

CREATIVE IDEAS WORKED EXAMPLE

Theme: **God made a good world**

Passage: Genesis 1

Needless to say, much depends on your age group but you get the idea...

Game: Animal, vegetable, mineral in teams, asking one question at a time

Prize for game: Mars/Milky Way/Galaxy

Icebreaker: Sharing favourite animal (and why?), landscape etc.

Quiz: Amazing facts about created world from internet

Small groups: Thought shower as many fish/birds/animals as you can and see which group can think of most.

Secular song: 'What a wonderful world' by Louis Armstrong (Armstrong, 1967)¹

TV/movie clip: Any wildlife documentary but check it isn't a lion tearing an antelope's head off! If you're that way inclined, why not try making up your own video to go with 'What a wonderful world'.

Reading: Intersperse reading with amazing facts about light, stars etc.

Talk: In park using torch for light, take seeds with you, and if you can find a sheep! A pantomime horse may be distracting?

¹ Armstrong, L. (1967). *What a wonderful world*. [Vinyl] London: HMV.

Christian songs: 'Indescribable' (Tomlin); 'When all around is fading (Whole world in his hands)' (Hughes)

Prayer: Pass stone round, as you hold it say, "Thanks God for..."

Testimony: Conservation volunteer, meteorologist, etc.

Art: Draw/paint a picture of something in creation saying 'God saw that it was good' on it.

Craft: Make a collage of the earth with wildlife pictures

Memory verse: Gen 1:31a "God saw all that he had made, and it was very good."

Way to teach
memory verse: Mime

To take home: A sunflower to grow

Other ideas: Travel posters (ask at the travel agent!), Bonsai tree or go for broke with a full-size tree and water feature in church (but be aware, I once used a baptistery pump to create such a thing, complete with drainpipe with holes drilled in it for full rain effect. It was brilliant BUT it made everyone rush to the toilet...). You can even hire a portable planetarium!

Something totally
different: Do a night walk and do some stargazing!