

LESSON 1: IT'S ALL GOOD



COUNTDOWN VIDEO



WELCOME AND PRAYER



OPENING VIDEO TRANSMISSION



MEMORY VERSE



GAME TIME



SUPPLEMENTARY 1: OBJECT LESSON



OFFERING



PRAISE AND WORSHIP



LESSON VIDEO TRANSMISSION



LESSON OUTLINE



SUPPLEMENTARY 2: REAL DEAL



CLOSING VIDEO TRANSMISSION



**PRAYER, ANNOUNCEMENTS,
HANDOUTS**



GAME REPRISE (IF TIME ALLOWS)



Memory Verse: Then God looked over all he had made, and he saw that it was very good!

Genesis 1:31





GAME TIME

CREATION QUICK DRAW



Time Required: 7-10 minutes



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Teen Tip: Involving teen helpers is a great way to build their confidence and a fun, energetic teenager will keep younger Cadets involved and attentive.

Supplies: ■ 2 Oversized notepads, ■ 2 Easels for the notepads, ■ Several large black markers, ■ 5-10 Slips of paper (Each containing the name of a creature), ■ Bucket or container (For creature papers), ■ Upbeat game music to play during drawing time (Just make sure it's not too loud or you may not be able to hear some of the answers.)

Below is a list of creatures for the Creation Quick Draw. Feel free to add your own ideas:

1. Fish	6. Lion
2. Rabbit	7. Snake
3. Giraffe	8. Bird
4. Rhinoceros	9. Butterfly
5. Deer	10. Spider

Prior to Game:

- Create two separate "Creation Stations" and place them at the front of the room/stage, one on each side. Each "Creation Station" should have a notepad, easel and markers.

Game Instructions:

- Divide the room into two sides or teams and assign a "Creation Station" to each side. Choose one artist per team to draw. It's important that the artists be close in age for the game to be fair. Have one artist pick a creature paper from the container and show it to the other artist. On "Ready, Set, Draw!" both artists must draw the creature listed. The first team to correctly guess the creature gets 100 points. Choose two more artists and play another round. Continue on until a team reaches 500 points.

Game Goal:

Draw the creature listed as quickly and accurately as possible, so your team may easily discern it. Draw too slowly and the other team could guess first. Draw too quickly and your creature could look weird and be impossible to guess!

Final Word:

Some of the creatures drawn looked pretty strange. Isn't it amazing to think that God created each and every one of them perfectly the very first time! He didn't even need an eraser!



OBJECT LESSON WATCH IT GROW



Time Required: 5-7 minutes



Foundation Scripture: *God spoke: 'Earth, green up! Grow all varieties of seed-bearing plants, every sort of fruit-bearing tree.' And there it was. . . . God saw that it was good.*

Genesis 1:11-12 MSG



Teacher Tip: For safety, it's important to prescreen for food allergies, if choosing to allow kids to partake in sampling the food items.

Supplies: ■ Instant "water and grow" garden, ■ Small watering can with water

Lesson Instructions:

- I have always wanted to grow a garden, but there's one little problem. I don't like waiting for the seeds to grow. It just takes way too long. So, I was at the store the other day, and found this instant garden. The instructions say all you have to do is water it, and within just a few minutes your garden will grow. We might as well give it a try.

Ask Would anyone want to help me water it?

- (Select an assistant.)
- OK, when I say, "Garrrrrden, Grow!" I want you to water the garden really well. Ready? "Garrrrrden, Grow!"
- (Volunteer waters the instant garden. Watch as it grows.)
- That is so cool! Now that's my kind of garden! And I've got to admit, it's pretty fun to say, "Grow!" and things grow.
- But it's nothing compared to the kind of things that happened in the earth when God spoke. When God spoke, He didn't even have to use a watering can, He just used His words and created the most beautiful garden you could ever imagine. Listen to Genesis 1:11 and 12, "God spoke: 'Earth, green up! Grow all varieties of seed-bearing plants, every sort of fruit-bearing tree.' And there it was. . . . God saw that it was good."
- And His garden wasn't some tiny little one that could fit on the top of this table. The whole earth filled up with every kind of grass, bush, vine, plant and fruit tree. It must have been absolutely amazing. When it was all finished, God even said it was really good. Now you know when God says it's really good, it's something else!
- The neatest part of all, is the fact that God didn't create that spectacular garden just to show it off, like I did with my little garden (ha!). He created all the good stuff for Adam and Eve, His kids. The Bible says that God is the same yesterday, today and forever. That means that if way back then He created good stuff for His kids, He is still doing it now. Want to get in on the good stuff? All you have to do is be in God's family and go for "The Sweet Life." Just water with the Word and watch the blessings grow!

