

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## Lesson Passage—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."*



### THIS WEEK'S BIG QUESTION

**What responsibility has God given to man?**

### MEMORY VERSE

## Psalm 115:16

*The highest heavens belong to the LORD,  
but the earth he has given to man.*

Through God's word we discover what is right and true.  
Then we live it out in all we say and do.



# Thinking It Through

## Level 3—Parent Notes:

- **Daily Reading:** Depending on the age and ability of the child, or parent preference, the child may do the work in this journal independently or read with and dictate an answer to the parent. After reading the day’s rhyme and the Bible verse, the child should draw a picture that relates to that day’s reading and answer the question at the bottom of the page. Have the child answer questions about the day’s reading from the **Daily Reading Questions** at the back of the booklet. Personal ideas and additional questions from the parent can also be included.
- **Lesson Verse:** The lesson verse which answers the week’s big question should be practiced daily. One way to do this is to black out words in the verse each day and say the verse inserting the correct word. By the end of the week the whole verse would be blacked out and recited by memory. Depending on the age and/or ability of the child, either the whole verse or the part of the verse between brackets on the cover can be memorized.
- **Concluding Lesson:** The parent should discuss with the child the **Thinking it Through** questions: What important truth did you learn this week? How can you apply that truth in your life? After discussing the questions the child should write down (or dictate to the parent) the answers and a prayer at the end of the booklet. The child can then complete the other activities.
- **Completion:** If the student brings this booklet back to the teacher on Sunday, with each day’s work completed and the lesson verse memorized, the student will receive acknowledgement of a job well done.
- **Way to go, parents!** Your faithfulness in teaching your children the deed and statutes of the Lord isn’t always easy, but it honors God and will have an eternal impact. Keep up the good work! Remember Galatians 6:9, *Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.*

The important truth I learned this week is:

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I can apply that truth by:

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My prayer to God is:

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## Daily Reading 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?

## Concluding Lesson

Review: What does it mean to steward the earth? How are we to treat living things?

Prayer: Thank God for the goodness of his creation and all that he has made and done. Thank him for giving man the responsibility to rule over the earth. Pray that you would treat his creation with respect and care.

Application: Think about things you as a family can do to take better care of God's creation.

Thinking It Through: Have the child write or dictate what important truth was learned from the lesson, how he/she can apply that truth, and a prayer to God.

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## What responsibility has God given to man?



God gave the earth to man to  
take care of.

**Day 1** Draw a picture of Adam and Eve with children.

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.

What does the verse mean?

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Genesis 1:28: <sup>28</sup> 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** Draw a picture of you walking in nature.

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 try to take good care of it  
in the way we should.

What does the verse mean?

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

## Day 5 Draw a picture of you feeding a dog.

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 earth  
and what things need to stay alive.

What does the verse mean?

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

## Day 2 Draw a picture of the earth and created things.

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 we should treat earth well  
and to God great glory bring.

What does the verse mean?

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

## Day 3

Draw a picture of children planting a tree.

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  
that God gave us to share.

What does the verse mean?

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

## Day 4

Draw a picture of you shopping at a store.

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.

What does the verse mean?

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