

Patterson Kids Sabbath School Lesson

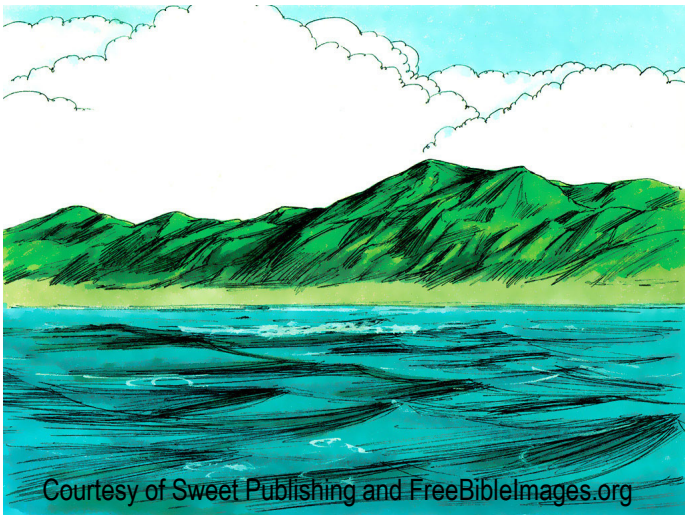
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Bible Story: A New World

Reference: Genesis 1; 2:1-3; John 1:1-3

When it was time for God to create the earth, the universe already hummed and glittered with stars, galaxies, worlds, and angels. God needed a special place for human beings and the creatures they would take care of for Him. God the Father, Jesus the Word, and the Holy Spirit found the perfect dark spot in the universe for this new world and its solar system!

On day one, God announced, "Let there be light." And a bright beam of light illuminated this dark corner. The light was day, the darkness was night.



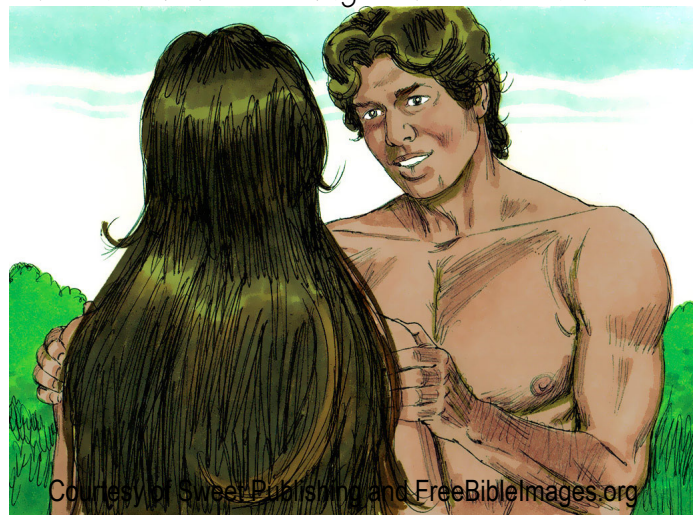
(Count on your fingers.) On day 1, God made light. On day 2, He made the sky. On day 3, He made land. On day 4, He made the sun, moon, and stars.

On day 2, God commanded the waters to gather together, so the sky could exist. On day 3, God called the land to come up out of the waters. He told the plants, flowers, and trees to appear. And they did. On day 4, God commanded the sun, moon, and stars to shine. Bling, bling, bling! They appeared. They help us track time. On day 5, God was ready to fill this world with living creatures!



On day 5, God made birds (flapping arms) and fish (hands together, wiggling). On day 6, God made the animals (make bunny ears) that live on land, and...

That day, He spoke, and the birds and fish were here. On day 6, He created land animals and two human beings, Adam and Eve. What a beautiful new world! God said, "This is all very good." On day 7, God rested from His work. He blessed the day forever, so we could always remember this special week of creation. He called the 7th day – the Sabbath.



God made 2 people (point to self), Adam and Eve. On day 7 (seven fingers), God rested from His good work. He called the day – Sabbath – so we could always remember that God made our world for us with love.

