

# Let the Little Children Come

## Lesson 19. **THE LILIES OF THE FIELD**

- Purpose:
- a) To review the “third day” of Creation.
  - b) To reinforce the concept that “time” is relative.
  - c) To introduce the concept of “faith.”
  - d) To continue the idea of “It’s what’s inside that counts.”

Materials: A Spring bulb that has been “forced,” so that it has the beginnings of a flower on it.  
Bulletin board with the 6 days of Creation.  
A large bunch of cut flowers  
Vases  
Water to fill the vases  
A small knife

- Presentation:
- 1) Ask the children if they remember getting ready for bed last night.
  - 2) Ask them if they remember how the trees got “undressed” for “bed time.” (If they’ve forgotten, remind them how the trees “took off” their leaves. Laughingly, describe how the trees aren’t old enough to be neat and tidy; so they just threw their leaves on the ground...but, of course, they are old enough to clean up after themselves!)
  - 3) Tell them that “bed time” for the plants is called “Fall” (because that’s what the leaves do)... or Autumn.
  - 4) Tell them that most of the trees and other plants are still sleeping, because it is winter; and winter is “night time” for the plants.
  - 5) But soon, the plants will be waking up, just like the children woke up this morning; and they will be putting on fresh clothes, too, to wear for the “day.”
  - 6) Show them the bulb and explain that plants wake up at different times, just like people do. Some wake up early...some a little later.

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- 7) Explain that God is getting this plant dressed (point out the flower), because it woke up a bit early and couldn't go back to sleep.
- 8) Tell them that God clothes us, too.
- 9) But He doesn't put clothes on us the way our mommies or daddies do!
- 10) Tell them that the clothes that He gives us are a very special kind. They don't come from a dresser drawer! They come from inside of us...just the way this flower comes from inside the plant.
- 11) Tell them that the clothing that God gives us is even more beautiful than this flower.
- 12) It keeps us warm (just like regular clothes do when it's cold outside).
- 13) It protects us if we happen to fall (just like long pants do if we land on the sidewalk).
- 14) And God's clothing is called "faith."
- 15) And it is given for us to wear inside of us because God knows that it is the "you" and "me" that are inside of these bodies that are more important than the bodies themselves...just like it's the people inside of a house that are more important than the house!
- 16) Tell them that we are going to "dress up" our class room...and make it beautiful on the inside, too.

Activity: Show the children how to safely cut the flower stems at an angle so that it will soak up the water that it needs. Let those who can fill the vases with water. Then let the children arrange them in the vases and put them around the room.