

## Lesson Introduction

God gathered the waters together to form the earth. Besides the water God wanted there to be land on the earth so he gathered the water into the seas and told the dry ground to appear.

People and animals need land to live on. Plants grow on the land. Without land there wouldn't life on earth. God is making the earth a good place to live so he made areas of both land and water on the earth.

## Discussion Questions

Day 1: What did God do on the third day of creation? What shape is the earth? Which is there more of on earth: water or ground?

Day 2: In what three forms does water exist on earth? In what form is most of the water on earth found? Where is liquid water stored?

Day 3: What happens when the sun shines down on the water? What does water vapor in the air become? What happens to clouds? What happens to the water vapor in the clouds?

Day 4: What happens to the water from the clouds that fall to the ground? What would earth be like if there were no water? Why?

Day 5: What is the water cycle?

Day 6: Why is Jesus called the living water? If Jesus is living water, what should we do? What does that mean?

## Lesson Rhyme

W—W            Make sign of “W”

Water            Make “W” sign with both hands and move in wave motion

Cycles            Move “W” in a circle.

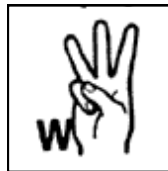
all around

W—W—Water    Same as above

From the sea    Move both hands in a wave motion

to air            Move open hands in opposite directions in front of face

to ground        Cross hands palms down in front. Move out in a flat line.



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# What is the water cycle?



W—W—Water

Cycles all around

W—W—Water

From the sea to air to ground

## Day 1

God created water  
and he made the earth a sphere.  
Then on creation's third day,  
he made dry ground appear.  
The water in the oceans,  
takes up most earth's space.  
The water's never used up,  
it just moves from place to place.

*Draw a picture of the water on earth.*

Genesis 1:9-10: <sup>9</sup> And God said, "Let the water under the sky be gathered to one place, and let dry ground appear." And it was so. <sup>10</sup> God called the dry ground "land," and the gathered waters he called "seas." And God saw that it was good.

## Day 6

Jesus is the living water,  
bringing life to men.  
Flowing through our hearts  
and cleansing us from sin.  
Like the water on the earth,  
which we drink to live.  
We should thirst for Christ,  
and the life that he does give.

*Draw a picture of Jesus.*

John 4:13-14: <sup>13</sup> Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, <sup>14</sup> but whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

## Day 5

The water cycle functions,  
the way it needs to be.  
Water rising as a gas  
when the sun shines on the sea.  
Clouds they form from vapor  
collected in a mass,  
Dropping rain upon the land  
when over it they pass.  
In rivers to the sea,  
water will flow back  
'Cause God designed the cycle  
to always stay on track.

*Draw a picture of the water cycle.*

## Day 2

The cycle water goes through  
is part of God's design.  
He keeps it going all the time  
so water we can find.  
As a liquid water flows  
in rivers to the sea.  
The oceans store the water  
that all the earth does need.

*Draw a picture of an ocean.*

Job 37:5-7: <sup>5</sup> God's voice thunders in marvelous ways; he does great things beyond our understanding. <sup>6</sup> He says to the snow, 'Fall on the earth,' and to the rain shower, 'Be a mighty down-pour.' <sup>7</sup> So that all men he has made may know his work, he stops every man from his labor.

Job 37:10-12: <sup>10</sup> The breath of God produces ice, and the broad waters become frozen. <sup>11</sup> He loads the clouds with moisture; he scatters his lightning through them. <sup>12</sup> At his direction they swirl around over the face of the whole earth to do whatever he commands them.

## Day 3

When the sun shines down on water  
some will turn to gas,  
Water vapor rising up  
to form a cloudy mass.  
The clouds move over land,  
when the wind does blow.  
Droplets form and fall,  
as rain or sleet or snow.

*Draw a picture of the sun shining on the ocean.*

## Day 4

Droplets run into the rivers  
or soak down in the ground.  
The water in the cycle  
just keeps going round and round.  
Water all around,  
is what makes the earth of worth.  
Without the water cycle,  
there'd be no life on earth.

*Draw a picture of rain and a river.*

Job 36:27-28: <sup>27</sup> "He draws up the drops of water, which distill as rain to the streams <sup>28</sup> the clouds pour down their moisture and abundant showers fall on mankind.

Job 36:29-31: <sup>29</sup> Who can understand how he spreads out the clouds, how he thunders from his pavilion? <sup>30</sup> See how he scatters his lightning about him, bathing the depths of the sea.  
<sup>31</sup> This is the way he governs the nations and provides food in abundance.