

Lesson Introduction

After God created Adam and Eve he told them to have children and to fill the earth and to rule over it. When God tells us to rule over the earth that means that we are to use God's creation wisely and for good purposes. We take care of the animals and the plants and trees and make the land produce good things.

Discussion Questions

Day 1: What did God want Adam and Eve to do? What does entrust mean?

Day 2: What are we accountable to God for? What does that mean we should do?

Day 3: What does it mean to steward the earth?

Day 4: What makes God glad? What does it mean to indulge ourselves? What is greed?

Day 5: How are we to treat living things? What does that mean we do?

Day 6: What should we thank God for? What does it mean that God made creation good? What does that mean we should do?

Lesson Rhyme

R—R	Make sign of "R"
Rule	Pound R fist on L palm
Treat earth with great respect	Make sign of "R" with both hands, Move down and out in front
R—R—Rule	Same as above.
In the way God does expect	Lift arms up in air above head, leave there Palms towards body move fingers down and up



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How are we to rule the earth?



R—R—Rule

Treat earth with great respect

R—R—Rule

In the way God does expect

Day 1

When God created Adam,
he gave Eve as his wife.
He told them both to marry
and fill the earth with life.
The earth God had created
he entrusted it to man.
Wanting man to rule it
in the best way that he can.

Draw a picture of Adam and Eve with children.

Genesis 1:28: ²⁸ God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground."

Day 6

We appreciate the greatness
of God and all he's done,
Thanking him for making
the earth, the stars, and sun.
When we look at God's creation,
we see God made it good.
So we are sure to treat it
in the way we know we should.

Draw a picture of you walking through a forest.

Psalms 106:2-3: ² Who can proclaim the mighty acts of the LORD or fully declare his praise? ³ Blessed are they who maintain justice, who constantly do what is right.

Day 5

The earth and every living thing
we treat with due respect,
Because taking care of planet earth
is what God does expect.
Living things need air and water
so they can grow and thrive
So we take care of the things
that they need to stay alive.

Draw a picture of you giving a dog water.

Day 2

To God we are accountable
for everything we do.
So we want to know and follow
what is good and true.
Under man's authority,
God put every thing.
So man should treat earth well
and to God great glory bring.

Draw a picture of earth and things God created.

Psalm 8:6-8: ⁶ You made him ruler over the works of your hands; you put everything under his feet: ⁷ all flocks and herds, and the beasts of the field, ⁸ the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, all that swim the paths of the seas.

Psalm 115:16: ¹⁶ The highest heavens belong to the LORD, but the earth he has given to man.

Day 3

That means we steward earth
and all it does contain.
We understand that hurting earth,
causes God real pain.
Steward means take care of
and use all things with care.
Not wasting precious resources
God gave us all to share.

Draw a picture of a boy and a girl planting a tree.

Day 4

We want to rule earth wisely,
so God will be quite glad.
So we don't indulge ourselves
or follow every fad.
We are mindful of our attitude,
we're not filled with greed.
We're careful that we only buy
the things we really need.

Draw a picture of you shopping at a grocery store.

Psalm 103:17-18: ¹⁷ But from everlasting to everlasting the LORD's love is with those who fear him, and his righteousness with their children's children— ¹⁸ with those who keep his covenant and remember to obey his precepts.

Ecclesiastes 5:11-12: ¹¹ As goods increase, so do those who consume them. And what benefit are they to the owner except to feast his eyes on them? ¹² The sleep of a laborer is sweet, whether he eats little or much, but the abundance of a rich man permits him no sleep.