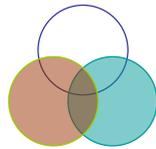


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Lesson 5. GOD KNOWS

- Purpose:
- To enable the child to see that God provides what is necessary before it is needed.
 - To review the first three days of Creation.
 - To teach the child the three things that plants need in order to live (i.e., light, water, earth).
 - To introduce the second half of the “third day” of Creation, when God told the earth to “put forth vegetation.”
 - Indirectly, to begin a concept that “three things” are needed for “life.”

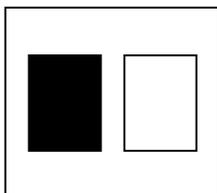
Materials: 2 white circles,
2 blue circles,
2 reddish-brown circles, and
2 sheets of black construction paper: on one of the black sheets is glued 1 of each of the colored circles, as in the Venn diagram below. The other circles and the black construction paper are left unglued, to be used in the demonstration.
1 white piece of construction paper



Three pieces of green construction paper cut in the shape of leaves. Each must fit the shape created when two of the circles intersect.

A flower pot with a plant in it.
A watering can.

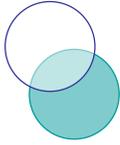
- Presentation:
- Show the black construction paper to the children and tell them that we are pretending that this is “darkness.”
 - Ask them what God did on the first day. If they don’t remember, tell them that God separated the darkness from the light, so we can see.



(While saying this, hold the white paper next to the black paper.)

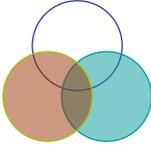
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- 3) Ask what God did on the second day. If they don't remember, tell them that God separated the waters into the kind we can see with our eyes and the kind we can't see with our eyes, but we can feel.

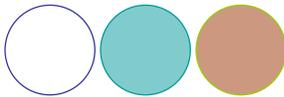


(While saying this, overlap the blue circle on the white one.)

- 4) Ask what God did on the first part of the third day. If they don't remember, tell them that God made the dry land appear and He called it "Earth."



(While saying this, take up the reddish-brown paper and overlap it on the other two.)



- 5) Now, hold up each of the three circles separately and ask what we are pretending that they are. (Light, water, earth)

- 6) Put them back together in the form of a Venn diagram and tell them that God created these things because He wanted to take something else out of the darkness...and the thing He wanted to take out of the darkness would need all three of these things to live.

- 7) Hold up a **flower pot** with a plant in it and ask if they can guess what God brought out of the darkness. If they can't guess, tell them that God made the plants.



- 8) Show them the dirt in the pot and say that the plant needs the earth.

(Place the reddish-brown circle back on the black construction paper.)

- 9) Water the plant.

- 10) Tell them that the plant needs the water.

(Place the blue circle overlapping the brown.)



- 11) Ask them what else they think the plant needs. If they can't guess, hold up the white circle as a reminder...and tell them that the plant needs light. (Overlap the white circle on the other two.)



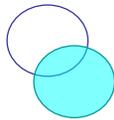
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- 12) Show them the black construction paper with the glued-on circles. Tell the children that after God made the light, the water, and the earth, He made the plants...

(Hold up the green leaf-shaped paper)

because God knew, before He made the plants, that they would need them.

- 13) Ask them if they think that God knows what we need, before we ask Him.
- 14) Place the green “leaves” together in such a way that they will fit where the circles intersect, and tell the children that you are putting them there because the plants were the next thing that God made...after He had provided the three things that they needed to grow.



Activity: Have Venn diagrams ready for each of the children, with the circles glued in place. Have them glue the “leaves on it...and on top of the leaves if possible, have them glue on a pressed flower.

Song: **The Creation Song**, verses 1, 2, and 3:

3. The third day came around.
Twas then He made the ground.
And on day three He also made a tree,
And all the plants and seeds
Where nothing once had stood.
And looking ‘round, God saw that it was good.
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah.