



"Animal Kingdom: 4-Week Children's Ministry Curriculum" teaches about God's incredible creativity and wisdom through His amazing creatures. This fun series helps children ages 6-12 see God's hand in every aspect of nature, deepening their love for Him and their wonder at His power.

**Main Idea:** God's amazing animals show us His creativity and wisdom.

**Gospel Connection:** When we look at all the amazing animals God made, we see how creative and smart He is. The Bible tells us that God made everything, including all the animals, and said it was "very good" (Genesis 1:31).

Even though sin came into the world and messed things up, God still takes care of His creation. That's why He sent Jesus - not just to save people, but to make everything right again (Colossians 1:19-20). When we trust in Jesus and what He did for us on the cross, we become part of the New Creation and wait for everything to be made right in the end.

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# Week 1 – God’s Connected Creation

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**Bible Story:** Psalm 104:10–18

**Additional Scriptures:** Isaiah 11:6–9, Matthew 6:26–30

**Lesson Main Idea:** God made all the parts of nature to work together in harmony and will restore that harmony through Jesus.

**Gospel Connection:** God's creation shows His love and power, but what we experience is not the final version. Human rebellion against God (sin) broke the natural order and brought suffering into the world. But the Gospel promises a new creation, purchased by Jesus' death on the cross and launched at his resurrection. By faith, we can be at peace with God and live in expectation of the final restoration of all creation.

## Week 2: God’s Amazing Animals

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**Bible Story:** Job 39:19–30,

**Additional Scriptures:** Genesis 1:24–25, Proverbs 30:24–28

**Lesson Main Idea:** God shows His creativity and power through the amazing animals he made.

**Gospel Connection:** Animals' incredible abilities reflect God's unlimited power and wisdom. This reminds us of Jesus' perfect design for saving us through His death and resurrection. Trusting in Jesus' sacrifice allows us to experience the fullness of life and join God's wonderful plan.

## Week 3: God's Tiny Teachers

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**Bible Story:** Proverbs 6:6-11

**Additional Scriptures:** Proverbs 30:24-28, Luke 12:24-26

**Lesson Main Idea:** God has given wisdom to even the smallest creatures, which can teach us valuable lessons.

**Gospel Connection:** The Bible says we can learn from animals, but God speaks most directly to us through Jesus Christ. His death on the cross for our sins and His victory over death through His resurrection allows us to live a life guided by His wisdom and love.

## Week 4: God's Animal Agents

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**Bible Story:** 1 Kings 17:2-6

**Additional Scriptures:** Numbers 22:21-30, Jonah 1:17-2:10

**Lesson Main Idea:** God is in charge of everything and can even use animals to carry out his plans - even pausing the normal way things work to a miracle.

**Gospel Connection:** God can use animals to fulfill His purposes and show His power - even pausing the normal way things work. The resurrection of Jesus is the most powerful display of God's love and power. Believing in Jesus' death and resurrection empowers us to see God's hand in our lives and inspires us to follow His guidance faithfully.



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**Video Bible Stories:** Use this link to access recommended Bible story videos and bonus content for this curriculum series. [https://linktr.ee/animal\\_kingdom.lesson](https://linktr.ee/animal_kingdom.lesson)





# Introduction Game - Nature Charades

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**SUPPLIES NEEDED:** A list of animals or natural elements for a game of charades. For example: *Animals:* Lion, Elephant, Bird, Fish, Dog, Cat, Frog, Snake, Horse, Rabbit  
*Natural Elements:* Rain, Wind, Tree, River, Mountain, Ocean wave, Earthquake

**TEACHER:** Welcome, everyone! Today, we're starting a fun series called "Animal Kingdom," where we'll explore some of the amazing things God has created in the world around us. Did you know everything in nature is connected? God made the world so that all parts can work together in perfect harmony. Let's play a game called Nature Charades. In this game, you'll take turns acting out an animal or something from nature without talking, and everyone else will guess.

1. One at a time, each of you will come to the front and whisper to me what animal or natural element you want to act out. If you need help thinking of something, I have some ideas ready for you.
2. Without using any words, act out your animal or nature item while the rest of the group tries to guess what it is.
3. Once someone guesses correctly, we'll take a moment to talk about how that animal or element is connected to the rest of nature. For example, rain brings water to plants and nothing can grow very long without water.

**TEACHER:** Wasn't that fun? Just like how you all had to figure out what was being acted out, we can see that everything in God's creation has a special role to play. God made it all work together perfectly, just like a big puzzle. In our lesson today, we'll talk about why things aren't perfect now and how we can trust that God will make everything right again through Jesus. Now, let's keep learning about how God's creation is all connected!

