



# FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD

## Day 1

God made and loves all the people of the world...this includes you! And He has special plans for your life, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." (Jeremiah. 29:11) The heart-shaped picture of the world can remind you of God's love.

But, many people don't care about God's love or His plans. Why?

Bible Verses

Jeremiah 29:11, John 10:10 Genesis 1: 1 - 5; 6 - 30; 31

Bible Story

Attached are four options for teaching the "Story of Creation: These are for use in the large group. 1. Pictionary Creation Story 2. Creation Story with Sound Effects 3. Six Days of Creation (sort of like 12 days of Christmas) 4. Creation Pudding

Craft,  
Take Home Item

### Arrange the children in manageable small groups

(If you do the optional learning activity [\*\*below] you can use the same groups.) Pass out 12 inch squares of aluminum foil. Tell the children that they are to create sculptures of their favorite part of God's creation. (Samples, "the sun, stars, clouds, animals, etc.") In the same small groups, let each child share about their sculpture and what it means.

Then say, "These sculptures are great, but God's favorite creation is you. Now read vs. 26 - 31 from Genesis 1. Stress that it wasn't until after God created man and woman that He looked at His creation and declared it :VERY GOOD!

You can paraphrase Psalm 139:13 - 15, and then talk about God's love for each of us. Read Jeremiah 29:11 (and maybe John 10:10) to stress God's love and plan for them.

*Close the activity time by saying, "Even though God loves each of us, many people don't care about His love....Tomorrow we will talk about why."*

Prayer

Thank God for his love and for the unique way he made each of us.

Music

Choose Songs that are upbeat and fun. Try to stress the theme of God's creation, His love for us, etc.

Recreation

All About Me Game  
Anatomy Shuffle  
Clothespin Game

These and other games are listed in the list of games appearing in the back of this manual

Refreshments

Goldfish crackers (The ones that have the different colors in them would be best. This will help demonstrate the uniqueness of each of us in God's creation Alternate food: Animal crackers

\*\*Optional  
Learning Activity

\*\*\***Optional activity:** 'Nature Walk' Divide into groups (make sure each group has a leader from your team) and send the groups out (in different directions) to gather objects that demonstrate God's handiwork (flowers, pets, rocks, grass, shells). Talk about things the children have found and stress how wonderfully God made everything.