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*I am the light of the world.
Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness,
but will have the light of life.*

John 8:12



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Preface

These revised *Reaching Tender Hearts* devotions are provided for teachers who need short devotions (possibly for afternoon use) in addition to the ones found in the Christ-Light teacher guides. The devotions could also be duplicated and given to families for home use. The devotions teach who God is; go through many Old and New Testament Bible lessons in order; and teach children about sin, forgiveness, faith, trust, love, obedience, and other concepts.

You will notice that the term *Christian school* is often used. This term is used to cover all types of religious schools and centers—Sunday schools, home schools, Lutheran elementary schools, preschools, day care centers, and after school programs. You may substitute whatever term works in your situation.

Dear Lord God, bless the use of these devotions for the eternal good of the people listening by nurturing saving faith in Jesus, your Son, the one and only Savior. Amen.

Sample

1. Who Is God?

Preparation

Be prepared to inflate a balloon.

Introduction

Today's devotion will help you learn about God and who he is. God tells us about himself in a book called the Bible.

Scripture Reading

“God is one and there is no other but him.” (Mark 12:32)

Devotion

We all like to ask questions. Some of our questions are hard to answer. One such question is, What is air? We can't see air, but it is all around us. We breathe air to keep us alive. I can blow air into a balloon to make it become round. (*Do this.*) We can't see air, but we can see what it does. What does the air make move on trees? [Leaves.] We can hear the air howl on a windy day, and we can feel it blow on our faces.

Now let's talk about a much more important question: Who is God? God is someone we can't see, but we know that he lives. We can learn about God by looking at the things he has done. The world in which we live did not happen all by itself; God made it. God was able to make our powerful sun because God has all power. He can do anything.

God also *knows* all things. He knew you would need to learn about him, so he gave you and all other people his book called the Bible. The Bible tells us that there is one God. God is very special to us. He is right and good in everything he does. He does what is best for us. The best thing God did was to send his Son, Jesus, to take away all the sins (the wrong things) we do each day. God loves us very much. We believe in God even though we can't see him.

Each day our devotion will teach us more about God. Let's listen carefully and give him our praise!

Prayer

Dear God, help us to believe in you always, even though we can't see you. Help us learn more about you from the Bible. We pray to you in the name of Jesus, our Savior, who died to take away all the wrong things we do. Amen.

2. How Did the World Begin?

Preparation

You need crayons, scissors, and a lightweight box, such as a shoe box.

Introduction

The world around us is amazing! Up in the sky are the sun, moon, and stars. On the earth are trees, mountains, lakes, animals, and people. Listen carefully to find out how all things began.

Scripture Reading

In the beginning God created [made] the heavens and the earth. (Genesis 1:1)

Devotion

Jeremy lived on a farm. One day as he was helping his mother feed the chickens, he asked, “Mom, how did chickens begin?” His mother explained how a mother chicken lays eggs and then sits on them to keep them warm. After many days the baby birds crack the eggs open with their beaks and come out of the shells. When Mother finished, Jeremy looked puzzled and asked, “But where did the *very first* chicken come from?”

Jeremy’s mother then read the same Bible passage to him as I read to you: “In the beginning God created [made] the heavens and the earth.” She told Jeremy that God made the buzzing bees, the twinkling stars, the big brown bears, the first people, and all other things, including chickens.

You might be full of questions like Jeremy was. You may wonder, “But *how* did God make all things?” If you or I want to make something, we need to start with something. Let’s say you would like to make a house for action figures or dolls to live in. What materials or things might you use to make the house? [Responses.] I’m going to use a box, crayons, and scissors. (*Draw windows and a door on the box. Cut open the door. Then set these items aside.*)

God did not have to start with anything when he made the world and all things. God has all power. He can do anything. He used his power and his Word to make all things. God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. God said, “Let there be flowers,” and flowers were there. Our God is wonderful! He can do all things. Let’s give him our praise.

Prayer

Dear God, thank you for making such a beautiful world. We praise you! Thank you for sending Jesus to take away our sins. We pray in his name. Amen.

3. What Did God Make?

Preparation

As you tell about each day of creation, show the appropriate creation triangle from page 5.

Introduction

The Bible tells us that God made the world and all things. Let's find out what those things were.

Scripture Reading

In the beginning God created [made] the heavens and the earth. (Genesis 1:1)

Devotion

Let's learn what the Bible means when it says that God created the heavens and the earth.

God made the whole world, including the things people can see and can't see. He made the heavens, that is, the sky, the air, and outer space with the sun, the moon, the stars, and the planets. We can't see the end of everything God made. Even space travelers who go up in spaceships can't see far enough to see everything that God made up in the heavens.

God also made the things on our earth. He made all things in six days. He could have made everything in a different number of days, but he chose to use six days. God made all things by using his power and his Word. Let's look at some pictures to remind us of the things God made.

On the first day, God made the earth. But the earth was dark, so God made light. He called the light "day" and the darkness "night." Everything God made was good. *(Point to the first triangle. Continue in the same manner with the remaining triangles.)*

On the second day, God made the sky. It also was good.

On the third day, God moved the water so that dry land would show. He made flat and hilly land. He made lakes, rivers, and oceans. Then he made grass, plants, trees, and flowers grow on the land. Everything was good.

On day four, God created (made) the sun, moon, and stars.

On the fifth day, God made birds to fly in the sky and fish and animals to live in the water.

On the sixth day, God first created the animals that live on land. God had made a wonderful world. It was good; there was nothing wrong. There was something else God wanted to make. He wanted to make someone who could talk with him and praise him. So on the sixth day, God also made the first people. First he made a man, and then he made a woman.

On the seventh day, God no longer made anything. He kept on watching over his world, just as he is doing now.

God told the first two people to take care of the world he had made. But those people died long ago. Now God wants us to take care of his world. What can you do when you see scraps of paper, litter, and trash thrown on the ground? [Pick up and dispose of such things.] What can you do when you have a food wrapper in your hand? [Throw it into a trash container.] Let's take care of God's earth. He made it for us!

Prayer

Dear Lord God, you can do anything! You made the beautiful world. Help us take care of it.
Amen.

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