# Object Lesson – Puzzle Pieces

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**SUPPLIES NEEDED:** A simple puzzle with a picture of nature or animals.

**TEACHER:** Today, we're going to see how all the parts of God's creation fit together perfectly, just like a puzzle. I have a puzzle here, and each of you will help put it together. Let's look at these pieces. By themselves, they don't seem to make much sense, do they? But when we start putting them together, something amazing happens. Every piece has its place and its own job to do.

As you place each piece, think about how it represents something in nature—maybe a tree, a river, or even an animal. When all the pieces are in their correct places, we get to see the whole picture, just like how God's creation works together in perfect harmony. Now, let's put this puzzle together.

Have you ever wondered why things don't always work perfectly now? That's because after God made the world, human sin broke the natural order. Even though sin messed things up, God promises to fix everything through Jesus. That's the good news—God has a plan to restore everything through Jesus. When we believe in Jesus, we become part of that plan.

Like each puzzle piece is important, every part of nature—and each of you—is important to God's big plan. This puzzle can remind us that everything has a place and a purpose. God's plan is already underway to put everything right again, just like how this puzzle comes together to make a beautiful picture. We can trust in God's plan, knowing that He is always working to bring everything back into perfect harmony through Jesus.

# Nature Sounds Listening Game

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## Supplies Needed:

- Audio player (smartphone or computer with speakers)
- Downloadable or streaming nature sounds or YouTube clips. For this week, you'll need Flowing rivers, birds chirping, and the sound of rain.
- Optional: For simplicity the teacher can simply vocalize these sounds and ask the children to repeat the sounds as they guess.

**TEACHER:** Okay, everyone, we will play a fun listening game. Close your eyes. I'm going to play three different sounds. After each sound, I'll give you a hint, and I want you to guess what it is. Remember, God made all parts of nature to work together in harmony.

[Play sound of a flowing river] Hint: Water moves through me, giving life to plants and animals. [Wait for guesses] That's right, it's a river! God uses rivers to provide water for His creation.

[Play sound of birds chirping] Hint: We sing in the trees and help spread seeds. [Wait for guesses] Correct, they're birds! Birds depend on trees for homes and help plants grow.

[Play sound of rain] Hint: I fall from the sky and help everything grow. [Wait for guesses] You got it, it's raining! Rain is part of God's plan to water the land.

TEACHER: Great job! All these sounds – the river, birds, and rain – show us how God made everything in nature to work together. This is what we'll be learning about today.

# Bible Story – God’s Connected Creation

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**TEACHER:** Have you ever wondered how everything in nature works together?

Imagine playing a domino game, where one piece falls and knocks down the next. Each domino is important because it helps the whole line fall just right.

Now, think about a time when you were really thirsty on a hot day. You might have wanted a cold water drink. That water didn’t just appear—it came from somewhere! Maybe it rained, and the rain filled a river or lake, and then that water was cleaned and brought to your house. Like those dominoes, everything had to happen for you to get that drink.

Today, we’re talking about how God made the whole world like a huge puzzle, where every piece fits together perfectly. We’ll see how God takes care of all the animals, the plants, and even us, and how everything in nature works together because of His perfect design.

Before we talk about our Bible story today, let’s understand a little bit about where it comes from. The story we will hear is part of the book of Psalms. Psalms is a book of songs and prayers written by people who loved God and wanted to share how amazing He is. The part we’re reading today was written to show how God created the world and takes care of it every day. It helps us understand that God didn’t just make the world and then leave it alone—He’s always taking care of everything, making sure it works together just the way He planned.

**READ: Psalm 104:10–13**



It's cool to hear about how God provides water for the earth. God makes the water flow from the mountains, and that water goes into rivers and lakes. Because of this water, plants can grow, giving the animals food, and the birds can have something to drink. Everything is connected! Have you ever seen birds drinking from a puddle or a stream? That's God taking care of them!

Can you think of other ways water helps plants and animals? What would happen if there was no water?

**READ: Psalm 104:14-15**

Next, we hear about how God makes the grass grow for the cattle and how He provides plants for people to use. It talks about how these plants help us make food that we can eat. So, God not only takes care of the animals, but He also takes care of us by giving us what we need to eat and live.

Imagine a big field of grass. The cows eat the grass, and they get strong. Then, people can use the plants to make bread, which we eat to grow strong too. God thought of everything! He made sure there's enough food for everyone.

