

# SABBATH SCHOOL

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## Preteen Sabbath Instruction Program — Teacher's Outline

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Level 1 • Unit 3 • Week 1

### THE DAYS OF CREATION

**OBJECTIVE:**

The creation week shows God's awesome power, love and wisdom.

**ATTENTION GETTER:**

Say: The Bible tells us about a time long, long ago when the world as we know it did not exist. There was no sun, moon or stars. It was dark all the time.

Ask: Do you know when that was?

Say: I'm going to turn off the lights and I want all of you to close your eyes and imagine for a minute what it was like. Are you ready? [Turn off the lights.] It was very dark. There was nothing to see. No land, no trees, no plants, no flowers or houses or dogs barking or birds singing anywhere. There were no people!

Ask: Open your eyes now. Would this be a nice place to live? Why not?

Say: God knew that this cold, dark, silent world would not be a good place for people to live. Listen as I read the story of the miracles God performed to create our world.

**BIBLE LESSON:**

Do: Read the story of the seven days of creation from Genesis 1:1-27; 2:1-3 or from a Bible story book, such as *The Read With Me Bible*.

**LESSON APPLICATION:**

Supplies Needed:

Pages of "Days of Creation" book for each child (see sample idea)

Scissors  
Crayons or markers  
Stapler

Prepare before class: Create a "Days of Creation" mini-book (see pages 3 and 4 for a rough idea of what you could create). Make photocopies of the pages and then cut apart.

Hand out copies of the "Days of Creation" and have the children color them one at a time as they recite what happened on each day. When all the days are complete, staple the pages together.

### **MUSIC:**

Sing "God Made Them All" to the tune of "Amazing Grace" (words by Sue Blumel).

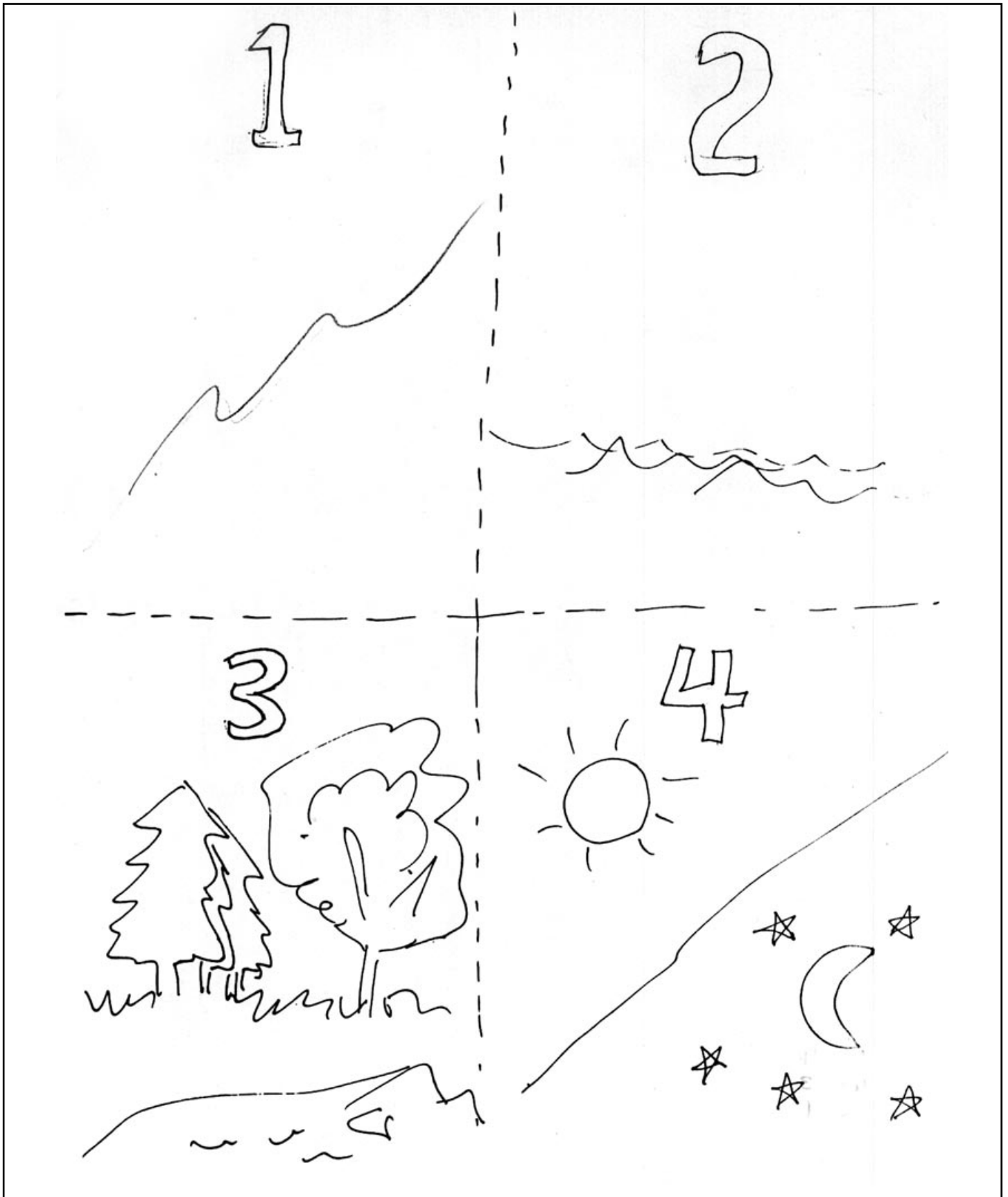
The great hot sun, the silver moon,  
Each little star that glows,  
God made them all,  
God made them all,  
Because He loves us so.