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OFFERING

DON'T COME EMPTY-HANDED



Time Required: 10 minutes

Offering Scripture: No one is to show up in the Presence of God empty-handed; each man must bring as much as he can manage, giving generously in response to the blessings of God, your God.

Deuteronomy 16:16b-17 MSG

Supplies: ■ Small bouquet of fresh-cut flowers

Offering Instructions:

Ask How many of you have been invited to someone's house for dinner?

- You were probably warned by your parents to use good manners, and to say please and thank you. Most of you know to use these good manners. But you may not be aware of another polite thing to do when you are invited to dinner. So, today I want to talk to you about a thing called a "hostess gift."
- A hostess gift is something that you bring with you to a dinner or a party, like these flowers - they would be a nice hostess gift. You would give these flowers to the person who invited you to thank them for inviting you to dinner. This is a custom that you don't see real often, but it's a very thoughtful thing to do.
- Did you know that the Bible tells us that we should bring a kind of "hostess gift" to God? In Deuteronomy 16:16b-17 it says: "No one is to show up in the Presence of God empty-handed; each one should give generously in response to the blessings of God, your God."
- God has invited us to come into His house, to be close to Him today. It would be a good idea to make sure we don't come empty-handed. Not because we owe Him something, but because He is so generous to us and is always looking for ways to bless us. We bring Him gifts just to say thanks! Are you ready to bring an offering to our amazing God?

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LESSON OUTLINE

IT'S ALL GOOD



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Genesis 1:31

I. BECAUSE HE LOVES US, HE MADE EVERYTHING GOOD!

- a. God created a wonderful planet called earth.
- b. He wanted a special home for His family.
- c. God always thinks BIG for His kids.
- d. He didn't rest or stop creating until He thought it was good enough for His kids! Genesis 1:10, 12, 18, 21, 25, 31, 2:18

II. GOD PLANTED THE MOST BEAUTIFUL GARDEN IN THE WORLD Genesis 1:26-31

- a. God put Adam and Eve in charge of the whole place. Verses 26-27
- b. He gave His kids THE BLESSING to run everything! Verse 28
- c. Our heavenly Father planted a garden and He made it grow – that's spectacular! Verses 29-31; Genesis 2:8-12
- d. There was no toil or hard work – THE BLESSING did the work. They just had to watch over it! Genesis 2:15

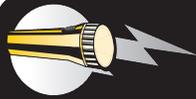
III. OUR HEAVENLY FATHER WANTED "THE SWEET LIFE" FOR HIS KIDS!

- a. Life in the garden shows us what God's plan was for us too. He has "good" planned for us too. Ephesians 2:10 AMP
- b. We were made to be exactly like Him. Genesis 1:26
- c. God is the King of everything, and He wants His kids to rule like kings too.
- d. Our Father's plan for us was all good. We call it "The Sweet Life!" Jeremiah 29:11



A Word from Commander Kellie: It's easy to teach children that God made trees, grass and flowers. Do you realize how far short this falls from the grand planning and intricate details our heavenly Father invested in this place we know as earth? He did so much work for us, but have you considered the "why"? Why did God put so much detail into the countless colors of fish in the sea? What purpose could there be for the variety of flowers that we see? On the practical side, you can find no reason or definite purpose. However, if you understand the love of God, you realize His extravagance is to "wow" us! He wants us to see His great love through creation. The heavens declare His handiwork, His thoughtfulness and His great love for His kids! He placed man in a beautiful, extraordinary garden that was BLESSED! Adam and Eve didn't have to toil but only obey and take their authority there. Whenever I talk about THE BLESSING and the plan of God, I call it "The Sweet Life:" a life where, not only does He have an amazing plan for you, but because you put Him in charge, He makes things work out for you and blesses everything you do (Romans 8; Deuteronomy 28)! I like to talk about it every chance I get!

