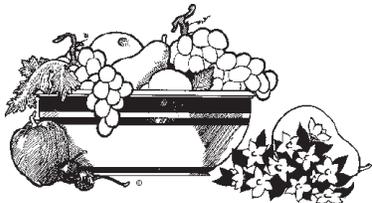


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CREATION CORNER

Psalm 139:14 "I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvellous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well."

Our lesson this week is about the Creation of our world! There are so many wonderful things God has made for us to enjoy but one of the most amazing is- guess what? Your own body! Yes as our text says, we are wonderfully made! Here is a parable story about caring for our body.

THE MEAN OLD MISTRESS!

Long, long ago, in the days of our great-grandparents, the farmer's wives used to make their own butter by putting cream from the milk of their cows into a big pot called a churn. Then there was a large dasher, something like a paddle that fitted into the churn. Its long handle poked up through a hole in the lid of the churn. Then someone had to work that dasher up and down, up and down, round and round, round and round, until after a long time, the cream turned into butter.

Well, once upon a time there was a mean old farmer's wife whom we shall call the Mistress. She had a little servant girl and she made this little servant girl churn cream into butter every day and every day.

Every morning, every noon, and every night

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the Mistress would half fill the churn with cream, put in the dasher, put on the lid that had a hole in it so the handle of the dasher could poke up through it, then the little servant girl would have to do the churning.

Up and down, up and down, round and round, round and round she would go 'till after a long time the cream would be turned into butter.

Now this little servant girl was a good little girl, but the work was hard and she used to get tired. So you can't be surprised that by the time the butter began to form, she would say to herself, "Goody, Goody, Goody! Pretty soon now I can have a rest! I will sit down in my little rocking-chair and rest my tired legs, and I'll lean back and rest my tired back, and I'll take my little dolly in my tired arms, and rock her to sleep."

But this farmer's wife was a mean old Mistress! Do you know what she used to do? When the cream was half churned to butter, she would come along and dump in another jug full of cream and say, "Little girl, I found some more cream, so now you will have to start churning all over again!"

The little servant girl felt like crying, but she didn't. She was a good little girl and just kept on churning. Up and down, up and down, round and round, round and round. Then after another long time, you can't be surprised that she began to say to herself "Goody, Goody, Goody! Pretty soon now the butter will come and then I can have a rest! I will sit down in my little rocking-chair and rest my tired legs, and I'll lean back and rest my tired back, and I'll take my little dolly in my tired arms, and rock her to sleep."

But just then, what do you think? Yes, you're right! That mean old Mistress came along with another jug of cream and dumped it into the churn and said, "Little girl, I found some more cream, and now you'll have to start churning all over again!"

Poor little girl! She was so tired. She had been standing up so long, working that dasher up and down, up and down, round and round, round and round that she couldn't help it. She just sat down and cried and cried and cried!

And you can't blame the little girl for crying, can you? I feel so sorry for that little servant girl, don't you? I wouldn't be mean to her like that, would you?

But wait a minute, would you like to know that little servant girl's name?

Then listen and I'll tell you. It is STOMACH. And it could be your stomach.

Yes indeed. And the mean old Mistress is any boy or any girl who has a stomach and who eats between meals!

You see, our bodies need food to help us work and play and think and learn. But we can't put cereals, milk and fruit or mashed potatoes, peas and carrots right into the blood stream. No, indeed.

The food first has to go into the stomach, where it is churned up and down, up and down, round and round, round and round until it is changed into just the right kind of liquid that can go easily into the bloodstream. We call this kind of stomach churning,

'DIGESTION.'

And digestion takes about four hours for each meal.

And any boy or girl who keeps on putting fruit or candy, ice-cream or milkshakes, sandwiches or snacks every hour or so between meals is a mean old Mistress or a mean old Master.

And if you keep on doing it your poor little stomach will get so tired that it will cry and cry and cry.

