

Activity tie-in: Astronomy

Object: Sun/Stars

Bible Verse: Psalm 8:3-4 "When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what is mankind that you are mindful of them, human beings that you care for them?"

Lesson: We have an all-powerful God that takes care of us, the same God who created the heavens and the earth.

Introduction Ideas:

- Ask general astronomy questions that would portray the idea that the universe is huge. Such as asking them to count the stars in the sky or how many stars there are?

Lesson suggestions:

- Object lesson: Ask them how big the sun is compared to earth and earth compared to a human.
- Try to show how small we are in the universe through the intro questions and the object lesson.
- Using the idea that we are tiny and seemingly insignificant, show that God still provides for us and care for us and even sent his son to save us. We are the crown of his creation and rule over it.
 - Reference- Genesis 1:26-27: "Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground. So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them."

Questions for Interactive Lesson:

- What are some examples from the Bible of God protecting or caring for his people?
 - Noah and his family (the Ark)
 - Moses freeing the Israelites from slavery
 - The sun standing still (see Joshua 10)
 - Sending Jesus to die for our sins
- How does God care and provide for you?
 - Food, clothes, loving parents, etc.
 - Stories of times God has kept them safe

Prayer: Dear God, thank you for daily protecting and providing for us though we are small among your universe. You are all powerful and strong. Help us fully trust in you and remember

that nothing can happen to us that you and I together cannot handle. In Jesus' name we pray,
Amen.