Our Bible story reminds me of the prayer verse, **Exodus 20:11**, which says, **"For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it."** (NKJV). Do you like to celebrate your birthday? God set aside our weekly Sabbath to celebrate the birth week of this earth. Take time each Sabbath to marvel at God's creation. Observe a bug, touch a leaf, listen to the birds. God made all these things for us because He loves us.

Dear Father God, Thank You for making this earth just for me. Help me spend Sabbath to get close to You and learn about Your creation. In Jesus' Name, Amen

Nature Walk: Habitats

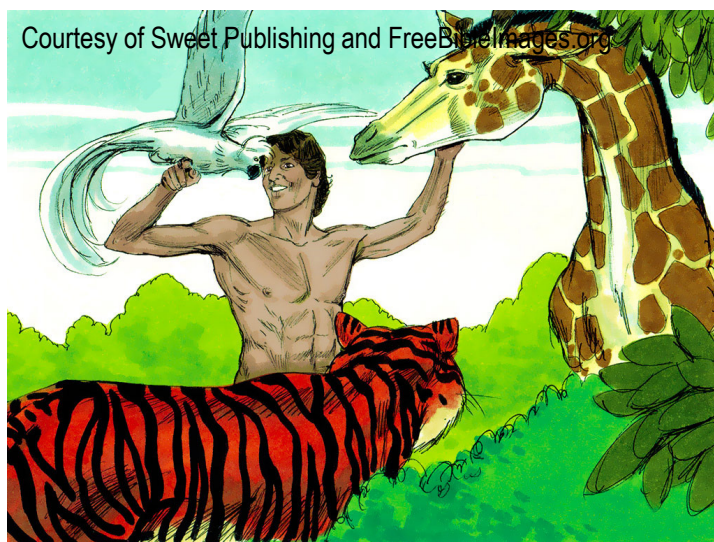
Every living thing has a place it likes to call home. Scientists use the word, habitat, to describe the special place where living things have all that they need to survive, including food, water, shelter, and a place to raise their babies. When God's creatures don't have all the things they need to survive, they must look for another place to live. Others just die.

When God made our world, He was thinking about all of our needs. He gave Adam and Eve a special habitat called the garden of Eden. There He surrounded them with plants and trees that provided them with fruits and seeds to eat. There was a clean river with water to drink. The trees provided shelter, and they used the vining plants to make a special home to start a family.

Go on a nature walk to discover the elements of a habitat for birds or bugs. See if you can find a source of water, food, shelter, and nests. Consider making your own backyard a good habitat for wildlife and butterflies. Visit the National Wildlife Federation below for how to do it.
www.nwf.org/en/Garden-for-Wildlife

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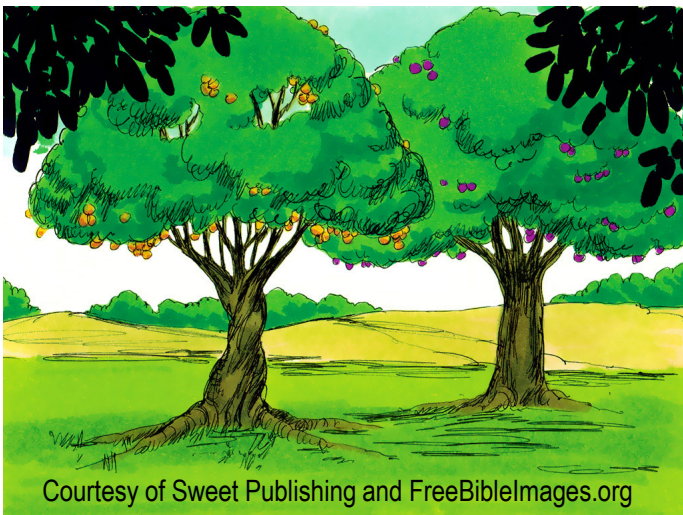
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Bible Story: Two Trees

Reference: Genesis 3; Revelation 13:8b

God had given Adam and Eve a home called the Garden of Eden. As He walked them around to see everything, they stopped in front of 2 trees. "This is the tree of life," God explained. "Eating this fruit will keep you living forever." Then, God pointed to the other tree and said, "That is the tree of knowledge of good and evil. Do not eat its fruit. If you do eat of it, you will die." Adam and Eve agreed to stay away from it.

