eden.

**EXTENDING THE LESSON**

Did you know that dogs come in all sizes? If you can find a picture of a Newfoundland, you will see they are very big dogs. God made the fur of a Newfoundland unique. It doesn’t get wet, just like the feathers of birds and ducks. Newfoundland dogs have webbed feet similar to a duck so they are great swimmers. They can be a big help to fishermen by taking out or bringing in the fishing net. Many times, the Newfoundland is helpful in rescuing someone having trouble in the water. The Newfoundland will swim out and help to bring the person to dry land.
EXTENDING THE LESSON

A mammal is a warm-blooded animal that breathes air, has a backbone, and is covered with fur or hair. Mammal babies typically grow inside their mother’s body, typically are born live and feed on their mother’s milk.

A warm-blooded animal stays warm inside their body even if the outdoor temperature is super-cold or super-hot.

What mammals can you name?

ENHANCING THE LESSON

Fun facts

- A giraffe’s tongue is 20 inches long. They use it to clean their ears!
- A whale’s heart beats as slowly as once every 6 seconds.
- Beavers can hold their breath for up to 15 minutes.
- The anteater and platypus are the only two mammals that lay eggs.
- Even though the camel’s back has a hump, its spine is straight. A camel can open and close its nose!
- Cheetahs can run as fast as 70 miles per hour.
- Bats sleep upside down.
- Orca whales are a type of dolphin.
- The largest land animal is the elephant—and when an elephant swims, it can use its trunk like a snorkel!
As we continue studying about living creatures that God made on the sixth day, we cannot forget the reptiles and amphibians. Can you name some reptiles?

- A reptile is an animal.
- A reptile is covered with scales, or bony plates, and is always born on the land.
- Most reptiles hatch from eggs.
- Baby reptiles can care for themselves as soon as they are born.
- Most reptiles sleep, or hibernate, in winter.
- Reptiles have a backbone.
- Reptiles are cold-blooded. When the air is warm, reptiles are warm. When the air is cold, reptiles are cold.

A snake comes to mind, perhaps. Most snakes are harmless, but sin has caused snakes to be afraid of humans and humans typically fear snakes.

Lizards, turtles, alligators, and crocodiles live on the land, and love to sunbathe, but they also like the water. Do you like the water? When you get out of the water do you warm yourself in the sun? Does that mean you’re a reptile? No!

There are other land animals that start their lives in the water. When they grow up, they live on the land.

Frogs, toads, and salamanders are all born in eggs in water. Soon, the eggs hatch into tadpoles, which breathe with gills, just like fish! Then they grow legs.

As frogs and toads’ legs get longer, their tails get shorter and shorter. As a salamander grows legs, it also grows a long tail. Soon they all grow lungs, leave the water, and live on the land. They still live close to the water, though. When it’s time to lay eggs, guess where they will lay their eggs? In the water!

How did God think of so many different features for reptiles and amphibians?

EXTENDING THE LESSON

A lizard’s very long tongue jumps out, catches an insect, and jumps back into the lizard’s mouth again very quickly! Ask your child: How fast can you put your tongue out, then back in again?

Turtles are the only reptiles that have shells. Ask your child: Have you ever tried to race a turtle?

Teach your children to practice mercy toward the animals and creatures that God has made.

This lesson is about the smaller creatures that are often not so easily seen. Did you know God talks about insects in the Bible? Read Proverbs 6:6 and Exodus 23:28. Spiders and insects might be very small, but God gave each of them a special job to do.

Spiders are part of a family that includes ticks, scorpions, and mites. Spiders can be yellow, pink, black, brown, and purple. Sometimes they have hints of other colors for extra beauty. Members of the spider family have two main body parts and eight legs. Can you imagine having to worry about where you put all eight legs when you are running to play? Yet, they can make such amazing webs! They do such a neat, careful job that it is one of the strongest nets ever created.

Can you draw a spider?

Insects are different from spiders. There are many insects of all different shapes and sizes. Some fly. Some crawl. Some hop. Some buzz, some glow, and some make “music.”

Unlike a spider, an insect has three body parts and only six legs. Try drawing an insect.

There are many insects, like ants, that live underground. The members of an ant colony are the queen, worker, and drone, and each has a special job. Their colony couldn’t live without them, just like you are important in your family. When ants go hunting for food, they leave a chemical trail for other ants to follow. Everyone is important in their colony, and they all work hard every day to help each other.