**READ: Psalm 104:16-18**

Finally, we read about how God provides homes for the animals. It says that the trees are watered well and grow strong, and in those trees, the birds build their nests. The mountains are high, and the wild goats live there. Even rocks are home to small creatures.

Think about a tall tree. In that tree, there might be birds making their nests, squirrels gathering nuts, and maybe even an owl watching everything from above. God

made sure that every animal has a place to live, just like how He makes sure you have a home too.

As we've seen, God takes care of the whole world—every river, every tree, every animal, and every person. He made everything work together perfectly, just like those dominoes we talked about earlier. And even though things aren't perfect now because of sin, God promises to make everything right again through Jesus.

**READ: Matthew 6:26–30**

Did you catch what Jesus says about how God cares for us? Jesus tells us to look at the birds—they don't have farms, but God feeds them. Jesus wants us to know that we don't need to be afraid or worried. Just like God cares for the birds, making sure they have everything they need, He will take care of us. We can trust Him because He loves us even more than the birds!

So today, we learned that God made everything in nature to work together in harmony. We saw how He provides water, food, and homes for the animals and for us. Everything fits together in God's plan, just like a puzzle. Even though things aren't perfect because of sin, we can trust that God will make everything right again through Jesus.

**GOSPEL CONNECTION:** This story also reminds us of something very important: Just like God takes care of all the animals and plants, He also cares for each one of us. But the world isn't perfect, is it? Because of sin, there's pain and sadness. But God loves us so much that He sent Jesus to fix what's broken. Jesus died on the cross and came back to life so that everything can be made right again. When we trust in Jesus, we're a part of God's plan to bring everything back into harmony, just like how he planned it from the beginning.

# Discussion Questions & Prayer

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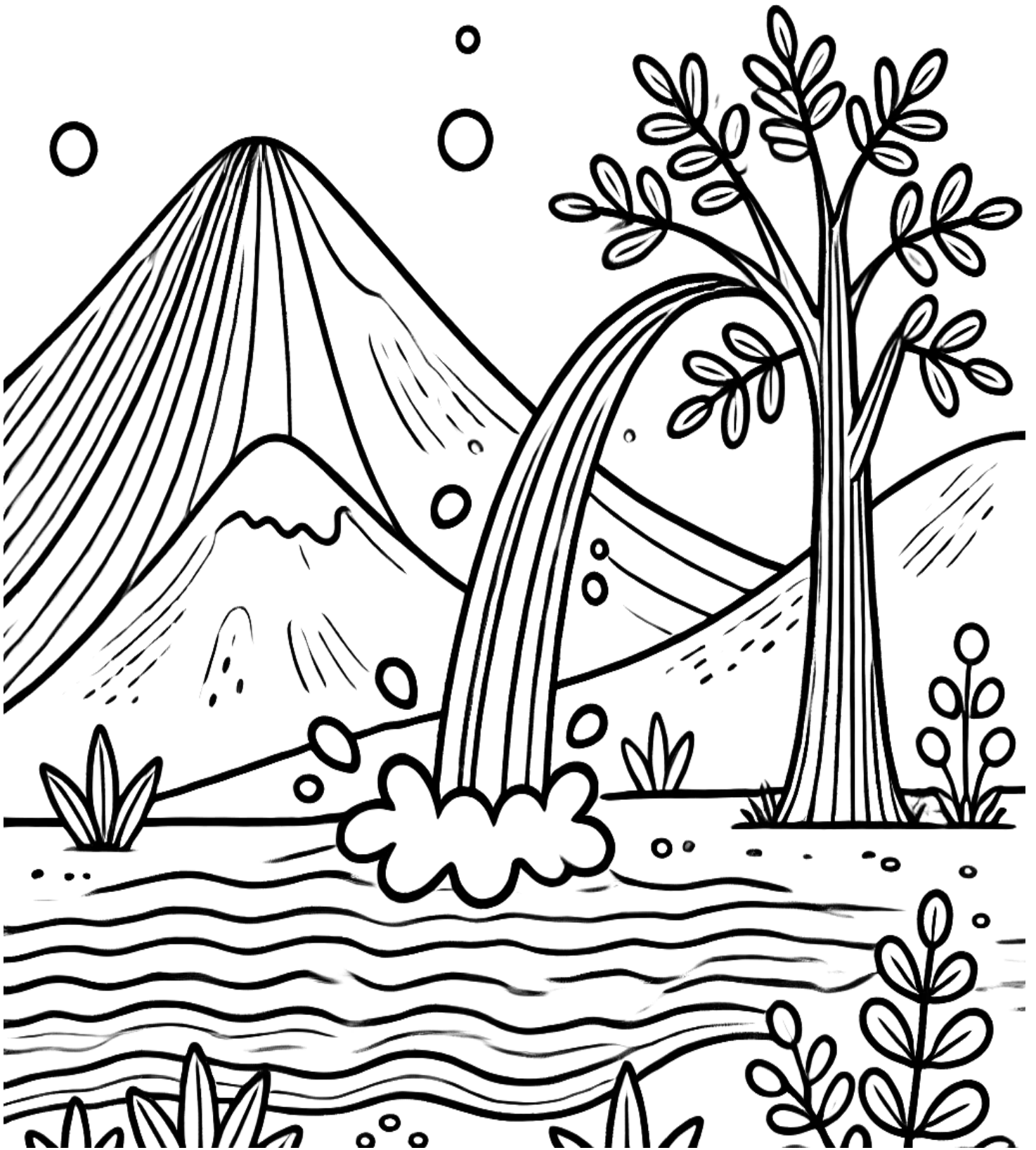
**TEACHER:** Great job, everyone! You all did an amazing job listening and participating in our lesson today. Remember, our main idea is that God made all the parts of nature to work together in harmony, and He will restore that harmony through Jesus. Now, let's take some time to talk about what we've learned.

