

Day 2

Created to Serve

Bible Text

Genesis 1:1—2:4a (The First Creation Story)

Key Verse

Then God said, “Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.” Genesis 1:26

Preparation

Recruit nine volunteers and assign each one of the verses from Psalm 8. Review the movements for the presentation of Genesis 1. Make sure they make sense to you and feel free to alter them to fit your situation.

Gathering

Greeting

Leader: We gather in the name of God who created us good, who created us to care for creation, who created us to enjoy the abundance that is ours in creation. Amen.

Litany

Have nine volunteers sit in various areas of the worship space. Each volunteer is assigned one of the verses from Psalm 8. After each verse is read, there is a pause so that the congregation may respond, How majestic is God’s name in all the earth! Before the reading, invite the congregation to practice the response several times.

Song

“Morning Has Broken” (*Worship & Praise Songbook 98 or Evangelical Lutheran Worship 556*)

Encountering the Word

Message

Invite the campers to participate in the message by moving as instructed at the appropriate time in the reading. They will also respond, “It was good” each time the leader says, “And God saw.” Practice the movements and the response before the reading. In addition to the reader, have two or three staff people stand in front of the group to lead the actions.

Optional message: Have a staff member perform The Creation by J. W. Johnson. This retelling of Genesis 1 is found in the book, God’s Trombones.

Leader: In the beginning, God’s spirit blew over the face of the waters [hands raise over head and sway back and forth].

L: On the first day, God separated the light [clap hands in front of face, and throw arms straight out in front with fingers spread open] from the darkness [cover eyes with both hands]. And God saw,

Campers: It was good.

L: On the second day, God created the sky [reach the right hand across the body and move it in an arc from left to right]. And God saw,

C: It was good.

L: On the third day, God created plants and trees of every kind [scrunch down and grow from a seed to a tree]. And God saw,

C: It was good.

L: On the fourth day, God created the sun and the moon [hands held on each side of the face, palms out, fingers extended]. And God saw,

C: It was good.

L: On the fifth day, God created creatures that live in the water and the birds that fly in the air [act like a fish or a bird]. And God saw,

C: It was good.

L: On the sixth day, God created creatures that live on the land [act like your favorite animal]. And God created human beings in the image of God [dance a glad-to-be-human dance]. And God saw,

C: It was good.

L: On the seventh day, God rested. When God looked at creation, God saw,

C: It was good.

L: Amen.

Responding to the Word

Song

“Make Me a Servant” (*LifeSongs* 137) or “Let All Things Now Living” (*Evangelical Lutheran Worship* 881)

Prayer

Teach the campers the response, “We are created to serve.” They will use this response every time they hear the leader say, “Lord, remind us.”

Leader: Creator God, continue to bless us with the beauty and abundance of your creation. Teach us to nurture and care for all that you have created. Help us to enjoy your world as we tend and keep it. Lord, remind us:

Campers: We are created to serve.

L: You have created each one of us, and we are good. Lord, remind us:

C: We are created to serve.

L: You have given us dominion over your creation. Lord, remind us:

C: We are created to serve.

L: You have given us unique gifts and intend us to have wonderful lives. Lord, remind us:

C: We are created to serve.

L: You forgive us when we fall short. Each day you make us new. Lord, remind us:

C: We are created to serve.

L: Amen.

Sending

Song

“Everybody’s Got Something To Offer” (*Servant Songs* 137)

Dismissal

Leader: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Campers: Thanks be to God!

