

Lesson Introduction

On the second day of creation God separated the waters he had made into two parts. God put a space or an expanse between the two waters to separate them. The part above formed the sky and the part below formed the earth. Before God made the sun or the stars he made the earth we live on. The earth is the most important part of God's creation. He put water on earth and air around it so he could create life. Every living thing needs water and air. God knows all things and made the earth to be a home for living things.

Discussion Questions

Day 1: What did God do to the water? What did God call "sky"?

Day 2: Why did God put air and water on earth? Where do we find water on earth?

Day 3: What things contain water?

Day 4: Why can't we see air? Where is the air?

Day 5: What is in the air that we need? How did God design our bodies to take in air? What would happen to us if we couldn't breathe? Why?

Day 6: What is needed for life? Why do those things exist? What does the fact that there is water and air tell you about God?

Lesson Rhyme

L—L

Life

Needs water,

light and

Air

L—L—Life

Dependent on

God's care

Make sign of "L"

Wiggle fingers of hands up in front of body

Make "W" sign with both hands and move in wave motion

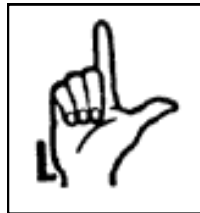
Flash fingers out from both hands

Move open hands in opposite directions in front of face

Same as above

Cross index fingers and move up and down

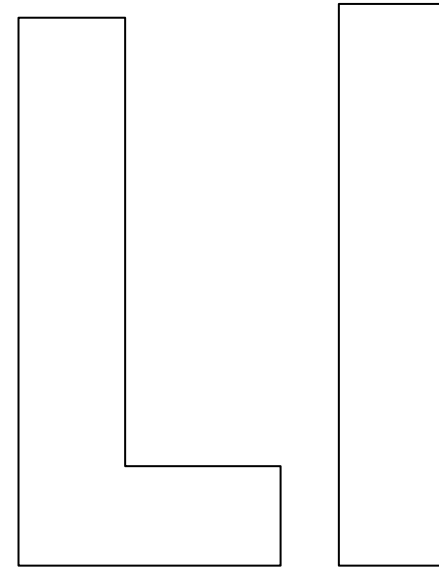
Lift arms up in air, bring down, cross arms over body



In the Beginning 5

What does life

need?



L—L—Life

Needs water, light and air

L—L—Life

Dependent on God's care

Day 1

When God created earth,
 he gathered water in one place,
Dividing water on the earth
 from water out in space.
Between the waters was the air,
 and so he named it "sky."
Hanging over all the earth
 and going way up high.

Draw a picture of the sky.

Day 6

When God designed the earth,
 he knew what life would need.
So air and water he brought forth
 before a plant and seed.
It is good to know that God
 thinks things clearly in his mind.
He provides for all our needs
 because he's good and kind.

Draw a picture of a beautiful scene on earth.

Genesis 1:6-8: ⁶ And God said, "Let there be an expanse between the waters to separate water from water." ⁷ So God made the expanse and separated the water under the expanse from the water above it. And it was so. ⁸ God called the expanse "sky." And there was evening, and there was morning—the second day.

Psalms 147:7-8: ⁷ Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; make music to our God on the harp. ⁸ He covers the sky with clouds; he supplies the earth with rain and makes grass grow on the hills.

Day 5

Our bodies need the oxygen
existing in the air.
Our lungs designed to breathe it in
without a thought or care.
If we could not breathe,
in minutes we would die.
That's why God gave us air,
and a beautiful blue sky.

Draw a picture of you breathing.

Day 2

Without air and water,
there'd be no life on earth,
So first God put them in their place
and then to life gave birth.
Water's all around us,
on earth it does abound,
There is water in the clouds,
on the mountains, on the ground.

Draw a picture of snow on a mountain.

Genesis 2:7: ⁷ the LORD God formed the man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being.

Psalms 104:10-11: ¹⁰ He makes springs pour water into the ravines; it flows between the mountains. ¹¹ They give water to all the beasts of the field; the wild donkeys quench their thirst.

Day 3

There is water in our bodies
and in the food we eat.

There is water in our bread
and even in our meat.

God made lots of water
'cause it's something all life needs,
Men and every animal,
the plants that grow from seeds.

Draw a picture of yourself eating.

Day 4

Air, just like the water,
we all need to live.
It is a precious gift,
that God to us did give.
The air surrounds the earth;
it's clear and can't be seen
The clouds are floating in it,
fluffy like a dream.

Draw a picture of clouds in the sky.

Psalm 104:13-14: ¹³ He waters the mountains from his upper chambers; the earth is satisfied by the fruit of his work. ¹⁴ He makes grass grow for the cattle, and plants for man to cultivate— bringing forth food from the earth:

Jeremiah 10:12-13: ¹² But God made the earth by his power; he founded the world by his wisdom and stretched out the heavens by his understanding. ¹³ When he thunders, the waters in the heavens roar; he makes clouds rise from the ends of the earth. He sends lightning with the rain and brings out the wind from his storehouses.