

# *2012 Vacation Bible School*

# **Outside Eden**

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**Purpose:**

This is a 7-day meeting, and although it requires a lot of work, preparation, and organization, I believe it is well worth it. What we hope to achieve through this Vacation Bible School is the following:

1. Clearly present the plan of salvation through Jesus Christ alone as the theme of the Bible from the very beginning of the fall of man.
2. To present this message to as many children, young people, and teens as we can attract in an honest and God-honoring fashion.
3. To represent the members of Iola Baptist Church as men and women “of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom”

**Plan:**

There will be two series of lessons going on during this week, the classroom lessons, and the main assembly lessons. In the classrooms, divided by the appropriate age groups, the students will be learning each creation day and all that was made during that period of time:

Monday—God creates the universe (unformed) and He creates light (also unformed).

Tuesday—God creates the earth’s atmosphere (containing water vapor, and possibly a canopy of ice that isn’t there anymore) to protect the earth and trap in gasses that are essential for life).

Wednesday—God makes the earth to stand out of the water, causing there to be dry land and also seas where the water is trapped. Then God created plants (grass, herbs, vegetables, and fruit) with seeds in them so they can produce more plants.

Thursday—God creates stars, planets, and moons in the universe, and puts everything in its proper order most beneficial for life on earth.

Friday—God makes creatures to live in the waters and creatures that fly in the atmosphere.

Saturday—God makes creatures that live in and on the dry land. All of the creatures are made to be able to have babies that can make more creatures. Last of all, He creates mankind

Sunday—God rests and lets all that He created show His glory.

In the main assembly, the lessons will be as follows:

Monday—Adam discusses “The Creation Of Heaven and Earth”

Tuesday—Adam discusses “The Creation Of Man”

Wednesday—Eve discusses “The Creation Of Woman”

Thursday—Adam and Eve discuss “The Serpent And The Temptation”

Friday—Eve discusses “The Fall Of Mankind”

Saturday—Adam discusses “The Curse Of Mankind”

Sunday—Adam discusses “The Salvation Of Mankind”

Each of these main lessons will be presented in the form of a skit in which Adam or Eve or both Adam and Eve are teaching their young children Cain, Abel, and their daughters (will not name or develop the daughter characters as they are not mentioned specifically in the Bible).

The order of service will be as follows:

1. Assembly (6:30-6:45)
  - Welcome
  - Songs
  - Penny March
2. Skit (6:45-7:00)
3. Moses (5 commandments of VBS)/dismissal (7:00-7:05)
4. Class time (7:05-7:15)
5. Assembly (7:20-7:30)
  - songs
  - verse
  - prizes announced (prizes given out after lesson)
6. Final lesson (7:30-7:45)
7. Announcements & POINTS Announced (7:45-8:00)

## Class Lessons: (Genesis 1-2:1-3)

### Day 1 “Let there be light”

#### Introduction.

For thousands of years, people have been trying to figure out exactly what everything in the world is made of, where it came from, and how it works. And the more people discover about our universe, the more questions they have. No one was here except for God when the world was created and no one is smart enough to figure out how He did it.

But we can trust God. He has given us His Word. The Bible tells us everything God wants us to know for sure about creation.

**Exodus 20: 11** says, *“For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is...”* This week, in class time, we are going to learn about the six days of creation.

#### God creates the heaven and the earth

- 1 ¶ *In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.*
- 2 *And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.*
- 3 ¶ *And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.*
- 4 *And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness.*
- 5 *And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day.*

**The earth was “without form” (Genesis 1:1).** In other words, God made all the stuff that makes up the universe. We know of 118 types of materials that make up the universe (we call them elements: like gold, silver, iron, oxygen, carbon...), but there are probably more that we don’t know about. Everything we can see was made up of these “elements.” So if somebody said, “God didn’t make that chair, people made it,” you could say, but God made all the stuff that that chair is made of.”

Then, God began to put things in order. *“The Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. (v. 2)”* We don’t know exactly what that means, but somehow He was working to bring order into what was out of order.

