

Year 1 Bible Outline for Primary–Junior Youth

Quarter 4, Summer 2015: God’s Creation

	Date	Title	Scripture text	Bible story	Purpose statements
God’s Wonderful World	1. May 31	Let there be light!	Genesis 1:1–5; Psalm 119:105, 130; Isaiah 9:2; Matthew 5:14–16; John 1:1–9	God created light. God’s people’s good deeds are light for the world. The one who was the Word gives light that nothing can put out.	To notice the theme of light throughout the Bible
	2. June 7	God tends a garden in Eden	Genesis 2:4–19	God formed a man and animals from the dust. God planted a garden home for them. God put the man in the garden to care for it and brought animals to him for naming.	To appreciate and care for God’s creation
	3. June 14	God answers Job	Job 38:1–42:6	In difficult times Job turned to God with questions. God answered Job in a whirlwind. After hearing many examples from nature, Job affirmed that God can do all things.	To learn about the majestic mystery of God, shown in creation
	4. June 21	God cares for the earth	Psalm 104	The earth is full of God’s creatures. God provides sustenance and protection for all, from singing birds and human beings to the young lions and sea creatures.	To reflect on creation through the poetry of a psalm
	5. June 28	Trust in God’s care	Psalm 121	Pilgrims to Jerusalem sang this song on their journey. Help comes from God, creator of heaven and earth. We can trust in God’s care both day and night.	To imagine singing a psalm while traveling outdoors
Examples from Nature	6. July 5	The sower and the seed	Mark 4:1–20	Some of a sower’s seed fell on the path, rocky ground, thorns, and good soil. Jesus interpreted the seed as the word of the kingdom.	To compare God’s message to a growing seed
	7. July 12	The vine and the branches	John 15:1–17	Jesus called himself the true vine of God. He called on followers to abide in him, as he abided in God. God is glorified by branches that bear good fruit.	To learn about life in God from the image of grapevines
	8. July 19	Growing the fruit of the Spirit	Galatians 5:13–26	The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Paul warned against conceit, competition, and envy.	To imagine spiritual qualities as life-giving fruit
	9. July 26	The Good Shepherd	John 10:1–18; Psalm 23	The psalmist speaks of people as sheep and God as a caring shepherd. Jesus contrasted a shepherd and a thief. He said that he was the Good Shepherd.	To be comforted by the images of God care
Sharing God’s World	10. Aug. 2	Sharing the harvest	Ruth 2	God told the people to leave part of their harvest for those who had no land. Boaz shared the bounty of his land with Ruth. He honored Ruth for her devotion to Naomi.	To hear God’s call to share the goodness of the earth
	11. Aug. 9	Jubilee	Leviticus 25:8–55	God’s laws included provision for a fiftieth year of rest and equality. Freedom and land would be restored to those who had incurred debts.	To join God in bringing freedom and fairness
	12. Aug. 16	Celebrating the harvest	Leviticus 23:33–43; Deuteronomy 16:13–15	The Festival of Booths came at the end of harvest time. Families lived outdoors for seven days, remembering God’s provision and the Israelite exodus from Egypt.	To celebrate the harvest with thanksgiving to God
	13. Aug. 23	Love your neighbor	Mark 12:28–34	A scribe asked what the most important commandment is. Jesus told him that the first commandment is to love God; the second is to love your neighbor as yourself.	To love our neighbors as Jesus instructed