THE CREATION FACTORY

Preschool Week 2

PARENT BIBLE STUDY Read: Genesis 1:9. 20-23

On the second and third days of creation, God separated the water from the sky and created land so that there were marked seas and oceans. Then, on the fifth and sixth day of creation, he filled the waters with moving, breathing creatures and the waters came to life.

When God filled the oceans and seas with whales, he knew that one day soon he would use one of those whales to teach Jonah a valuable lesson about following him; that you can never truly run from a God who is always present. God also knew that Jesus would show his disciples that he was in fact fully God by controlling creation and bringing calm to a chaotic and dangerous storm. Isn't it amazing to think that Jesus was the very Word of God (John 1:1) that spoke into being the water of the sea he would one day walk on in front of his disciples?

And what if God hadn't created fish? What if God hadn't then blessed the fish and said, "Be fruitful and multiply. Let the fish fill the seas..." (Genesis 1:22) These are the fish that played a key role when Jesus fed 5,000 people with what started out as just two loaves of bread and five fish. These are also the same fish that jumped eagerly into the nets of Jesus' soon-to-be disciples when they were looking for reasons to follow him. Looking at these miracles through the filter of the creation story brings the creation story a whole new significance. Are you beginning to grasp the intentionality of God? He never wastes a single thing—not a single moment or a single life. God's handprints are across creation, and creation continues to carry out God's plans and display God's miracles.

Can you think of other stories where creation carried out God's plan?

How has God used his creation to teach you more about his intentionality?