

St. Aloysius Religious Education 2017-2018
2nd Grade

- 4:00pm Welcome (Creation coloring page and *to ensure accuracy, class attendance must be accurately recorded by a catechist and not another student - class attendance is an official document retained by the parish and the diocese*)
- 4:05pm We Gather - in Prayer at the prayer table
(*use colored table covering for appropriate liturgical season*)
Use the Gospel Reading “Hearing the Word” from the previous Sunday in Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families book in the prayer box
- 4:10pm Review previous lesson using one of the pages from the Activity Book.
- 4:15pm **Chapter #3 God The Creator**
Chapter #4 God Made Us

We are made to know, love and serve God, and be happy with him forever in Heaven. All creation is a reflection of the glory of God. God’s design of our universe didn’t take any time at all and happened at the beginning of time! When He made the sun, the moon, the stars, the plants, animals, and people, He said everything was “very good” right away. He’s powerful and wise enough to know exactly how to make everything work together the way it was intended to—the first time – no experiments! And all human beings are made in the image of God, starting with Adam and Eve. As a gift from God, every human life is sacred and valuable. **We all have bodies and souls.** Angels are messengers of God, reflecting HIS wisdom as they take care of us!

- *We Believe –*

Creator = God is the Creator. He made everything out of nothing.

Adam and Eve = The first man and woman God made. Called our first parents because everything came from them.

Grace = The life of God in our souls. We receive grace from the Sacraments, prayer and doing good.

Serve = To do what God wants us to do ... to do His work.

Guardian Angel = A special angel given by God to each of us to help us.

- We Respond – *White air-dry modeling clay and paper plates*

God created everything instantly. He didn’t spend months looking off of something else, working to perfect His project. It was perfectly functional as soon as He spoke it into existence. It’s even more amazing to think that He didn’t even set aside an entire day to make one thing in particular. He made all the creatures that walk on land and swim in the ocean—hundreds of thousands of species—in one day. WOW! We serve an incredibly powerful God!

1. What was our story about today? (*God creating the heavens and the earth.*)
2. Who made day and night? (*God*)
3. Who made the sky and water? (*God*)
4. Who made land and vegetation? (*God*)
5. Who made the sun and stars? (*God*)
6. Who made the sea creatures and the birds in the sky? (*God*)
7. Who made the wild creatures, tame creatures and the creepy crawling creatures? (*God*)
8. Who made us? (*God*)

You may want to come to class a few minutes early to take the white air-dry modeling clay out of the plastic packaging. Hand out one package white air-dry modeling clay and a paper plate to each student. Now it's your turn! Pick one of the creatures God created and try to make a small model of it yourself. *They can do a person, bird, fish, or other kind of animal that they know about or like. (What the creature actually looks like is not the most important thing. It is the act of creating something from the clay that is the learning experience for the child.)* When they have completed working on their project, let those who wish to share something with the class their creature. When all have shared, tell them that *they, too, have created something from a mound of clay that had no shape or form to it before they worked with their hands. That is like the way that God formed the earth and the living creatures – from almost nothing.*

4:55pm Closing Prayer –

“Angel of God, my Guardian dear,
to whom God’s love commits me here,
ever this day (or night) be at my side,
to light and guard,
to rule and guide. Amen.”

Ask the children to say a petition aloud for someone or something they would like to pray for.

***What did God say about God’s creation?
Do I recognize that everyone and everything is perfect to God?***

Catechist Background:

http://www.vatican.va/archive/ccc_css/archive/catechism/p1s2c1p4.htm