

**Story Time - Read the story to the children**  
**Lesson 148: THE TRUE AND LIVING GOD**  
**JEREMIAH 10:1-16**

Family of Israel, listen to the LORD! This is what the LORD says: "Don't live like people from other nations. Don't be afraid of special signs in the sky. The other nations are afraid of what they see in the sky. But you must not be afraid of them. The customs of other people are worth nothing. Their idols are nothing but wood from the forest. Their idols are made by workers with their chisels. They make their idols beautiful with silver and gold, and decorate them with copper and brass. They use hammers and nails to fasten their idols down so that they will not fall over. The idols of the other nations are like a scarecrow in a cucumber field. They cannot walk. They cannot talk, and the people must carry them. So don't be afraid of their idols. They cannot hurt you. And they cannot help you either." LORD, there is no one like you. You are great! Your name is great and powerful! Everyone should respect you, King of all the nations. You deserve their respect. There are many wise men among the nations, but not one of them is as wise as you. All the people of the other nations are stupid and foolish. Their teachings come from worthless wooden statues. They use silver from the city of Tarshish and gold from the city of Uphaz and make their statues. Carpenters and metalworkers make the idols. They put blue and purple clothes on them. "Wise men" make these "gods." But the LORD is the only true God. He is the only God who is alive. He is the King who rules forever. The earth shakes when He is angry. The people of the nations cannot stop His anger. The Lord says, "Tell them this message: 'These false gods did not make heaven and earth. They will be destroyed and disappear from heaven and earth.'" God is the one who used His power and made the earth. He used His wisdom and built the world. With His understanding He stretched the sky over the earth. God causes the loud thunder, and He causes great floods of water to fall from the sky. He makes clouds rise in the sky every place on earth. He sends lightning with the rain. He brings out the wind from His storehouses. People are so stupid! Metalworkers are fooled by the idols that they themselves made. These statues are nothing but lies. They are stupid. These idols are worth nothing. They are something to make fun of. In the time of judgment they will be destroyed. But Jacob's God is not like the idols. He made everything, and Israel is the family that God chose to be His own people. His name is the LORD of Hosts.

**148. THE TRUE AND LIVING GOD**  
(JEREMIAH 10:1-16)



"But the LORD *is* the true God, He *is* the living God, and an everlasting King: at His wrath the earth shall tremble, and the nations shall not be able to abide His indignation."

**JEREMIAH 10:10**

# 148. THE TRUE AND LIVING GOD

## JEREMIAH 10:1-16

### MEMORY VERSE:

*"But the LORD is the true God; He is the living God and the everlasting King."*

JEREMIAH 10:10

### TRUE OR FALSE

1. The LORD said, "Don't be afraid of special signs in the sky. The other nations are afraid of what they see in the sky, but you must not be afraid." TRUE or FALSE
2. Their idols are powerful and real. TRUE or FALSE
3. They cut their idols from wood from the forest, and they decorate it with copper and brass. TRUE or FALSE
4. They use glue to fasten them down so they won't walk away. TRUE or FALSE
5. They put purple and blue clothes on them. TRUE or FALSE

### ANSWER THE QUESTIONS

1. Can idols hurt someone, or help someone?
2. Should God's people live like other people?
3. What are the idols made out of? Wood, gold, silver and brass?
4. Why do they use hammers and nails on their idols?
5. Are the people of the other nations smarter than God?
6. Who is the ONLY true and living God?

## **Lesson 148 Activity**

### **“Our God is the Only True and Living God”**

#### Creation Quiz

Take 6 small sticky notes or pieces of paper and write numbers 1 through 6 on them. Tape or pin them to the wall or white board, in any order (mix them up). Now cut the pictures from the template out, and tape them in random order to the wall (or pin them, or you can lay them out across the classroom table if you don't have tape or push pins)

