

Family Bible Time Week 5

Topic: Creation Day 5

Theme: On day five of creation, God made the water creatures and the birds of the air. In the New Testament, Jesus tells us that we are worth more than the birds of the air and He tells us that we are to be fishers of men!

Put two bowls full of goldfish crackers and sunflower seeds in the center of the room. Every time the word “bird” is read in today’s scripture, each family member should take a sunflower seed. Every time the word “fish” is read, each family member should take a goldfish cracker. When the verses are all read, have a snack of goldfish crackers and sunflower seeds while discussing the Scripture.

Scriptures:

Genesis 1:20-23

Matthew 6:25-34

Matthew 4:18-22

Discussion Questions:

- ◆ What did God create on the fifth day of creation?
- ◆ What are some of the sea creatures and birds of the air that you can name?
- ◆ What are some things that you worry about?
- ◆ Why should you not worry about these things? Who will take care of us?
- ◆ What did Jesus mean when He said, “Follow me and I will make you fishers of men?”
- ◆ How can we be fishers of men today?

Activities: (choose from this list, or come up with one of your own. Do as few or as many as you want.)

- Make a bird feeder and place it somewhere where you can see watch the birds as they eat. Talk about how God made all the birds of the air and He takes care of them . . . yet He takes even MORE care of us!

<http://www.happygoluckyblog.com/2012/04/upcycled-craft-ideas.html>

<http://www.rockabyebutterfly.com/2011/12/presents-for-woodland-friends-hike.html>

<http://thekrazycouponlady.com/family/diy-orange-slice-bird-feeder-for-hungry-birds/>

<http://www.tonyastaab.com/2011/06/x-treme-bird-feeders.html>

<http://www.favecrafts.com/Green-Crafting/Plastic-Bottle-Birdfeeder>

<http://www.veseys.com/ca/en/store/tools/pollinators/peanutwreath>

- Get a pet fish! If you don't want to get a pet fish, make a fish craft. Here are some fun ideas:

<http://daisycottagedesigns.net/kids-craft/under-the-sea-preschool-craft-preschool-at-home/>

<http://www.preschoolplaybook.com/2009/06/fancy-fish.html>

<http://littlefingersbigart.com/2013/06/21/color-diffusing-paper-jellyfish/>

<http://www.allkidsnetwork.com/crafts/animals/fish/handprint-fish.asp>

- Make fish and bird shaped sugar cookies. Decorate them and then share them with a neighbor.
- Sing, "I Will Make You Fishers of Men" together. Discuss how God wants us to tell others about Jesus.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ocApuO-YwJo>

And, for those who want an updated version of this:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kU2N9kWGG-o>

- Go fishing. Even better, invite a person who doesn't know Jesus to go fishing with you. Spend time sharing the love of Christ with that person as you fish.

Prayer Time:

Cut birds and fish out of construction paper. On each of the birds, write worries that you have . . . items you really need to turn over to God. On each of the fish, write people that you know who need Jesus. Take a large piece of paper and draw water and a sky on it. Glue the fish in the water and the birds in the sky, then spend time praying for each item. Use this as a prayer guide for the rest of the week.

Outreach Ideas:

Serving as a family can be a powerful experience. Choose an activity to serve together this week as a practical way to live out your faith. Examples include the following:

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- x Make bird and fish cookies and deliver them to a family you know that needs Jesus. Spend some time getting to know this family as you share the cookies.
- x Have a neighborhood fish fry.
- x Go down to a local river or creek and pick up trash.
- x Make a neighborhood bird feeder.
- x Take a walk around your neighborhood, praying for all the people who live in the houses that you pass.