#### God makes light (v. 3)

The sun wasn’t created yet, but there can still be light without the sun. There are lots of light sources. Just like the earth was without form, I believe light was without form at first. God made it exist, but there was no order to it. God is really good at putting things in order. And He likes us to be “orderly.” **1 Corinthians 14:40** says, *“Let all things be done decently and in order.”*

So the next time you are cleaning up your room, or brushing your hair, you can think about this. God is a God of order, and He likes for us to keep things in order. And if things in your life seem all out of order, God wants to put them back in order if you will let Him.

## Day 2 “Let there be a firmament”

6 ¶ *And God said, Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters.*

7 *And God made the firmament, and divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament: and it was so.*

8 *And God called the firmament Heaven. And the evening and the morning were the second day.*

A “firmamam”...no a “firnamum”... a “firmanent”...no, a **“firmament!”** What in the world does that mean? Well, it comes from a word that means “to stretch” or “to spread out.” When you look up at the sky, you see it looks kind of like a big blue sheet.

The Bible says **“*And God made the firmament, and divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament...(Genesis 1:7)*”** There is water on earth and water in the sky. We can still see clouds in the sky, although things probably looked a lot different when God first made them, and we don’t know exactly what that “water in the sky” looked like.

Some people even think that there used to be ice above our sky. Perhaps that is where all the rain came from during Noah’s flood. With all that ice (or water) gone, harmful rays from the sun could part of the reason people don’t live as long as they did before the flood. In Noah’s day, people lived around 900 years, but now very few live to be 100 years old.

One thing we know for sure is that God created this “firmament” for a reason. Everything between the water in the sky and the water on earth is known as our “atmosphere.” The atmosphere traps in all the elements (we talked about that word a bit yesterday) that we need to live. Without oxygen, and carbon, and things like that being trapped in our atmosphere, nothing would be living on earth today. We know of no other planet in the universe like ours. God made Earth very special.

God always knows best. He knows what we need even when we don’t know we need it. This is true about God’s word. You can simply trust what the Bible says and obey what God tells you to do. Even if you don’t understand why you need to do it, God knows. He knows what is best for you.

## Day 3 “Let the dry land appear”

9 ¶ *And God said, Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together unto one place, and let the dry land appear: and it was so.*

10 *And God called the dry land Earth; and the gathering together of the waters called he Seas: and God saw that it was good.*

11 *And God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed is in itself, upon the earth: and it was so.*

12 *And the earth brought forth grass, and herb yielding seed after his kind, and the tree yielding fruit, whose seed was in itself, after his kind: and God saw that it was good.*

13 *And the evening and the morning were the third day.*

### **Dry land rises from the water**

Remember that the whole Earth was covered with water at first, but now God would make land to appear. The land came up out of the water. Hills and mountains rose up until giant puddles of water collected and made seas. Did you know that the ground still moves around today? We can sometimes feel earthquakes when this happens. Sometimes lava shoots up out from under the earth and makes more land. Some little islands are actually growing all the time.

### **Grass, plants, and trees come up from the dry land**

On the dry land, God made grass, and plants, and trees to grow. These can grow fruit that have seeds in them. These seeds can make new grass, or plants, or trees to grow.

Have you ever taken a seed out of a piece of fruit and used that seed to grow another plant or fruit tree? Isn't it amazing that you can do that with a little tiny seed? God made it all to work that way so that we can eat the fruit, and grow more trees so that we can have more fruit, and on and on.

God always plans ahead. He knew that people and animals would need to eat fruit, vegetables, grain, and all that yummy stuff. So, God made it to grow, and He made it to grow seeds so that people could grow more and more fruit. He knew that plants would need light and water in order to grow. He knew that the plants would all give us oxygen so we could breath...it was all planned out.

Do you plan ahead? Every choice that you make should be thought through. What will happen if I do that? How is this decision going to affect me later? What will I need to have later, and how can I be prepared for that? The Bible teaches us a lot about being prepared. The most important thing to be prepared for, however, is what will happen when we die. This week, we are going to be hearing about some bad things that happen because we have all disobeyed God. We are all going to die some day, and I want you to be prepared. So, listen closely in the assembly lessons.