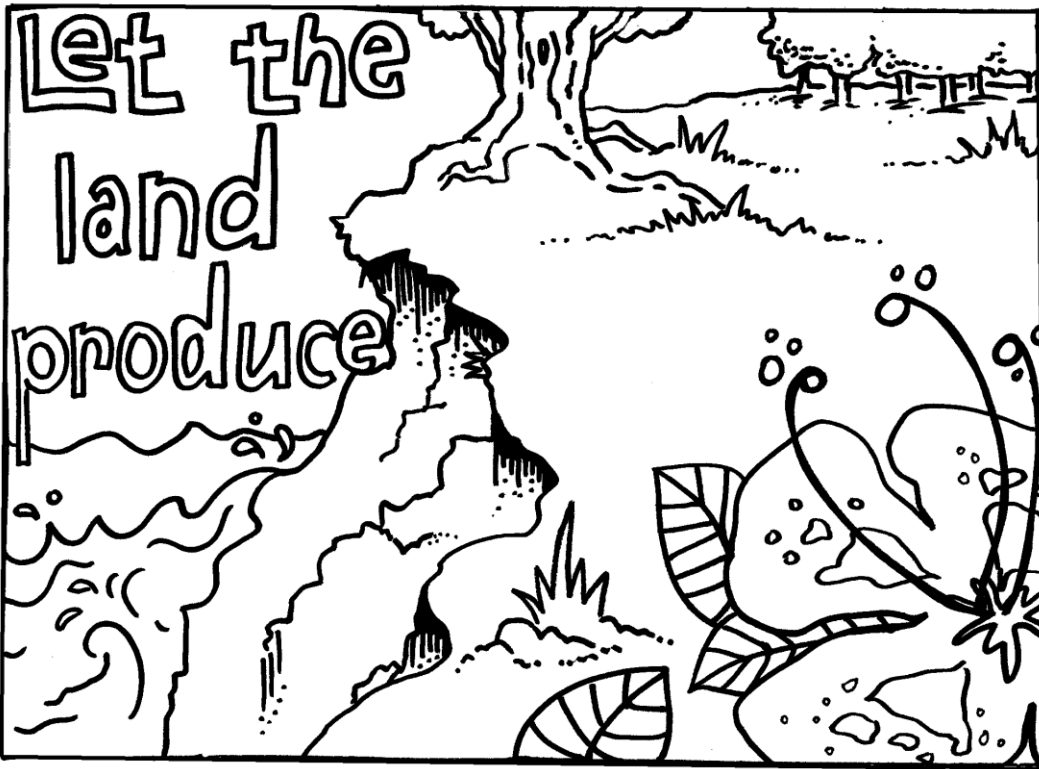
Read Genesis 1's story of Creation to the children (all 6 days in Genesis 1). Explain that God created everything, from the light and the darkness to man & woman! He is the **ONLY** true and Living God!