What? You say a stomach can't cry? All right then, your poor little stomach will get so tired that it will ache and ache and ache! Then YOU will do the crying! Yes you will!

And that's not all. When you eat between meals the body loses count of the amount of food it needs and pretty soon there is more than it can use and it has to store up the excess as FAT. And then you are not only a mean old Mistress or a mean old Master, you are a mean old, fat Mistress or a mean old, fat Master.

But nobody has to be a mean old Mistress or a mean old, fat Mistress or a mean old Master, or a mean old, fat Master. We can all be wise, kind Mistresses and wise, kind Masters. Or wise, kind Bosses, or whatever you want to call yourselves.

You can eat the right kind of foods at meal-times and Nothing, nothing, NOTHING between meal.

This will give your little servant, Stomach, time to do her work thoroughly and then take a little rest— or as the story says, she can sit in her little rocker and give her legs a rest and lean back and give her back a rest, and take her little dolly in her tired arms, and rock her to sleep.

Then you will find that your little servant Stomach will do some magic for you and turn you into a beautiful Mistress or a Handsome Master!

Oh, by the way, do you know the name of Stomach's little dolly? Well I'm not sure, but I think I heard someone say maybe it could be—
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HISTORY

'A LITTLE CHILD SHALL LEAD THEM'

Many years ago, in the Wild West, in the days when the train was the main way of travel, a minister and his wife were traveling with their little boy. They tucked him into bed in the sleeping car, all dressed warmly in his little, red night-shirt and kissed him goodnight. They then went up to the observation car to watch the stars in the quiet November night.

Now on this same train was a man known as Gambler Jim, he was rough and untaught, making his living off the only skill he had, playing cards. Down in the club car dealing a game, he was about to come face to face with destiny.

After the preacher and his wife had been up in the observation car for about an hour, suddenly a rough-looking fellow made his way into the car.

"Anybody here got a kid what's dressed in a red nightgown and sings like a bird?" he demanded awkwardly.

The father and mother sprang to their feet, gasping in fear.

"The' ain't nothing the matter of him," the man reassured then went on with deeper embarrassment, "The matters with- us. You're a parson, ain't you? The kid, he's been singin' to us-an' talkin'. If you don't mind, we'd take it mighty good of you to come with me. Not you, ma'am. The kid's all safe, an' the parson'll bring him back in a little while."

The parson followed through thirteen cars to the smoky club car, near the front of the train. There they stopped to listen. Up on a table stood the tiny boy, his face flushed, his voice shrill and sweet.

"Is you ready?" he cried insistently. "My papa says the Bridegroom is Jesus, an' He wants everybody to be ready when he comes, just cause he loves you."

Then with childish sweetness came the song which had evidently made the deepest impression on the child's mind, "Are you ready for the Bridegroom when He comes?"

"He's sung it over and over," whispered the gambler, "And I couldn't stan' no more. He said you'd pray, Parson?"

As the two approached, the boy lifted his sweet, serious eyes to his father's

"They want to get ready," he said simply. And,

with his boy snuggled, childishly in his arms, the minister prayed, as he had never prayed before, for the men gathered around the child.

In a few minutes, the father returned the child to his anxious mother, and returned to talk with the men, four of whom that night decided to "get ready", and among them was the rough man, Gambler Jim.

To this day, it remains a mystery how the child succeeded in reaching the smoking-car unnoticed and unhindered. As for the little fellow himself, his work was early done, for a few weeks later, upon the return trip, he was stricken with a swift and terrible disease and fell asleep in Jesus.

But what of Gambler Jim? He gave up his old life that night and served the Lord from that day onward. He sought an education and became a preacher. Preacher Jim loves to tell the sweet story of the little child that led him to Jesus. = ^ .. ^ =

TRUE-STORY-TIME

An Unforgettable Scene:

By Elder Lawrence Nelson

My father was a great believer that God answered prayer. He often told how God answered his prayer when as a young man he tried desperately to overcome his drinking habits before he became an Adventist. He was a plasterer by trade, working in the Los Angeles area. Each night as he returned to his home after his workday, he had a habit of spending time at a saloon, located at the corner where he got off the streetcar.

