

THIS Week...

This week we're talking about God's beautiful creation and how we can look after it.

TODAY'S BIBLE VERSES: Genesis chapter 1, Psalm 24: 1-2, Psalm 19:1

KEY WORDS: Appreciating and enjoying our world, caring for creation.

BEFORE today's lesson:

- Make sure you have all the materials you need for the 'Welcome Zone' and 'Fun Zone' activities.
- Gather together all the required ingredients for 'Grub Zone'.
- Have enough *Kidzone* magazines for every child!
- Print off the 'Beyond the Zone' cards

💡 When preparing your program, consider each of the 'zones' and how they will best work in your context.

You may like to mix up the order in which you do the 'zones'. You will, however, need to remember the 'Welcome Zone' (obviously) needs to start the session, the 'Zone In' section needs to follow the 'God Zone', and the 'Beyond the Zone' happens at home. Have fun!



Our aim in today's lesson is to focus on the beauty of our world, encouraging the children to appreciate and enjoy God's creation and how important it is to care for it.

TURN to the story on pages 4-5 and explain the story is about some children picking up rubbish as part of a community clean-up day. Point out the rubbish token on page 4 and see if the children can find them throughout the magazine while you read the story to them.

READ the message at the end of the story and move on to the story of Creation in God Zone.

ASK the children what they know about recycling and repurposing and tell them we are going to recycle/repurpose jam roll and make it into lamington balls!

MAKE Cheffy's recipe on page 7

READ Oliver's message on page 11.

LOOK at the craft using a disposable drink bottle. The bottle sprinkler is an entertaining summer craft to make if you have access to a hose in the yard of your premises. It's fun to try it out and get a little damp on a hot day at church! An alternative (and drier!) idea could be bottle top magnets.

All you need are bottle tops, glue, paint, googly eyes and magnets for a cute, no-fuss craft activity. Just type 'bottle top magnets' or 'bottle cap magnet crafts for kids' into your search engine for inspiration.

There are thousands of easy and fun ideas for upcycled projects for children on Pinterest and the web.



GRUBZONE^{kz}

Use time to get to know your group.



FUNZONE^{kz}

Choose an activity, based on the theme, to do in smaller groups.



GODZONE^{k-z}

 **READ** the Creation story to your class, either from the Bible or from a picture book for younger children. Another suggestion is to present the story through a YouTube video — there are plenty to choose from for a variety of ages. These are great for capturing the kids' attention.

Have a look at:

- Creation for Kids – Genesis 1, Days of Creation www.youtube.com/watch?v=eiYhoBHPyEA
- Bible stories for Toddlers (Creation) www.youtube.com/watch?v=MAYULgEElpg
- Creation Genesis 1-2 www.youtube.com/watch?v=yZ1Fd_SPC18

 **READ** Sam's message on page 14.

 **PRAY:** Thank God for his wonderful creation. The children may like to thank God for their special places.

 **TALK** to your small groups about your favourite 'nature places', showing them photos you have taken of some of them. If it's the beach, chat about how you enjoy swimming or walking along the sand; if it's the bush, how much you enjoy hiking etc. Also mention a local place you like to visit, a park, lake etc.

 **ASK** them to share stories of some of their favourite places and what they like about them.

 **TALK** to them about the importance of caring for our world, and show them the feature on pages 8-9.

 **CHAT** to them about Clean Up Australia Day as being a way people make a big effort to look after their local area.

 **READ** the message on page 9 together, then read Genesis 1:26-28 (this is taken from *The Message*) where God directs Adam and Eve to look after his creation: "Be responsible for the fish in the sea and birds in the air, for every living thing and for Earth itself."

 **ASK** the children for suggestions on how they can care for the environment.

 **PRAY** with the children about the importance of taking care of the environment.



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 We'd love to see some photos of your *Kidzone* Club members enjoying the activities to include in the *Kidzone* magazine!

Email a picture of your group to cheryl.tinker@salvationarmy.org.au

*Please get permission from parents before sending photos and include a copy of signed parental consent for *Kidzone* to print image.

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Have a go at some of these:

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- Think of ways you can care for the environment ... can you recycle more? Or perhaps your family would like to be part of a Clean Up Australia Day activity, or have your own 'clean up' at a local park.
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