## **Day 4 "Let there be lights in the firmament of heaven"**

14 ¶ *And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years:*

15 *And let them be for lights in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth: and it was so.*

16 *And God made two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night: he made the stars also.*

17 *And God set them in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth,*

18 *And to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness: and God saw that it was good.*

19 *And the evening and the morning were the fourth day.*

### To divide day from night

Someone might say, “I thought God made light on the first day.” That is right. He did, but it was a different kind of light than the sun and the moon and the stars, because God didn’t make those until the fourth day. God put the earth and other planets in our solar system in orbit around our sun, and He made the moons to orbit around the planets. He made other solar systems, too. He did all this so that we could have plenty of light during the day, and just enough light during the night.

### For signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years.

Since the day God made the sun, the moon, the stars, and the planets, there have been seasons, days, and years. This would become very important for us. Because of these we can tell, not only when it is time to wake up or go to bed, we can also tell what month it is, and what year. For example, it helps us to figure out when our next birthday is.

Aren’t you glad we can trust the sun to come up every morning? What if the earth decided to stop spinning for a while, and we didn’t get to see the sun until the earth decided it was ready to spin again? What if the moon decided it didn’t want to hang out around our planet anymore, so it just traveled off to another planet? Of course, that would never happen! God made everything to work just right.

We can trust God that He will never leave us nor forsake us. He is always there, and He doesn’t change. Maybe you used to pray, but you don’t anymore. Will you start praying again? God is still there. Maybe you have a problem that you just can’t handle. Will you give it to God and let Him take care of it? If you can trust that the sun will come up every morning, and the moon will be out every night, surely you can trust God. He is the One who made everything to do what it does.

### **Day 5 “Let the waters bring forth...”**

20 ¶ *And God said, Let the waters bring forth abundantly the moving creature that hath life, and fowl that may fly above the earth in the open firmament of heaven.*

21 *And God created great whales, and every living creature that moveth, which the waters brought forth abundantly, after their kind, and every winged fowl after his kind: and God saw that it was good.*

22 *And God blessed them, saying, Be fruitful, and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let fowl multiply in the earth.*

23 *And the evening and the morning were the fifth day.*

Now that all the conditions are right for life, God creates the first living creatures: Fish and birds. Well, perhaps we should say, “creatures that swim in the water, and creatures that fly in the air.” We don’t call everything that swims a fish, and we don’t call everything that flies a bird; but here is what the Bible says, “**God created great whales, and every living creature that moveth, which the waters brought forth abundantly, after their kind, and every winged fowl after his kind...**” The Bible pretty much covers them all.

Just like the plants and trees, God made the creatures in the water and the creatures in the air to make new creatures—they can have babies. And just like the seed from a tree grows the same kind of tree (apple seed makes an apple tree), fish have baby fish, and birds have baby birds. No fish ever became a bird, and no bird ever became a fish.

Some creatures can have lots and lots of babies! That is good, because there is a LOT of ocean to fill and a LOT of sky, too. The amazing thing is, God can take care of them all.

That makes me think of something Jesus said. He said, “...**and one (sparrow) shall not fall on the ground without your Father. But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear ye not therefore, ye are of more value than many sparrows.** (Matthew 10:29b-31). If God can take care of the fish and the birds, He can definitely take care of you.

## Day 6 “let the earth bring forth...”

- 24 ¶ *And God said, Let the earth bring forth the living creature after his kind, cattle, and creeping thing, and beast of the earth after his kind: and it was so.*
- 25 *And God made the beast of the earth after his kind, and cattle after their kind, and every thing that creepeth upon the earth after his kind: and God saw that it was good.*
- 26 ¶ *And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.*
- 27 *So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.*
- 28 *And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.*
- 29 ¶ *And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat.*
- 30 *And to every beast of the earth, and to every fowl of the air, and to every thing that creepeth upon the earth, wherein there is life, I have given every green herb for meat: and it was so.*
- 31 ¶ *And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day.*

By the sixth day of Creation, the sun was shining, the waters were alive with all kinds of swimming creatures, and the air was full of all kinds of flying creatures. But now, out of the ground was going to come up animals that live in the ground, cattle that walk around eating the grass, all kinds of beasts, and things that creep around on the ground: bugs, lizards, frogs...

The whole world was ready for what God had planned all along. He was ready to make people. He made a man from the ground and called him Adam (which means... “Man”), and later He took a rib from Adam and created for him a wife, Eve. The Bible says that God made man in His own “image” and “likeness”. We believe this probably means that man would have the ability to think, to feel emotions like happiness and love, and that he would have a spiritual part that is invisible but that lives forever.