As the days went by, he realized that he was well on the road to becoming an alcoholic. Listening to his mother's prayers convinced him that God could help him. So one day he asked God to help him not to stop at the saloon that night when he got off the streetcar. He even decided to help himself by riding the streetcar one block further to avoid walking by the saloon where he always stopped.

He did not realize that the devil had a saloon on the next corner also. Those were the days when the entrance door to the saloon was composed of two half-doors, allowing the liquor aroma to pass over and under the door and out to the sidewalk. As he started to walk by, he was compelled by the smell to enter. He

didn't want to; he had determined not to; but his feet took him to the door automatically.

His hands pushed the door in. Suddenly he remembered his morning prayer for help and again he cried out within his heart, "God! Help me!" Instantly, God opened his eyes and what he saw, he never forgot to his dying day! For over the bar he saw an evil angel hovering in the air above, controlling a dozen or more men who were drinking at the bar.

He was captivated by this magnificent creature, about fifteen feet in length, as it lay in the air above the bar. For a moment he was spell-bound until this evil angel turned from the men and looked him square in the eyes. He became terrified as he beheld such an evil face and especially the devilish look in his evil eyes.

Dad realized if he joined the men at the bar, this devil would completely control him to as he was controlling all of the other men. Quickly he turned around and walked away; Never again to enter any saloon; Never again to take a drink.

How often have I heard my father praise God for answering his prayer. In just a few months, he became a baptized Seventh-day Adventist ever faithful to the message, with the hope that he would live to see Jesus come and beloved, I know that he will, although he is now asleep in Jesus. For God has told us that all who die faithful to the 3 angel's message will arise in that special resurrection to see Jesus come.
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ADVENT HISTORY

Part 3- A BEAUTIFUL DREAM!

Jesus had a special work for Ellen. She was to be a prophet. A prophet is one by whom God sends messages to His people. Jesus spoke to Ellen in visions. A vision is much like a dream. Here is one of her visions.

She dreamed that she was sad. She said: "How I wish I could see Jesus. If He were only upon this earth I would go to Him. I would tell Him all my troubles. He would help me, and I would always love and serve Him."

In her dream she saw a door open. An angel came in. He said: "Do you wish to see Jesus? He is here, and you may see Him if you wish. Take everything you have and follow me."

Ellen was happy. She gathered up her things and followed the angel. Soon they came to a

steep stairway. As they started up the steps, the angel said: 'Keep your eyes looking upward. Others have climbed this stairway. Some of them looked down. They grew dizzy and fell.'

When Ellen came to the last step, the angel said: "Leave all your things here." He opened the door and told her to go in.

In a moment she stood before Jesus. His face was more beautiful than any she had ever before seen! His kind eyes were full of love. She saw His loving smile. Ellen knew that He loved her. He put His hand on her head. He said to her: "Fear not."

The sound of His voice made her happy. She bowed before Him. When she arose, the eyes of Jesus were still upon her.

Then the angel opened the door. He said: "Now you may take your things again."

The angel also gave Ellen a green cord and said to keep it close to her heart and whenever she wanted to see Jesus, she should take the cord and stretch it out. He warned her to use it often or it would get knotted and hard to use. She put the cord close to her heart like the angel said. Then she went down the narrow stairs.

Ellen knew that the green cord meant faith. We use our faith to let us see Jesus. We each can use that 'green cord' of faith. Try often to think about Jesus and learn from the Bible about him. Faith is when we believe that what the Bible tells us is true.

Ellen awoke from her dream. She thanked God for the beautiful dream. She prayed that Jesus would always smile upon her. = ^..^ =





WEEKLY BIBLE LESSON 3:

For our Bible lessons we are going to use the King James Version of the Bible. Just like the boys and girls used to use to learn to read from in the pioneer days.