1. Can you think of a time when you noticed how something in nature works perfectly? Maybe it was a flower growing, an animal finding food, or even the way water flows. How does that remind you of how God takes care of everything?
2. We talked about how God gives animals and people what they need, like water, food, and a place to live. How do you feel knowing that God cares for you the same way?
3. We learned that even though the world isn't perfect because of sin, God has a plan to make everything right again through Jesus. What do you think it will be like when God's world is perfect, and everything is in harmony?

Now, before we finish, does anyone have something they'd like us to pray about? It could be something you're thankful for or something you need help with. Let's all pray together:

*Dear God, thank You for showing us how You take care of all the animals, plants, and people in the world. We're so glad that You made everything work together in harmony. Help us trust You, knowing that You take care of us every day. We also pray that You will make everything right through Jesus, just as You promised. Thank You for loving us so much. In Jesus' name, Amen.*

# Coloring Page - God's Watering Springs



# Word Search Puzzle

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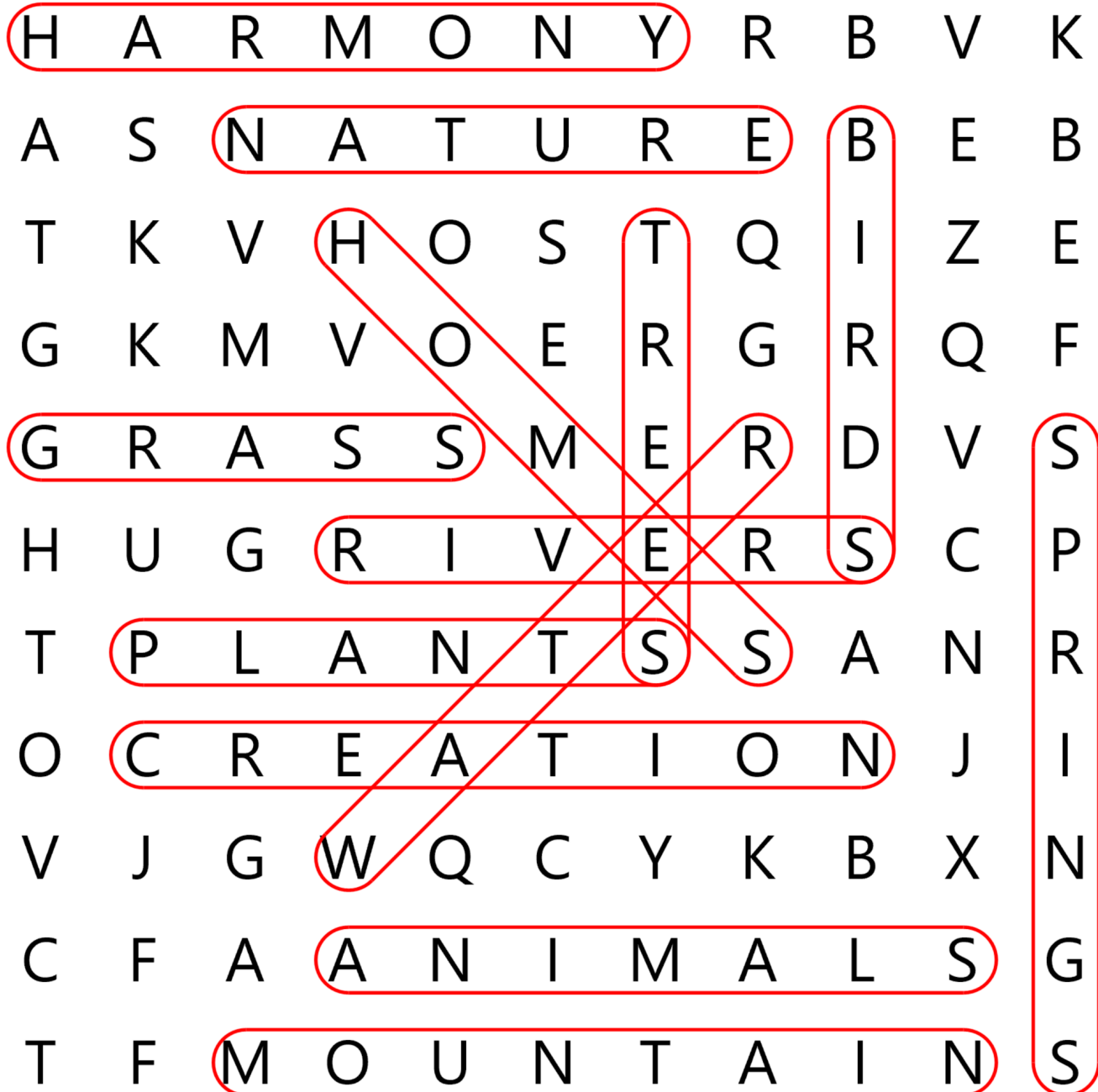
HOMES - MOUNTAIN - NATURE - PLANTS - RIVERS - SPRINGS - TREES - WATER

