

Joyful Catholic Families  
**Lesson #6 – Creation, Lenten Chain**

**The Creation Story:** [\(click here for a post about creation puzzles\)](#)

(I put the creation puzzles on magnetic sheets and used a magnetic white board to put the puzzle pieces on as I told the story of creation.)

Today I want to tell you a story that comes from the Bible. It is from the very beginning of the Bible.

- ❖ (Put up the #1 puzzle half.)
  - A very long time ago, there was only God. There were no people. There were no animals. There was no sun or stars or moon. There were no flowers or trees.
  - A very long time ago, God said, “Let there be light!”
  - Say it with me: “LET THERE BE LIGHT!”
  - And there was light.
  - (Put up the other half of the #1 puzzle.)
  - God said, “That’s good! That’s very good!”
  - Say it with me. “THAT’S GOOD! THAT’S VERY GOOD!”
  - What is after the #1? (2)
  
- ❖ (Put up the #2 puzzle half.)
  - On the second day – hold up two fingers –
  - What do you think God made? (sky and water)
  - God spoke and the sky separated from the waters.
  - (Put up the other half of the #2 puzzle.)
  - God said, “That’s good! That’s very good!”
  - Say it with me. “THAT’S GOOD! THAT’S VERY GOOD!”
  - What is after the #2? (3)
  
- ❖ (Put up the #3 puzzle half.)
  - On the third day – hold up 3 fingers
  - What do you think God made? God made the flowers and the trees!
  - (Put up the other half of the #3 puzzle.)
  - After making all the flowers and trees, God said, “THAT’S GOOD! THAT’S VERY GOOD!”
  - What is after the #3? (4)
  
- ❖ (Put up the #4 puzzle half.)
  - On the fourth day – hold up 4 fingers
  - What do you think God made? God made stars, planets, moon, and the sun!
  - (Put up the other half of the #4 puzzle.)
  - God said, “THAT’S GOOD! THAT’S VERY GOOD!”
  - What is after the #4? (5)

- ❖ (Put up the #5 puzzle half.)
  - On the fifth day – hold up 5 fingers
  - What do you think God made? God made the birds and the fish.
  - (Put up the other half of the #1 puzzle.)
  - God said, “THAT’S GOOD! THAT’S VERY GOOD!”
  - What is after the #5? (6)
  
- ❖ (Put up the #6 puzzle half.)
  - On the sixth day – hold up 6 fingers
  - What do you think God made? God made the animals.
  - What are some of the animals that God made?
  
  - God also made people.
  - God used mud to make a man.
  - God then breathed His Spirit into the man.
  - (Put up the other half of the #6 puzzle.)
  - God said, “THAT’S GOOD! THAT’S VERY GOOD!”
  - What is after the #6? (7)
  
- ❖ (Put up the #7 puzzle half.)
  - On the seventh day – hold up 7 fingers
  - What do you think God made?
  - God didn’t make anything. God rested.
  - What day of the week are we to rest like God did? (Sunday)
  - Sunday is our day of rest. What do you think we should do on Sundays? (rest, go to church, spend time with family – eating, playing)
  - (Put up the other half of the #7 puzzle.)
  
  - God created the world and everything that is in it.
  - What did God say? “THAT’S GOOD! THAT’S VERY GOOD!”
  
- ❖ God created each of you.
  - What do you think God said after he created you?
  - “THAT’S GOOD! THAT’S VERY GOOD!”

**Creation Game:** [\(click here for a post about the creation game\)](#)

Hand out game boards (have these ready to be used).

Children color the pictures of things created each day of creation.

Children play the game with their parents:

- Roll a die.
- Turn up the flap with the number rolled.
- Say what was created that day.
- Say what God said: “THAT’S GOOD! THAT’S VERY GOOD!”
- Leave the flap up.
- Roll the die again.
- When you have 6 flaps up, put up the last flap.
- Tell what God did on the 7<sup>th</sup> day. (He rested!)

## New Items:

(Look at the bottom of [this post](#) for the pdf of the large pictures used in this lesson.)

Put a large picture of these items in a gift bag. Take out the pictures one at a time. Ask the children the name of the item.

- **Processional crucifix:**
  - bring the crucifix to the social hall or take the children to look at it
  - When is the processional crucifix carried at Mass?
    - Opening Procession (show picture)
    - Closing procession (show picture)
  - This month watch for the two times the processional crucifix is carried at Mass.

If possible, go to the Church and see the (if not, show pictures):

- **Crucifix**
- **Presider's Chair:** where the priest sits
- **Cathedra and Bishop:** (Our parish church is the Cathedral for our diocese. If you are not at a Cathedral, you may want to skip this part.)
  - Whose chair do you think this is? (The bishop's chair)
    - Show a picture of the bishop.
    - A priest leads a parish.
    - Our bishop leads our diocese (lots of parishes in this area of the state).
    - Only the bishop sits in the cathedra.
    - Our parish, the Cathedral, is the bishop's church so we have a special chair for the bishop.
    - The other churches in our diocese do not have a special chair for the bishop.

## Creation Puzzles: [\(click here for a post about creation puzzles\)](#)

Each child gets a set of the puzzles and puts them together with his/her parents helping.

## Lenten chain: [\(click here for the website with a Lenten prayer chain to print\)](#)

- This Wednesday we begin a new season in the church year. What do you think it is? (Lent)
- What color of vestment does Father wear during Lent? (purple)
- What does Lent prepare us for? (Easter)
- What do we celebrate at Easter? (Jesus' rising from the dead)
- What color of vestments does Father wear during the Easter season? (white)
  
- Show a sample Lenten chain
- Explain how to use the Lenten chain:
  - Take off one link of the chain each day of Lent
  - Pray the prayer on the link
- Each child makes a Lenten chain with his/her parents.

## Pass out Home lessons and pages for Mass books:

[\(Find the Mass booklet pages in this post.\)](#)

## Stickers:

- Give each child a sticker as they leave.

## **Supplies:**

Nametags & Permanent markers  
Prayers for prayer rings  
Home lessons  
Snack  
Plates, napkins, water & glasses  
Stickers (for each child at the end of class)

Magnetic white board  
Large puzzle pieces on magnetic sheets  
(or large puzzle pieces, tape and a board or wall to tape them to)

New pages for the children's Mass booklets:

- Crucifix
- Processional crucifix
- Opening procession
- Closing procession
- Bishop
- Cathedra
- Presider's chair

Big pictures of the following items or show the children the actual items:

- Processional crucifix
- Opening Procession
- Closing procession
- Crucifix
- Presider's chair
- Bishop
- Cathedra

Creation games (already made)

Crayons

Dice with numbers 1-6 on them

Creation puzzles (one for each child)

Copies of Lenten chain

Glue sticks

Sample Lenten chain

Plastic bags to carry the chains home