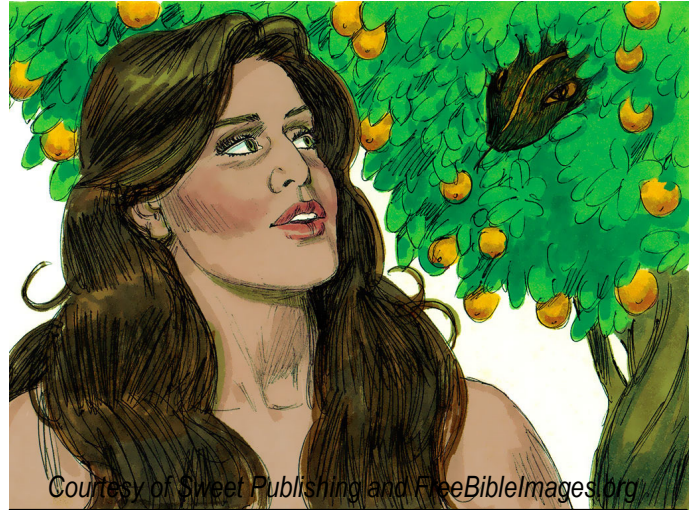


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God told Adam and Eve, Do not eat of the tree of knowledge of good and evil, or you will die (hold one hand up as the tree. With other hand, wave finger, no).

One day, while working in her garden home, Eve wandered away from Adam. She found herself near the tree of knowledge. Suddenly, a serpent called out to her from the tree. "Did God say you can't eat of this fruit?" Eve explained to the serpent that they would die if they ate it. "You won't die," replied the serpent, "you will just be more like God, knowing good and evil."

Eve decided to disobey God and taste the fruit. Then she gave some to Adam. Soon afterward, they felt chilly. The



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The devil was in the tree of knowledge. He looked like a snake (raise hand as snake). Eat the fruit, he told Eve. Eve ate it (with other hand, hold fruit and eat).

light that surrounded each of them was gone, and they were naked. After they covered themselves with fig leaves, they hid from God.

When God found them, He covered them with lamb skins and blocked them out of the garden away from the Tree of Life. From then on, sin and death entered our world.



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Adam ate, too (hold fruit to child's mouth). God was sad. God told them they must leave their garden home (wave finger, no). Now, sin and death were here.

Our Bible story reminds me of the prayer verse, **James 4:7**, which says, “...**Submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.**” (NKJV). That evil serpent in the garden of Eden was the devil in disguise (Revelation 12:9)! He was the first angel that sinned in heaven. Now he is on earth trying to convince people to sin and disobey God. But, Jesus, the Lamb, died to save us from sin and eternal death. With His help, we can choose to submit to God. That means, we can depend on God’s power to obey. We can also choose to resist the devil. That means, we can say, No, to sin.

Dear Father God, Jesus promises to help me make good choices. I want to obey You and say, No, to sin. In Jesus' Name, Amen

Nature Walk: Leaves of 3

God warning Adam and Eve about the tree of knowledge of good and evil reminds me of a helpful saying when you are outside: “Leaves of 3, let them be.” Many plants are ok to touch. Some plants are ok to eat. But, some plants are poisonous. They can hurt or kill! One plant that is especially poisonous to touch is called Poison Ivy. It is a vine plant that has leaves growing in groups of 3. The edges are mostly smooth with an irregular jag in them.

Poison Ivy can cause a terrible rash on your skin if you touch it. The rash itches, burns, and oozes. When you scratch your rash, you can spread it on your body.