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# Word Search Answers

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HOMES - MOUNTAIN - NATURE - PLANTS - RIVERS - SPRINGS - TREES - WATER





# Craft Activity – Paper Plate Ecosystem

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## SUPPLIES NEEDED:

- Paper plates (one per child)
- Crayons, markers, or colored pencils
- Green, blue, and brown construction paper
- Scissors (safety scissors for younger children)
- Glue sticks
- Printed-out sheets of the cut-out options below



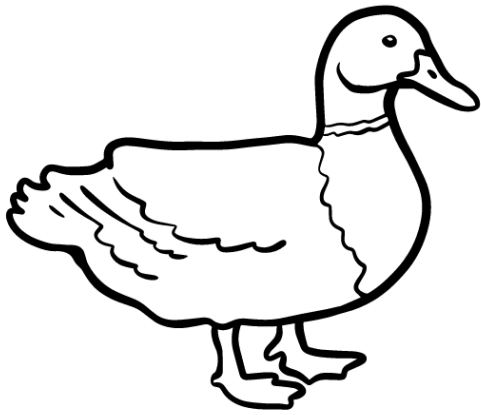
**TEACHER:** Today, we will make something special to help us remember how God made everything in nature to work together in harmony. We're going to create our own little ecosystems on these paper plates. An ecosystem is just a big word that means all the things in nature, like water, plants, and animals, working together.

