

MAN IN GOD'S CREATION - KINDERGARTEN OVERVIEW

The whole kindergarten year is on "Man in God's Creation," the parts of the body, care of the body, and the difference between man and animals.

In God's creation man is most important. We need to tell them that man is the most important thing in God's creation. Man is special and man was created by God. We tell them how God made them in such a unique way. How they are different. Man is different from the animals and what men can do that the animals can not do. We spend a lot of time on the differences between man and the animals. Then we spend time concerning people: the differences among people such as their appearance, height, color; yet the sameness of all people. Eventually, our point is that God made from one, every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth. All men are the same. It is a big thing to put into first graders of kindergarteners that in spite of all the apparent differences in color, in race, in language, and all these things, yet all mankind is one. The King James Version says, "of one blood." All mankind are the same. In God's eyes there is no difference. With kindergarteners, if you can put this thought that there is no difference among men, what a benefit it will be to them spiritually and humanly. What a benefit to society to raise children with no prejudice, no bias.

Before they go to school we can kill evolution. We can kill all the thoughts of evolution before they ever hear it. We can put the antidote in them.

There is a God who made the universe. He made man unique and special in creation. Their bodies are so wonderfully made. In this section on man we cover how to take care of our body; how the body has to be clothed and has to be covered. This is a big thing to them. We have to preserve this sense of modesty in our children, not to uncover themselves. Clothing is important to cover our bodies. You do not have to give them a detailed lesson about the birds and the bees. You just have to put these facts into them real young.

We give them the facts about not eating junk food. Too much candy is not good. We should help them to eat the proper food.

We teach them how to take care of their feelings. This is a big thing. You are not always happy. Well, what do you do? You hit somebody because you are not happy? No!

We cover the physical aspect of man, the psychological aspect of man, and eventually the spiritual aspect of man. There is something inside of you that tells you what is right and what is not right. Then give them some simple examples: When you say "No!" to your mother, how do you feel inside? You do not feel so good. There is something inside of you. You have to develop in them this sense, this inward sense, of what is right and what is wrong. This is part of man.

The preceding are the blending of briefly edited transcriptions of Gene Gruhler's sharings given in several localities.