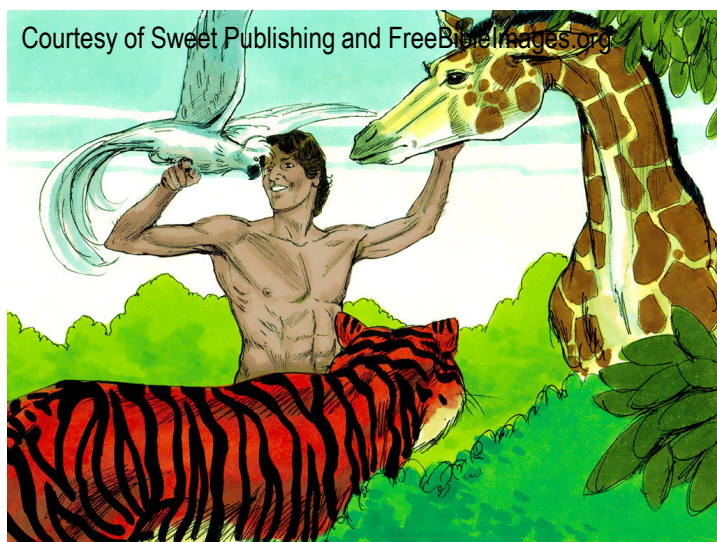
If you think you came in contact with poison ivy, the best thing to do is wash the affected body part in cold water right away. You may be able to rinse the oils off before they get into your skin. Be careful not to touch your face, eyes, or private area.

Go on a nature walk to look closely at leaves. If you see any vine plants, stay back and look from afar to make sure it is not poison ivy. For more pictures of Poison Ivy in different seasons, visit.

www.poison-ivy.org

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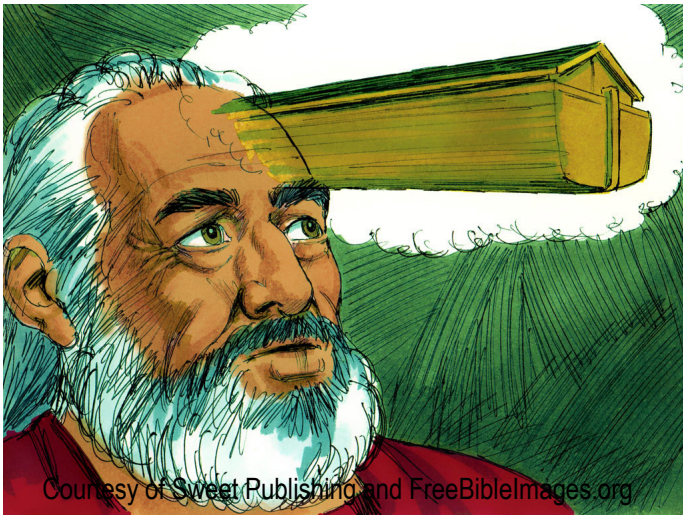
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Bible Story: Noah and the Flood

Reference: Genesis 6-9

After men and women filled the earth, God spoke to His friend, Noah, "Because the wickedness of people is so great, I have decided to bring a flood and wash the whole earth with water. Build a giant boat called an ark."

Noah got right to work following the plans God gave him. When people asked Noah what he was doing, Noah told them that God was sending a flood. People laughed at Noah.



God told Noah to build a giant boat called an ark. Can you pound your fist like a hammer? God was sending a flood to wash the whole earth.

Noah worked on the ark and preached to the people for many years. When the ark was finished, Noah brought food into the ark for his family and for all the animals that would come. Noah called to the people to come in, too, but only Noah's sons, their wives, and Noah's wife went into the ark.

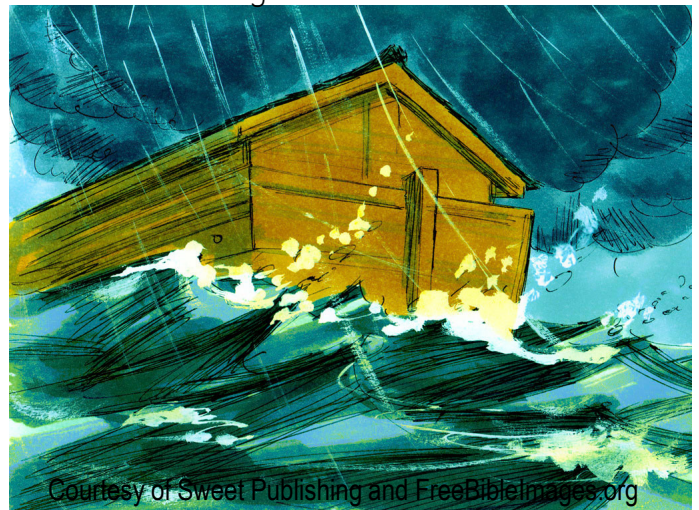
Then something amazing happened! Animals of all kinds came to the ark and went in the door - some by 2's, others by 4's. An angel shut the door behind them.



