

Dear Children's Ministry Leaders,

In light of churches across the country closing in response to COVID-19 safety precautions, we at Group Publishing want to ensure that your children continue to receive spiritual nurturing. As a result, Group is allowing churches who use our materials to send families lessons and student materials your kids would normally participate in at church. We hope you enjoy using this content in a different way, and that your kids are impacted.

Group is extending the following permissions to churches upon request:

- 1. Permission to share the included student materials with families from your churches via email, postal service, or a privately accessible, password-protected website that only families from your church can access.**
- 2. Permission to share other elements from the week's lesson, such as the teacher guide that goes along with this lesson, with families from your churches via email, postal service, or a privately accessible, password-protected website that only families from your church can access.**
- 3. Permission to share a video recording presenting this lesson with families via your church website or platform of your choice. (We ask that you remove the video each week when you post a new one.)**

You may decide to offer a video broadcast or pre-recorded video where you and your regular Children's Ministry crew lead these lessons digitally for families to partake in at home. Or you may encourage parents to lead these lessons, which creates a fun opportunity for them to see what a typical lesson for their kids is like.

This permission is granted on a limited basis for as long as your church is unable to meet in person. Families are encouraged to use these materials within their households, but may not publish or share them in any way outside of your church family.

If you want to use Group's materials beyond these permissions, email permissions@group.com.

We hope God blesses your congregation through this unusual season, and that your community remains strong even though for a time you may not be meeting together.

God bless you, and stay healthy!

- Your friends at Group Publishing





Name _____

Paul Teaches in Athens

Acts 17:16-31

God

created heaven and earth!

Instructions: Assist children turning a paper bowl upside down, taping it to this page, and painting the bottom blue and green to represent the earth. Remind children that God created everything in the heavens and on the earth! (For additional instructions, see the Teacher Guide.)

Go on a scavenger hunt with your child. Look for objects that are round, square, oval, rectangular, triangular, or diamond-shaped, such as rocks, stepping-stones, road signs, or car tires. Pick an object and show your child that as you follow along the object's outer edge, there's no distinct beginning or end.



ASK 🌀 What does it mean that God has no beginning or end?

🌀 What's it like knowing that God will always be there for you?



Remind

your child that God is the Creator of everything, and then encourage your child to make a snack. Have your child mix some blue and green food coloring into two separate containers of yogurt and swirl the two colors together to represent the earth's land and water. Then freeze the mixture. Once it's frozen, have your child set the bottom of the bowl in warm water to loosen the yogurt. Help your child turn the bowl upside down on a plate so that the yogurt comes out of the bowl. Then let your child add frosting, animal cookies, or gummy bears to the "world."

ASK 🌀 What did you like about creating your snack?

🌀 What's your favorite part of God's creation?

🌀 How can we thank God for the beautiful earth?

What I Learned Today...

Bible Time: This week's Scripture (Acts 17:16-31) tells us that God created heaven and earth. When Paul was preaching and teaching in Athens, he saw a sign that said "To an unknown god." Paul taught the people about our one and only true God so that they would *know!* Paul told them about Jesus, and he taught them that God is the creator of everything in the heavens and on the earth. Paul encouraged the people to repent and to know that because of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection, we can live forever. Paul wanted everyone to know about our everlasting God who created everything!

Key Verse: We can teach the world about Jesus (adapted from Matthew 28:19-20).

Daily Challenge

Your child learned that God created heaven and earth. Your child committed to one of the following challenges to thank God for his creation in daily life. Help your child weave faith into life this week and follow through on the challenge!

- 🌀 Take a walk with your mom or dad, and point out the things you see that are pretty or that you like. When you finish your walk, thank God for all the beautiful things in creation.
- 🌀 Draw a picture of some of your favorite creations. Hang the picture in your bedroom to remind you to pray and thank God as the creator of all things.
- 🌀 Ask your parents if you can help water the plants. Give thanks to God as you help take care of God's creation.