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**REAL DEAL****WALT DISNEY**

Concept: Highlighting an interesting historical place, figure or event that illustrates the theme of the day.
The theme of the day is *God made everything good!*

Media: If you have the technical capability to show DVDs

- DVD with Disneyland photos
 - Personal photos of you or someone on your team's vacation at Disneyland
- (If you do not have this capability, you may print out photos from the Internet to show the kids.)



Teacher Tip: Entering in costume is an attention grabber for the Cadets. When presenting the information, it's helpful to have pictures available.



Teen Tip: Reviewing the script prior to service and involving teen helpers is a great way to keep the Cadets involved and attentive.

Costume/Supplies: ■ Mouse attire, ■ Face painted to look like mouse face, ■ Disney gloves, ■ Mouse ears/tail

INTRO:

- Today we are talking about stuff that is ALL good—like the awesome garden God made for Adam and Eve to play in. One thing many people enjoy is amusement parks.
- In the 1920s and '30s amusement parks with rides were mostly dirty places, not safe for families: NOT at all good. So in 1923, a 21-year-old man set out to change all that and revolutionize the amusement-park business forever. His goal? To create a theme park that had fun attractions and a beautiful atmosphere—one that would stay clean and safe, but would keep changing with imagination.
- He also created a famous cartoon character with some interesting features just like me. Can anyone guess who it is?

LESSON:**About Walt Disney:**

- This man had one of the biggest imaginations of his time. His name is Walt Disney. To this day his name represents imagination, optimism, success and excellence.
- Walt became interested in art at a very young age. He would even sell his sketches and drawings to neighbors to earn spending money. They must have been really good!
- Mr. Disney started his own business drawing advertisements and illustrations. Then he launched an animation studio. At the age of 22, he started producing short animated films. One of his good creations was a mouse called Mortimer—later named Mickey. Just a few years later other good things were created by Walt Disney... maybe you know some of them—Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs, Pinocchio and Bambi. He also created books with some favorite Disney characters: Mickey and Minnie Mouse, Donald Duck and Pluto the dog.



A Good Idea—Disneyland:

- Disneyland was Walt Disney's dream. For years he dreamed and hoped of building a "little family park" where parents could take their children for a day of fun. Now that's a good idea!
- Walt Disney wanted to build "The Happiest Place on Earth." He said Disneyland was a work of love. He wanted to make a place so good it would make dreams come true every day. Cast members today still hold true to the promise of turning the ordinary into the extraordinary!

How Good Is It?!

Opening Day:

- Disneyland was opened to the public in July 1955. Amazingly, it was built in a little over a year! It cost about \$17 million to build. The excitement of the grand opening was all over America.

The Lands:

- Walt Disney wanted to build separate areas inside Disneyland so guests would feel like they were traveling from one land to another. He created this by transforming colors, textures and shapes of everything—even the trash cans! In the beginning there were only five different theme "Lands."
 1. Main Street U.S.A. – an early 20th-century Midwest town
 2. Adventureland – jungle-themed adventures
 3. Frontierland – the Western frontier
 4. Fantasyland – bringing cartoon ideas into reality
 5. Tomorrowland – looking into the future

Entertainment:

- Every day there are parades, special shows, characters walking about, bands playing and fireworks! In the winter, snow is even made to fall several times a day.

Then and Now:

- Many things have changed since Disneyland opened in 1955.

THEN: 20,000 people arrived on opening day.

NOW: 65,000 people per day visit the park (That's 10-12 million a year!) 250 million people have visited Disneyland—including presidents, kings and queens, and royalty from all over the globe.

THEN: Ticket prices were \$1 for admission. Individual tickets for 18 rides were 10-35 cents each.

NOW: Tickets cost over \$65 for admission.

THEN: The park was closed on Monday and Tuesday during off-seasons.

NOW: The park is open year-round.

OUTRO:

- Nothing is better than what God created for us in the beginning—a place for us to live, have fun and enjoy "The Sweet Life." God is still in the creation business and when HE plans it, IT'S ALL GOOD! Walt Disney started with a plan too. He accomplished his dream and finished what he imagined. Now millions of people get to enjoy what he called "The Happiest Place on Earth." That's why he is today's Real Deal.