All kinds of animals went in the ark. Then, Noah's family went in. An angel shut the door. Can you slap your legs to make rain sounds? Pitter patter!

Then the rain came. Water filled the whole earth and covered every mountain peak. Noah, his family, and the animals in the ark were safe. They waited many days for the water to go down.

Finally, God said they could all come out of the ark. When Noah and his family worshipped God, a rainbow appeared in the sky. God promised to never flood the whole earth again.



The whole earth filled with water, but Noah and the animals were safe in the ark. When the water went down, God put a rainbow in the sky. (Trace in the air.)

Our Bible story reminds me of the prayer verse, **Jude 20**, which says, **"Dear friends, use your most holy faith to build yourselves up strong."** (ICB). Faith is believing God's word is true and obeying it. Noah had faith. He believed God would bring a flood upon the earth, and he obeyed God's command to build an ark. Because he lived by faith, his family was safe. God's word says Jesus is coming soon. Will you build your faith each day by spending time with Him in prayer and reading the Bible? Will you tell others of His soon coming, so they can prepare, too?

Dear Father God, I believe Your word, like Noah. Help me build my faith by spending time with you, so I can be ready for Jesus' coming. In Jesus' Name, Amen



Nature Walk: Rainbows

Ever since the great flood, God has used rain to water the earth. One special thing that happens sometimes on a rainy day is a rainbow can appear in the sky. Let's discover how a rainbow is formed.

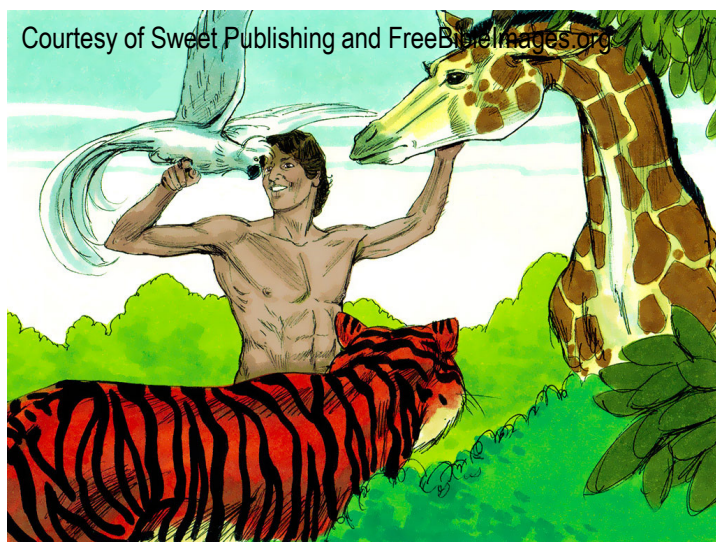
A rainbow requires 3 important things – a prism, light, a 42-degree angle. A prism is a 3-dimensional object with at least 2 faces that are the same shape and parallel to each other. When white light passes through a clear prism, the light bends and splits. When the white light comes out on the other side, you see all the colors of the rainbow if you are looking at it at a 42-degree angle.

In the sky, the rain droplets are like tiny prisms and the sun is the light. If the sun is behind you and you look at the rain, the water droplets that are at a 42-degree angle to you will show you a rainbow. Since we all stand at slightly different positions, no two people see the same rainbow!

Whenever you get to see God's rainbow, He is renewing His promise to you that He will not flood the whole earth again. We can depend on all of God's promises to get us through good times and bad times. What is your favorite Bible promise?

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