Whatever it means exactly to be “made in His image”, we know that He made us special. Don’t think for a second that you are not important. God has a plan for your life

and He will give you everything you need to do what He wants you to do. You just need to trust Him and keep working hard. Everything you do; school, chores, work...it should all be done “unto the Lord.”

That’s right! God gave mankind special abilities to take care of His creation, and to help it show His glory. In fact, God told mankind to “have dominion” over all of creation. We have a special responsibility to take care of God’s creation, and to train it. We are to tame and control the animals, farm, plant, and produce food.

We shouldn’t be lazy and expect God to just take care of everything without us working for it. He made us to be hard workers. But no matter how hard you work or how good of a job you do, remember that God gets all the glory and praise. None of it would be possible without Him.

Let’s pray and thank the Lord for His wonderful creation...

## Main Lessons (skits)

### Day 1—The Creation of Heaven and Earth

**Purpose: To show that God made all things that were needed for the world to exist, develop, and prosper. Then He rested and let it all glorify Himself.**

*(Cain leisurely working in the field. His sisters go to get water. Cain stops to throw pebbles at them and laughs. Girls go inside house with water. Dad, Adam, approaches whistling and Cain begins working again)*

**Adam:**

“How’s it going, son?”

**Cain:**

“Pretty good. Look at the beans they are coming up quite nicely, don’t you think?” (Cain points over to the bean crop)

**Adam:**

“Oh yes. Those are beautiful. Look at that!” (Adam is smiling)

*(At that time Eve comes out, shaking rug)*

**Adam:**

“Hey, Eve, come look at this garden. Isn’t the boy doing a good job?”

**Eve:**

“Yeah, the girls tell me he is pretty good at throwing pebbles, too.”

*(Cain grins sheepishly)*

*(Eve looks at garden and nods)*

“Yeah, it looks pretty good I would say.”

*(Abel enters the room)*

**Cain:**

“You know, I think I am the best gardener in the whole world.”

**Abel:**

“You are the ONLY gardener in the world, Brother.”

*(Cain rolls eyes and looks at Abel in disgust)*

*(Adam and Eve laugh)*

**Adam:**

“That’s right, you are the only gardener, and I taught you everything you know, so that makes me the best gardener.”

**Eve:**

“Uh, aren’t you forgetting something?” None of you could grow anything if God hadn’t made the first beans for you to get the seeds.

**Adam:**

“Your mother is right. God deserves all the glory. Of course, we wouldn’t even be here without God.”

(Girls come out with grape juice, grapes and bread)

**Girls:**

“Lunch is ready”

(Eve clears off a place for them to set the food)

**Adam:**

“Sit down everyone, let’s eat... First, let’s give thanks to the Lord.”

(Adam begins to pray, and while he is praying, Cain tries to get a piece of bread and Eve slaps his hand. One sister is watching and laughs. Cain kicks her and she looks at him and whispers, “Stop it!”)

(When Adam says “Amen,” everyone starts to eat)

**Abel:**

“Don’t you think it must have taken God a long time to make everything? I mean, think about how long it has taken us to make this house, and to plant this garden...and how long it takes for my sheep to grow. How long do you think it took, Dad?”

**Adam:**

“Well, Son, God is a lot different than us. He could have created it all in the blink of an eye, I guess. But we do know that it took him 6 days, and on the seventh day, he rested. That is why we rest on the Sabbath. We do all our work in six days. Then we rest and give thanks to God, and enjoy the blessings of all the work that we have done. It reminds us that God made everything, and now everything is supposed to give Him honor and glory.

(Adam turns to congregation and leads in “All Things Bright And Beautiful”)

## **Day 2—The Creation of Man**

**Purpose: to show the responsibility God gave men to be leaders.**

(Adam is at a table chiseling on a stone tablet. Eve is grinding and preparing food. Cain and Abel come out of the house)

**Abel:**

“Morning, Dad.”

**Adam:**

“Hey, boys, you’re up. Are you ready to get to work?”

**Cain and Abel:**

“Ehhhhhh...(look disgusted)”

**Adam:**

“Come on, boys. Work is good for us. It makes us stronger and it keeps us out of trouble.”