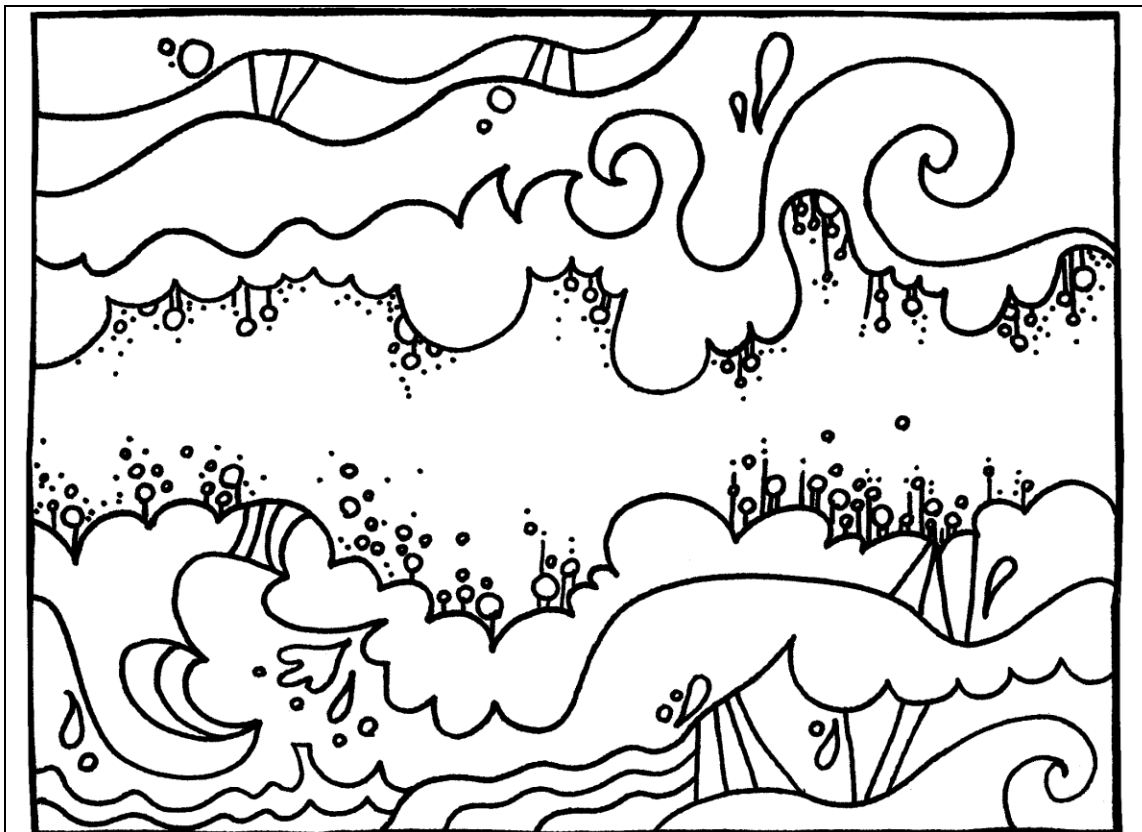
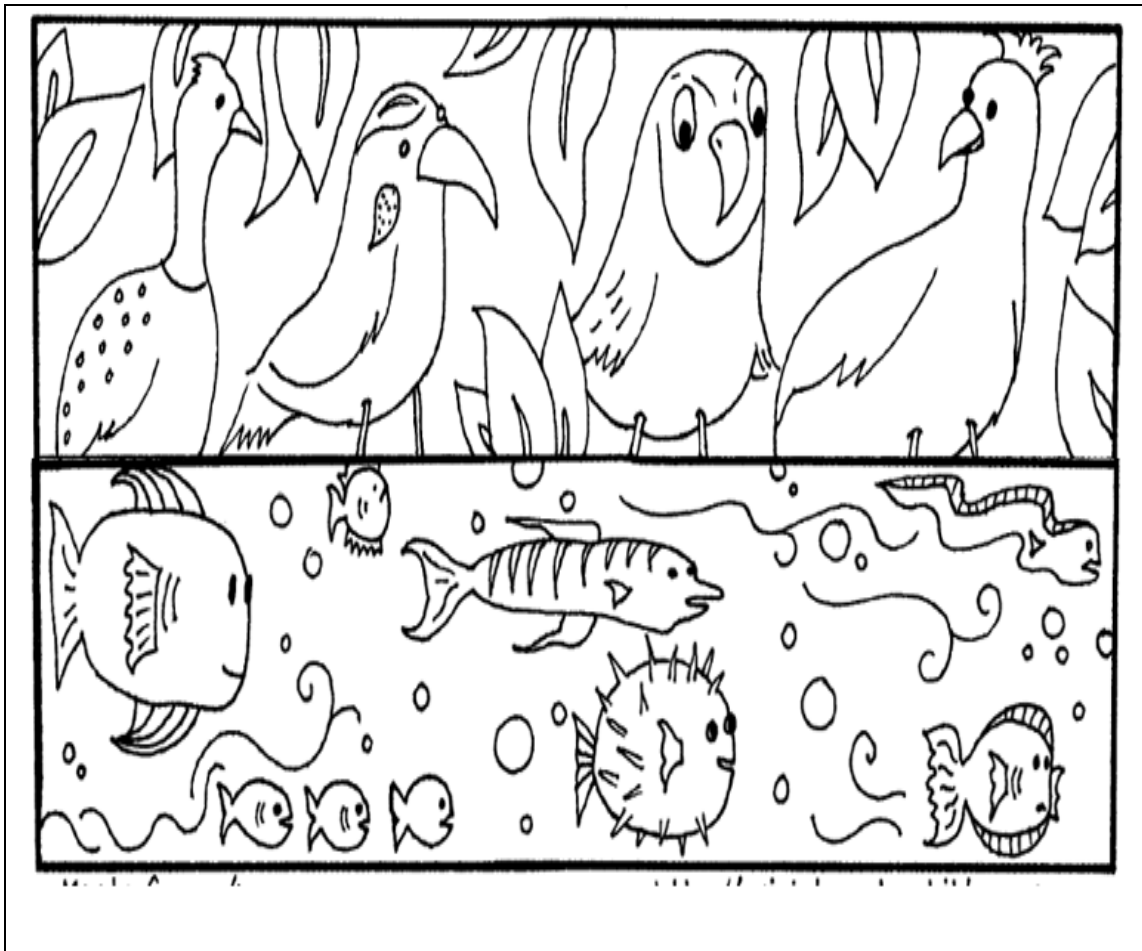
Now ask a student to look at the first number on the wall, and then go find the correct picture and put it under their number. (example, man would go under the number '6'). Continue until the children have put all the pictures under the correct day's number.