There will be some texts to look up for each day and you should practice your memory verse until you can say it without looking. Don't forget to learn the text too.

“CREATION”

MEMORY VERSE: “And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good.” Genesis 1:31

Read Genesis 1

Sunday

Text: 1 John 4:8 “He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.”

I would like to stop and think for a while about what creation tells us about how God feels about His children. We are told that God is love, but we have many ways of thinking about love. In our language ‘love’ can mean a lot of things; we ‘love’ our parents; we ‘love’ our friends; our mommy ‘loves’ our daddy; we ‘love’ our Teddy Bear; we ‘love’ our pet; and we ‘love’ to play games. You can see that ‘love’ can mean different things.

Well, the kind of ‘Love’ that is God’s is very special. It means He is always unselfish and He does everything for the best good for others. He doesn’t do things just for Himself. Even before God created any one else, He was still unselfish. The Father loved the Son and the Spirit and they loved each other and the Father too. They were never selfish.

God decided to create beings that could love Him back. For this to happen, He had to let them have what we call a ‘free will.’ He could

have made people who could only do what He wanted them to do. But then they would not be free, and they could not really love God. If you have a doll or a robot and when you push a button it says “I love you!” it is not the same as when your little brother or sister runs up and says “I love you!”

God didn’t want just puppets; He wanted his children to love Him because they chose to. So He made them free. He knew they might choose to sin, and that would break His heart, but He had to take the chance.

God created because He is love and He wants to love us. We were made able to love Him back, because we learn how wonderful He is and because He loves us.

Thought - God’s kind of love is unselfish. Think about what ‘unselfish’ means.

Monday

Text: Job 38:7 “When the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy.”

I want you to think about what Creation of the Earth must have been like. God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit came down. It was the Son, Jesus, who ‘spoke and it was done’. The angels were watching and the people that lived in other created worlds knew about it also. In our text, the ‘Morning Stars’ means the angels; and the ‘sons of God’ means the beings on other worlds. It was a wonderful event and everybody was so happy about it. Just imagine every one watching; the Son of God begins to speak and as soon as He spoke —things appeared!

Now if I want to make something, and I say to you that I am going to make a cake, can I just say “Let there be a cake?” No, I have to go and get the things cakes are made out of, and then I have to put them together and bake it in the oven and make the cake.

But when Jesus speaks, things are there! He doesn’t have to go get the ingredients or His toolbox; right away the things are there!

Thought - Jesus’ Word has POWER and Jesus’ Word is the Bible. That means there is real POWER in the Words of the Bible. Store them up in your mind and you will be strong in the Lord!

Tuesday**Days of creation—Read them in Genesis 1.**

1 - The world was all dark. Jesus said, "Let there be light!" and there was light.

2 - All living things would need air to breath. Jesus said, "Let there be air" (the Bible calls it a firmament) And there was air and a beautiful blue sky and it was very good.

3 - The whole world was nothing but water! Jesus said, "Let the dry land appear." And land and hills and valleys and sandy beaches appeared. But there was nothing on them. Then Jesus said, "Let the land bring forth plants and trees and flowers and fruit" and so it was. There were things good to eat and pretty things to see everywhere. Think of all the kinds of fruit and vegetables that we can eat! How many can you name?

4 - Now Jesus created the Sun to shine in the daytime and the moon to act like a mirror and shine at night. He probably made our solar system then also and He made it possible for us to see the beautiful stars at night. We know that there were other stars and planets already made before our world was made.

Think what the world was like then. It was very pretty, the tall trees, the sweet flowers, the green grass on the hills and valleys. But it was very quiet, just the sound of the breeze in the trees.

5 - On the fifth day all that was to change! Jesus said, "Let there be living things in the water and the air" and instantly there were fish of all sizes and colors, great whales and starfish and crabs and all kinds of things! There were also birds flying in the sky and perching in the trees, walking on the ground and above all singing! Singing praises to their Creator. The air was full of music.