## Step-by-step Instructions:

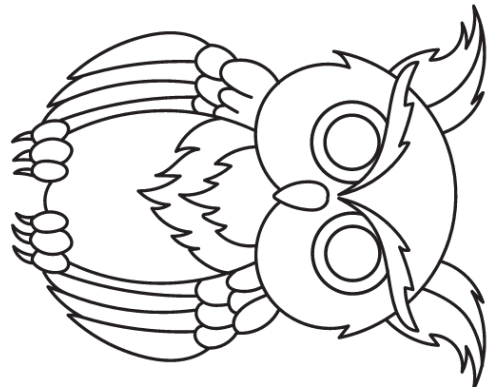
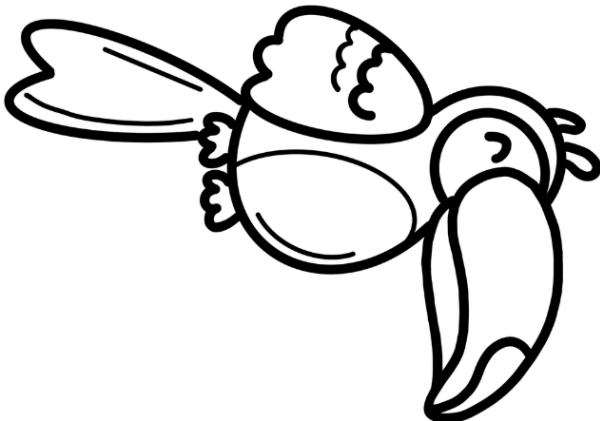
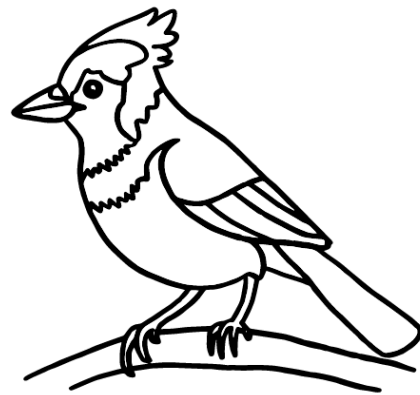
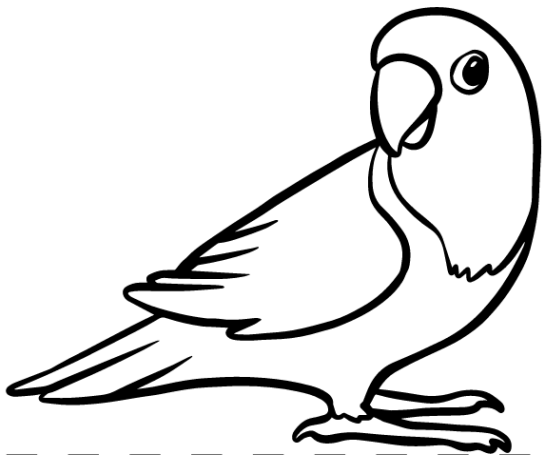
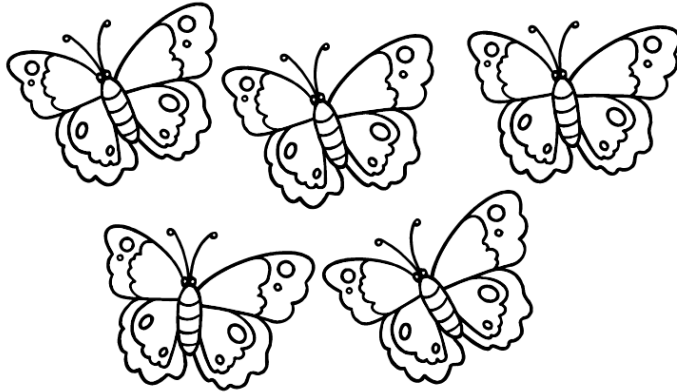
1. First, I want you to think about what we learned today—how God gives us water, plants, and animals, and how they all depend on each other. That's what we're going to show on our paper plates.
2. Take your paper plate and look at it as your world. In your world, you need water, plants, and animals.
3. Use the blue construction paper to cut out a simple shape for water—maybe a river or a small pond. Once you've cut out your water, glue it onto your plate.
4. Now, use the green and brown construction paper to make trees, grass, or bushes. Cut these shapes and glue them around the water on your plate. Remember, plants need water to grow!

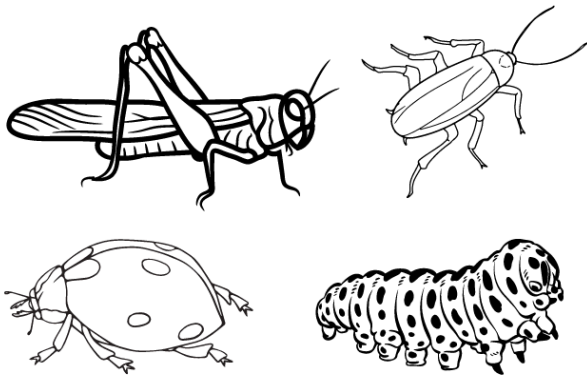
5. Finally, draw some animals that might live in your ecosystem, like birds, fish, or squirrels. You can use crayons or markers to draw them, or you can color in the animal shapes provided. Glue or draw them near the water and plants because animals need water and plants to live.

As you're making your ecosystem, remember that God made all of these things work together perfectly. He cares for the water, the plants, and the animals, just like He cares for you. When you're done, you can take your paper plate ecosystem home as a reminder of how God's creation is connected and how He takes care of everything.