(girls come out and assist Eve)

“Abel, I noticed the south gate is kind of falling apart. Make sure you get that fixed today...Oh, and I noticed sheep #205 is getting a little thin. Make sure he gets enough to eat today.”

**Abel:**

“Yes, Sir.” (Abel heads off to work)

**Adam:**

“ Cain, you can start on weeding the garden. I noticed the weeds are already coming up. Then they are going to need watered, and all our grass needs to be cut today, too...”

**Cain:**

“Aw. Can’t I cut it tomorrow? I was hoping I would have time to go swimming today.”

**Adam:**

“Then you better get to working. Maybe you can get it all done.”  
(Cain looks over at sisters)

**Cain:**

“How come the women just cook and clean and sew? How come they can’t cut the grass.”

(one of the sisters stick out their tongue at Cain, and Cain raises his fist.)

**Adam:**

“Cut it out, Cain. Look, you’d better be thankful for all the work that the women do. I sure am. I’m thankful for you, too. But it is my job to teach you to be a responsible man.

When God first put me on this earth, there was nobody else. I loved all the animals but I had a huge job to do. To take care of the whole earth and to rule over all the animals, making sure they do what they are all supposed to

do. Now that is a big job, not a job I could do all by myself. So, God gave me a family.

One day, God will give you and Abel a family, too, and you will have to take care of them and watch over them. They will help you a lot, but you are going to have to be the leader, and you will be responsible for everything that happens. So, let's start working on it now. Get started on those weeds!

**Cain:**

"Yes, Sir."

(Cain starts to walk off then pauses)

"Wait, Dad. God made Mom for you out of your rib. Where is my wife? Is He going to make a wife for me, too?"

**Adam:**

"Well, Son, no...You will have to marry one of your sisters."

(Cain and his sisters all yell in disgust, "EWWW!!! And Cain run out of the room.)

**Day 3—The Creation of Woman**

**Purpose: To show the great responsibility God gave women to help men.**

(Eve and her daughters are gathered around outside peeling potatoes)  
(Cain goes in and out of the house to fill up his water vessel)

**Eve:**

"Cain! Did you just track mud in the house?"

**Cain:**

"Sorry, Mom"

(Cain goes and kisses his mother on the cheek)  
(Eve sighs)

**Sister #1**

"Did you smell him? He stinks."

"Why are boys so gross?"

**Sister #2**

"Yeah. Girls are made of sugar and spice and everything nice, and boys are made out of snakes and snails and puppy dog tails."  
(Eve and her daughters laugh)

(Adam walks in and out of the house to fill up his water vessel)

**Eve:**

"Adam! Your feet!"

(Adam looks down at his feet)

**Adam:**

“Oh. Sorry.”

(Adam goes and kisses his wife on the cheek)

(girls laugh)

**Eve:**

“You see, girls. Men cannot live without us. It is the way God planned it. They don’t understand us and we don’t understand them, but we need each other.”

“I want to remind you of the story of how I was made. God had already made your father. He was the first person that ever lived on this earth. All the animals were here, and it was his job to name them and to train them. All the plants were here and it was his job to plant the garden and keep it. He had a huge job to do, and God said that it wasn’t good for him to be alone. Just like the animals, God knew he needed a wife to help him and to give him children.

So, God caused your dad to go into a deep sleep. Then He took part of a rib from his side and made me. He made us to be equal “bone of his bone and flesh of his flesh.” This is a picture of how marriage should work. The woman is not to be the head over the man to tell him what to do, and she is not supposed to be under his feet to be walked all over, but she is to be by his side. We work together and help each other.

One day, you girls will probably have husbands and you will have to take care of them. Even when they seem helpless, and do things like track mud through the house and leave their clothes on the floor. You still need to love them and be willing to take care of them.”

**Adam:**

(Pokes his head around the corner)

“And feed them. I’m starving. What’s for dinner?”

**Eve:**

(Throws a potato at Adam)

“Oh, get out of here! I’ll call you when it’s ready.”

(Girls laugh)

#### **Day 4—The Temptation by the Serpent**

**Purpose: to show the incredible power of Satan to influence man.**

(Adam sitting at “desk,” Abel reading some scrolls, Cain sharpening tools)

(Scream comes from inside the house)

(Men run into the house, Eve and girls come running out)

(Men come out with a snake laughing)

**Cain:**

“It’s just a snake. