

## **Lesson Introduction**

God created the plants and trees on the same day he made the dry ground appear. He had already made everything that plants need to live and grow.

Do you know what plants need to live and grow? Plants need water, air, light and ground (soil) to live and grow. When God created plants he had already made the things they need to live.

Can you think about what is different from the things that God had already made and the plants? Everything God had made before the plants were not alive. They are what living things need to live but they are only matter and are not alive. Plants are living things.

What is a living thing? A living thing is something that takes in air, needs food, grows, reproduces, and eventually dies. Living things need light, food, air and water. A living thing only comes from another living thing,

## **Discussion Questions**

Day 1: Where did plants come from? What do plants need to live? How are plants different from one another? What do all plants have that are the same?

Day 2: What do roots do for a plant? What does it mean to reproduce? How do plants reproduce?

Day 3: What do a stem, stalk or trunk do for a plant? What is the difference between them?

Day 4: What do leaves do for a plant? How do leaves make food for the plant?

Day 5: What do plants grow from? What does a seed determine? Inside of what do a lot of seeds develop?

Day 6: Why did God say plants were good? What do plants do for animals?

## **Lesson Rhyme**

P—P	Make sign of "P"
Plants	Right hand inside left fist, right pushes up and fingers spread out
Stem,	Right arm straight up, index finger up,
Branch,	Same as stem but left hand moves over index finger and out
Leaf and	Same as stem but left hand waves in front
Root	Left arm horizontal right hand down over, fingers spread apart
P—P—Plants	Same as above
Flower,	Cup right hand and rotate in front of nose
seeds	Point fingers of right hand down & rub together like dropping a seed



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# What makes up a plant?



P—P—Plants

Stem , branch, leaf and root

P—P—Plants

Flower, seeds and fruit

## Day 1

God created plants,  
they need sunlight, water, air.  
Food they make themselves  
and clothes they do not wear.  
Each and every plant  
has a different name.  
But each and every plant  
has parts that are the same.

*Draw a picture of different types of plants.*

## Day 6

When God created plants,  
he said that they were good,  
Producing food and oxygen  
just the way they should.  
Plants make food from sunlight,  
growing in its heat.  
And plants become the food,  
which animals then eat.

*Draw a picture of the sun and some plants.*

Genesis 1:11: <sup>11</sup> Then God said, "Let the land produce vegetation: seed-bearing plants and trees on the land that bear fruit with seed in it, according to their various kinds." And it was so.

Genesis 1:29-30: <sup>29</sup> Then God said, "I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food. <sup>30</sup> And to all the beasts of the earth and all the birds of the air and all the creatures that move on the ground—everything that has the breath of life in it—I give every green plant for food." And it was so.

## Day 5

Most plants grow up from seeds,  
each from its own kind.

The type of seed determines  
the plant that you will find.

Some seeds develop inside fruit  
that from a blossom grow.

How it all does happen,  
only God does fully know.

*Draw a picture of a seed inside a piece of fruit.*

Genesis 1:12:<sup>12</sup> The land produced vegetation: plants bearing seed according to their kinds and trees bearing fruit with seed in it according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good.

## Day 2

Roots are the part that anchors  
a plant down in the ground.

There are tap roots, there are fine roots,  
spreading all around.

From the ground roots take up  
the water a plant needs.

So a plant can live and grow,  
reproducing by its seeds.

*Draw a picture of the different types of roots.*

Psalms 1:1-3:<sup>1</sup> Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers.<sup>2</sup> But his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night.<sup>3</sup> He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he does prospers.

### Day 3

Stems or stalks support the plant,  
in a tree they're called a trunk.  
Stems can be quite skinny,  
while a trunk can be a hunk.  
Up the stem through little tubes,  
water it does flow,  
Enabling each plant  
to function and to grow.

*Draw a picture of a tree and a plant.*

### Day 4

Every plant has leaves,  
absorbing air to live.  
Leaves take in the CO<sub>2</sub>,  
then oxygen they give.  
Leaves are living factories,  
making food from light.  
So plants would never grow,  
if it were always night.

*Draw a picture of a plant with lots of leaves.*

Psalm 92:12-14: <sup>12</sup> The righteous will flourish like a palm tree, they will grow like a cedar of Lebanon; <sup>13</sup> planted in the house of the LORD, they will flourish in the courts of our God. <sup>14</sup> They will still bear fruit in old age, they will stay fresh and green.

Psalm 52:8: <sup>8</sup> But I am like an olive tree flourishing in the house of God; I trust in God's unfailing love for ever and ever.