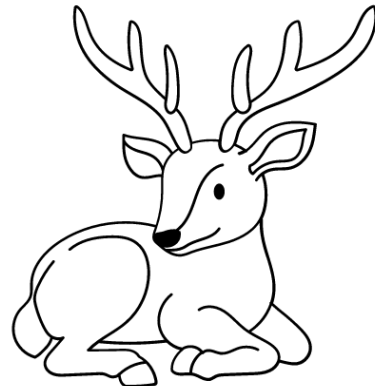
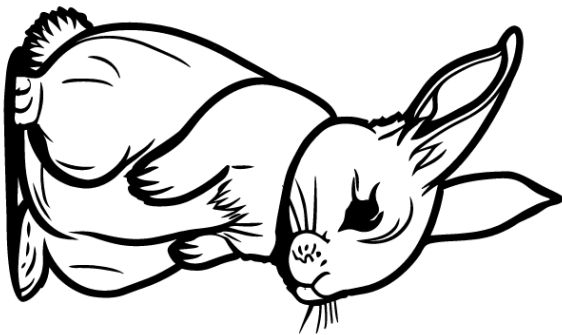
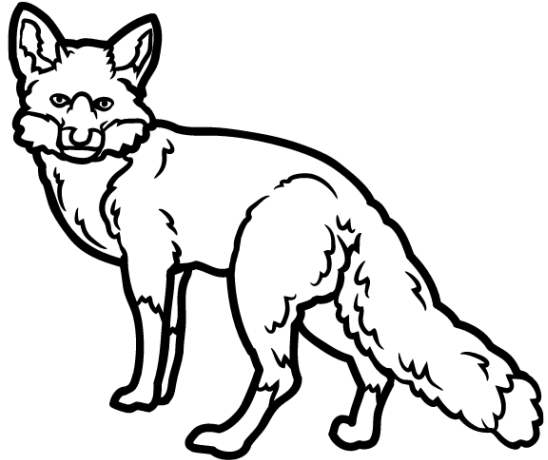
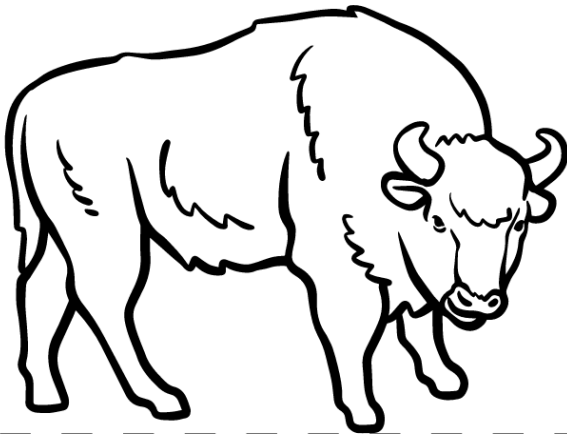
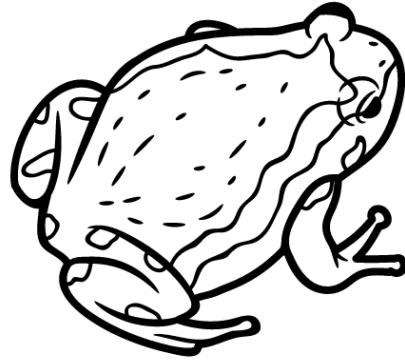
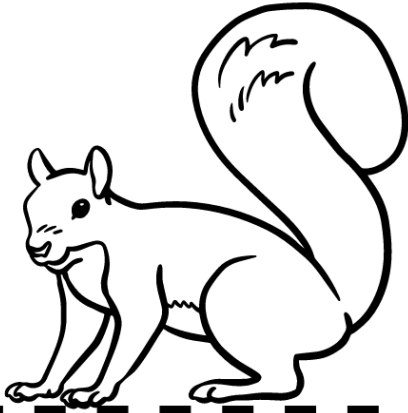