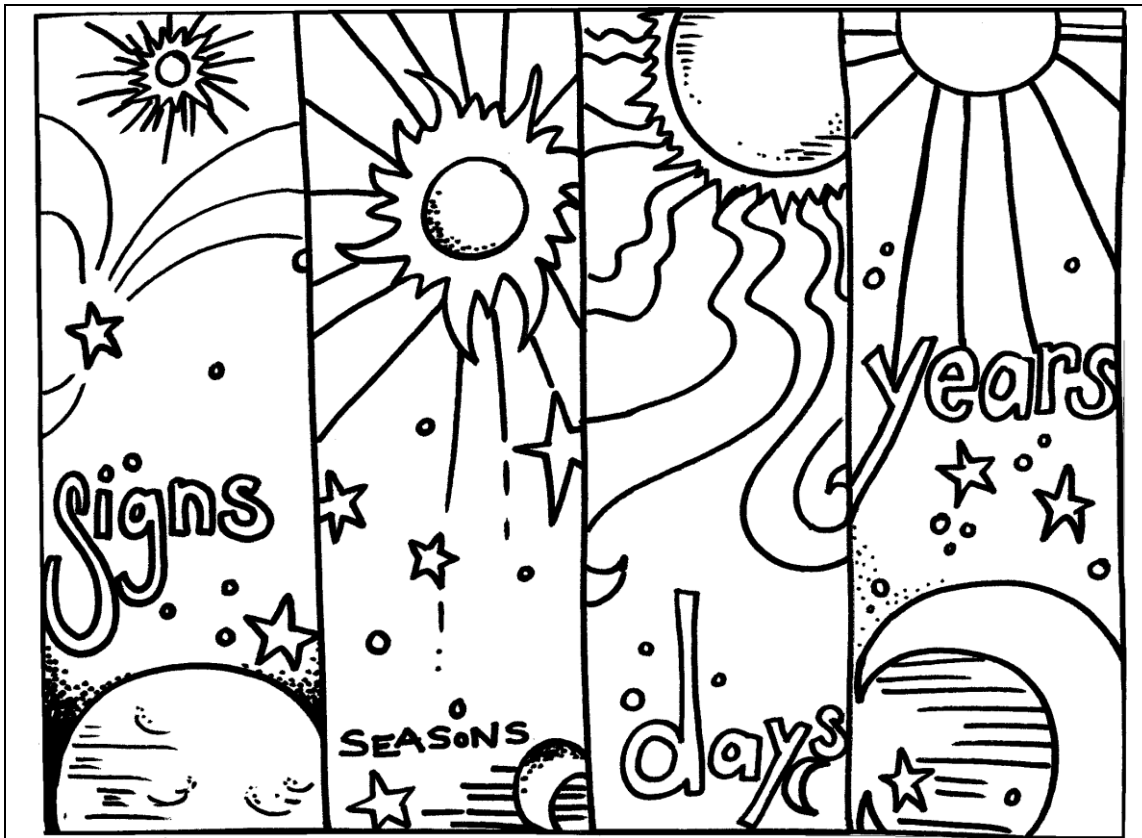
**OPTIONAL** – use the second worksheet and have the children draw a line from the correct picture to the correct day's number.

**PRAYER** Lead the children in a prayer of commitment to serve the true and the living God and keep their hearts from anything or anyone that interferes. If there are any children who have not yet responded to the Gospel, give them opportunity.

## Lesson 148 Pictures

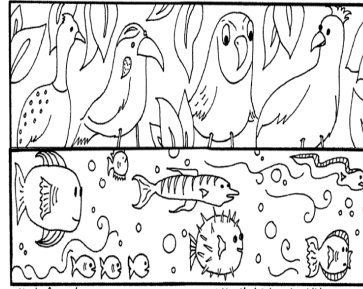






## Draw a Line from the Day to the Correct Picture

DAY 1



DAY 2



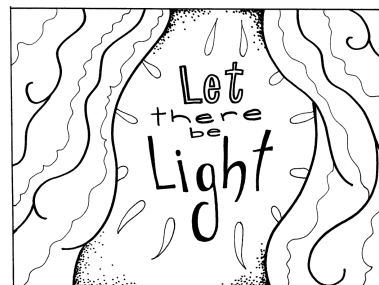
DAY 3



DAY 4



DAY 5



DAY 6

