



## October: Creation-enjoyer

Learning Target: I can discover, enjoy, and celebrate God's creation.

When we recognize God's brilliant creation, ordinary things become extraordinary. What a delight it is to encourage children to be curious about God's world, to celebrate God's incredible creation, and to develop the confidence to look at their environment with the joy of critical awareness. We can celebrate the gift of having eyes to see, ears to hear and hands to touch and create. Our study can give testimony to the presence of God in creation, the world and people around us, all created by God. Exploring and understanding creation also brings us to a better understanding of the human beings God has created.

Creation-Enjoying is looking at, talking about, and studying creation. We must stop, look and be amazed; we must create opportunities to see the beauty, delicacy, oddity and miraculous in everyday things. We must also explore the majesty and wonder of the beauty in those parts of Creation that we have to work to see – the huge and awesome artistry in space, the bizarre and beautiful creatures hidden in the oceans, and the microscopic miracles of cells. Ordinary things become extraordinary when we see them from this perspective. It is all about noticing and drawing attention to what there is to be seen in God's world.

Creation-Enjoying is helping to coax the "songs of joy" (Ps. 65:8) from ourselves. This beautiful creation is a gift. We all know how much fun it is when we give someone a gift and they really love it; that is what it's like for God when we get out, experience and rejoice in the gift of creation.

Verses to Read: ☐ Genesis 1:29-30; Genesis 45:18 ☐ Psalm 19; Psalm 65:8 ☐ Ecclesiastes 2:24-25; Ecclesiastes 3:12 ☐ 1 Timothy 4:4-5

Questions to talk about as a family: ● What do you enjoy most about God's creation? What would you like to learn more about? ● How can we enjoy God's creation?

Family activities that enjoy God's creation: ● Help clean a park/roadside/river valley ● Plant a garden ● Take a day trip to the mountains ● Go on a nature walk

Online Family Devotionals: ● "God and His Nature" by Vance Fry

● <https://www.faithgateway.com/share-wonders-creation-children/#.W7drEGhKhPY>