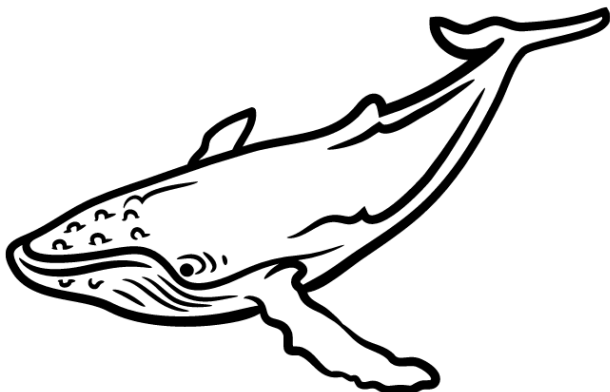
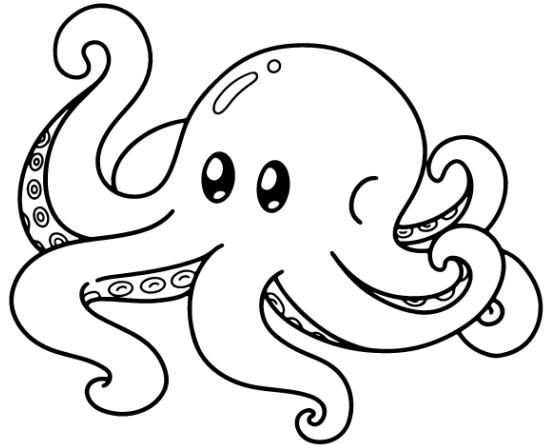
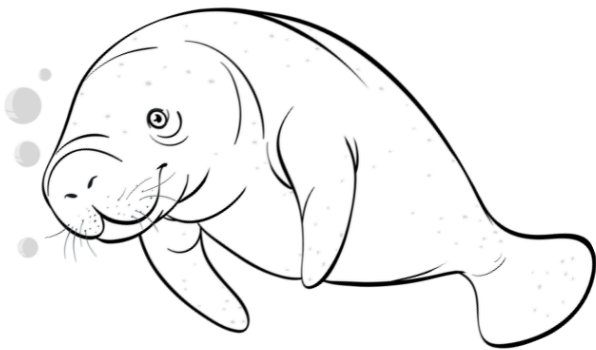
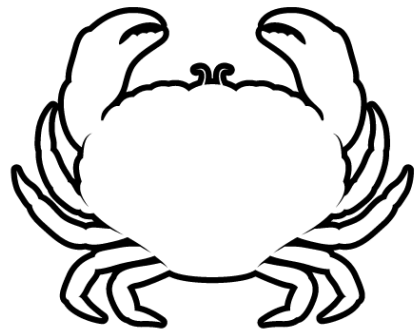
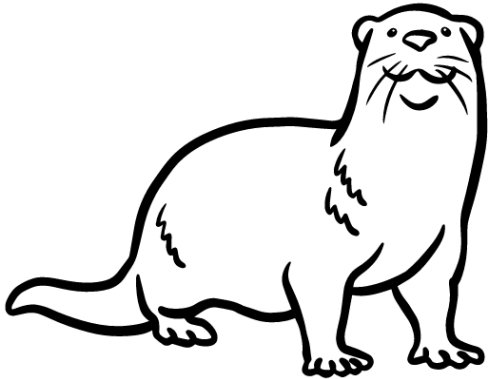
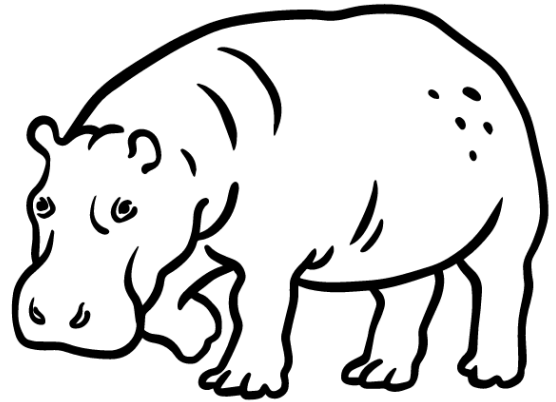
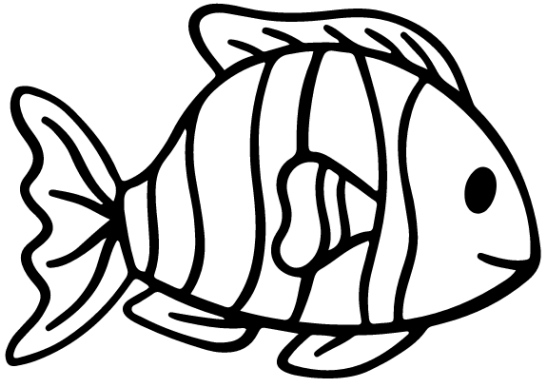
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## Week 1 – Note for Parents

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Today, your child learned how God created the world in perfect harmony, with every part of nature working together as He designed. The lesson focused on how God provides for all creation, from the smallest plants to the biggest animals, and how this reminds us that He cares for each of us, too. This truth is just as important for us as adults—God's care and provision are constant, even in our busy lives.

We also connected this lesson to the bigger theme of our curriculum, which is all about seeing God's creativity and wisdom in the amazing animal kingdom. Most importantly, we were reminded that through Jesus, God is restoring the harmony that was broken by sin. Thank you for investing in your child's spiritual growth. We're grateful to partner with you in this journey.