Bee colonies are much the same. The queen is important, and she must be taken care of so that more bees can be added to the hive. Some worker bees take care of the hive, so when the nectar-gathering worker bees come home they have a nice clean place to put the sweet reward of a long day’s work: yummy honey!

Big, little, and tiny—God’s creatures are all amazing and all have a purpose. Thank You, God!
Making a Man

As you tell/read the story, form the dirt on the tray or flat box into a figure, patting dirt here and there. Allow your child time to work with the dirt.

What did God create on the sixth day of the Creation week?

After making all those animals, beasts, cattle and creeping creatures, God said it was time to make something very special. Read Genesis 1:26 to your child.

The earth was ready for the most special creation of all: a man and a woman.

God could have said, “Let there be a man and a woman,” and they would have appeared. He did not do that, though.

Instead, God formed the man with His own hands. God took dust of the ground and made a man in His image. That means the man looked like God and could think like God. After God finished forming the man from the dust, was the man alive yet? Could he see or hear or speak?

The Bible says that God breathed into the nose of that mud creation and gave it the breath of life! The man became a living soul, and God named him Adam.

If you blew air into a dirt creation, would it come to life? No! Only the God of heaven has the power to give life. All life comes from God.

Adam could see, hear, feel, smell, and taste! He could talk, pet animals, eat, and think. He could also sense emotions. When Adam first came to life, how do you think he felt? What expression would have been on his face?

Adam was made in God’s image. He had the ability to think and make choices. He could learn and understand new things and make decisions based on what he was learning.

Did you know, animals don’t have minds like we do? Animals have instincts given to them by God. Animals can be taught tricks. They cannot decide right from wrong, though.

You are like Adam. You’re not an animal, are you? When you read your Bible, you learn of God. When you pray to God, you can ask God to be with you. You are very special to God.

ENHANCING THE LESSON

Sing “Jesus Loves Me.”

EXTENDING THE LESSON

God created us with five senses: sight, hearing, taste, smell and touch. Emotion is an inward response that affects our judgment and decision making.

Name emotions being felt or demonstrated by your young child and guide them toward appropriate expression.

Encourage conversations by asking questions about what your child is sensing at any given time.

These types of exercises increase your child’s self-awareness, awareness of their immediate surroundings, observation, interpretation, and awareness of safety and possible dangers.
A Wonderful Woman

It is Friday. The sixth day of the week.
There’s one more exciting thing that happened on the sixth day!
“It is not good that man should be alone,” God said. “I will make him a helper.” God caused Adam to fall into a deep sleep and removed one of his ribs. From the rib, God created a woman in His image to be Adam’s helper.

When Adam awoke, God brought the woman to the man, and he named her Eve.

Like Adam, Eve could see, hear, feel, smell, and taste! She could talk, eat, think, and sense emotions. When Adam first saw Eve, how do you think he felt? What expression would have been on his face?

Adam and Eve were both made in God’s image. They had the ability to think and make choices. They could learn and understand new things and make decisions based on what they learned.

Do you think that first Friday in the Garden of Eden was a special time?
Adam and Eve must have had a wonderful Friday with God. Surely, God showed them all the different animals, flowers, trees, and plant foods. Do you wonder whether they met any angels?

What a wonderful day they had with their Creator. There was no sadness, but God gave them one special rule: they must not eat of the tree of knowledge.
Remember the argument Satan started in heaven? There was only one way to settle the argument. Adam and Eve were created to help decide who would be the best leader in heaven—who offered the best rules, the most freedom, the purest joy.

As evening came, they prepared for the best day of the whole Creation week: the Sabbath.

Tomorrow is Sabbath for you, too! Make sure you do what you can to help your family be ready for the best day of Creation. God has a blessing prepared just for you!

ENHANCING THE LESSON
How did the animals get their names? Read Genesis 2:18–20 to find out!
Spend a few moments wondering what it must have been like in Eden that first Friday.
Sing “Crowning Jewel of Creation” (Seventh-day Adventist Hymnal, no. 385).

EXTENDING THE LESSON

RIB BONE RECIPE

- 2 cups flour
- 1 cup salt
- 1 cup water

Stir until almost fully mixed. Turn out onto a floured surface and knead until smooth. Form into “rib” bones (there will be plenty of dough for other bones, too). Place “bones” on a baking sheet and bake at 250°F for about 3 hours.
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