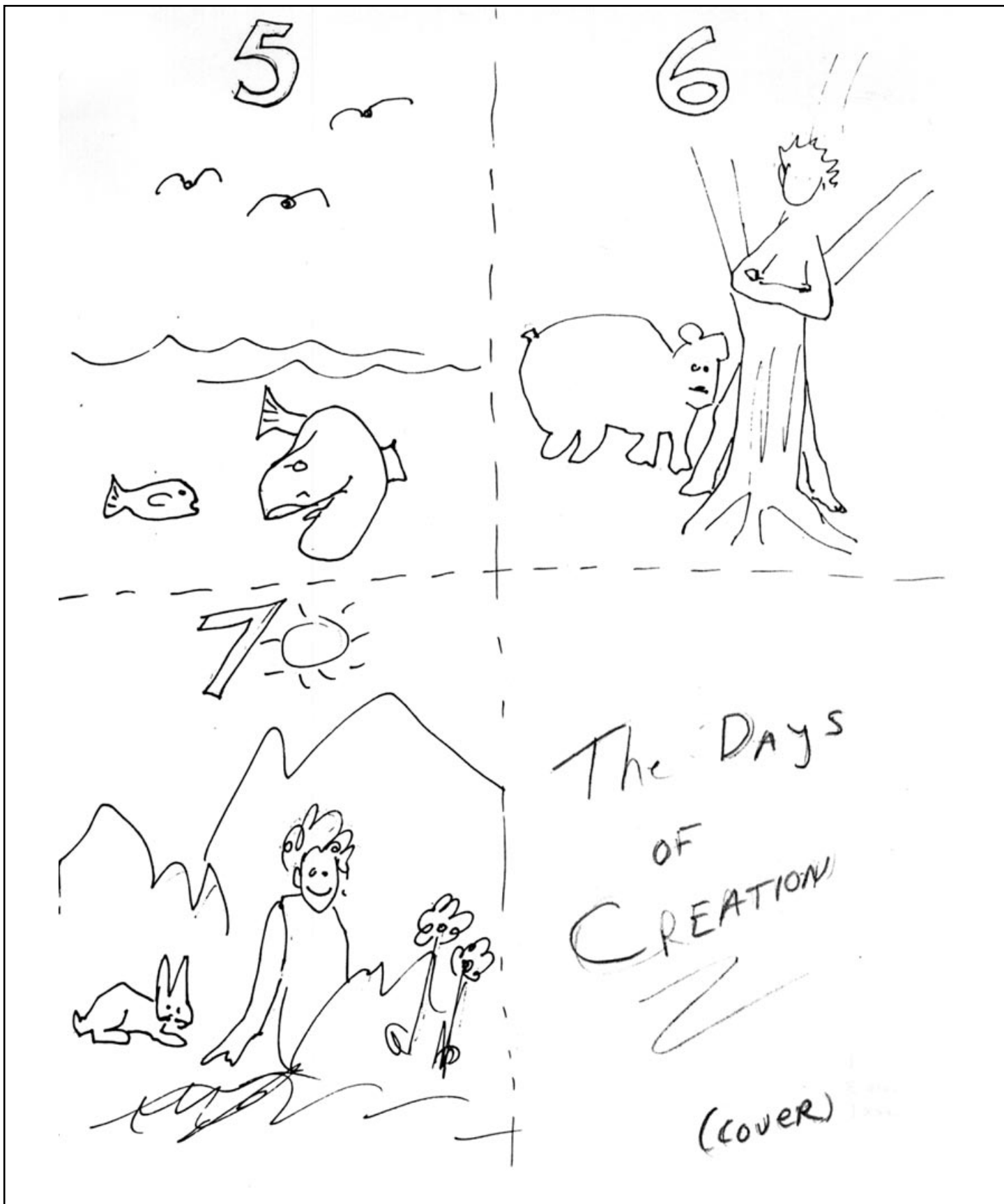
The bright blue sky, green fields and bears,  
All birds that fly above,  
God made them all,  
God made them all,  
Because He loves us so.

### **MEMORY VERSE:**

Genesis 1:31a "Then God saw everything that He had made, and indeed it was very good."

Do: Rehearse the memory verse a few times with the children repeating it. Form a circle. Take a small beanbag or balloon and toss it to one of the children. Have them try to say the verse or as much of the verse as they can and then toss the bag to someone else. Give everyone a turn.





# *family activity*

## **THE POINT:**

The creation week shows God's awesome power, love, and wisdom.

## **ASK ME...**

How many days did it take for God to create our world?

What did God make on the sixth day of the week, the day before He rested?

What did God think of everything He made when He finished?

What did God do on the seventh day?

## **FAMILY TOGETHER TIME:**

Go camping or go on a Sabbath walk with your children to notice and express appreciation for the beauty and wonder of all God has made.

Take a set of watercolor paints, crayons, paper and supplies to a park or other quiet area. Encourage the children to paint or draw what they see. Hang up the pictures at home for a while.

Make your own days of creation pictures. Mix up the pictures and have your children try to remember each day and place them in sequence.

Instructions: Cut the strip off the bottom of this page. You will see this week's memory verse on the back. After your child has learned the verse glue the two ends together, forming a link of a paper chain. Each lesson's memory verse will add a new link to their chain of Bible knowledge.

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(Teacher's note: please write the memory verse on the back of this page at the bottom.)