6 - On the sixth day Jesus said, "Let the earth bring forth living things." What a wonderful scene! There were animals of every size and shape. Monkeys, elephants, tigers, dogs, camels, horses. (How many animals can you name?)

Thought - What kinds of things that God made do you like best?

Wednesday

Text: Genesis 1:26 "And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness:"

God did something very different when He made man. He did not just say, "Let there be a man." No, the Bible says He formed man of the dust of the ground and then breathed His own living breath into him, and man became a living soul!

God called the first man ADAM and the first thing Adam ever saw was the lovely face of Jesus his Creator! God loved Adam very much. He told him that all this pretty world with all the lovely things was all for him. Adam's first job was to name the animals and when he did this he saw a boy and a girl of each animal. He wondered where his girl was.

Then Jesus caused Adam to go to sleep and He took one of his ribs and made a WOMAN! When Adam woke up he called her EVE and she was his wife. Jesus performed the first marriage!

Eden

Even though the earth was full of lovely things, God did even more for Adam and Eve; He made them a beautiful garden and gave it to them to be their home. We can't even imagine how pretty it was, but someday, if we are faithful, we will see that garden! Yes, before the flood, that garden was taken to heaven and it is still there.

Thought - Wouldn't it be nice to live in a lovely garden?

Thursday

Text: Genesis 2:3 "And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made."

God loved Adam and Eve so much that the first whole day they ever had, He came to spend it with them. His work was done and it was perfect, and now He made the Sabbath as a time to enjoy all the things He had made.

Jesus came to be with His children. They walked together and talked together and saw all the beautiful perfect creation. There were no bad or hurtful things anywhere. It was a world ruled by love! They even sang songs with the angels.

God still wants to be with us in a special way on the Sabbath. It is a time to enjoy Creation, to learn more about God and Jesus and to count our blessings and sing sweet songs to Praise Him. He promises to be with us on that

day. He made the Sabbath so we would never forget that He made us and loves us.

Thought - Try and imagine the whole world peaceful and lovely, nothing bad anywhere.

Friday

Text: John 1:3 "All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made."

I want you to think for a moment about other lessons from the Creation Story. When Jesus saves a sinner and recreates him, He does much the same things as He did when He created the earth.

First He sends LIGHT. Light means truth. When the sinner reads or hears truth from the Bible he begins to think about God.

Second He sends AIR. Air in the Bible refers to the Holy Spirit, Who comes to the sinner and begins to teach him and show him his sins and helps him to repent so Jesus can forgive him.

Third PLANTS. Well the Bible tells us when we have God's light and we repent and the Holy Spirit comes in, then we bear fruit. It says "But

the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Meekness, temperance;" Galatians 5:22,23 Think for a moment about what these things mean.

Fourth HEAVENLY LIGHTS. "But unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings;" Malachi 4:2 as Jesus power comes into our lives, Just like the plants grow by the power of the sunlight, so we begin to grow up to become more like Jesus.

Fifth BIRDS. We are so full of happiness when we really belong to Jesus that our hearts are full of joy. We begin to sing praises to Him just like the birds.

Sixth MAN. Finally, as we are saved from our sins, we become new men and women, or boys and girls with characters like Jesus!

Seventh SABBATH! When we are real 'born again' Christians, we rest in Jesus and enjoy being with Jesus. We know we are His children and we can trust Him to always love us and take care of us.

Thought - Try and see other lessons that the Creation Story can teach us. = ^..^ =



JESUS WANTS ME FOR A SUNBEAM

**Jesus wants me for a sunbeam,
To shine for Him each day;
In every way try to please Him,
At home, at school, at play.**

**Jesus wants me to be loving,
And kind to all I see;
Showing how pleasant and happy
His little one can be.**

**I will ask Jesus to help me
To keep my heart from sin,
Ever reflecting His goodness,
And always shine for Him.**

**I'll be a sunbeam for Jesus;
I can if I but try;
Serving Him moment by moment,
Then live with Him on high.**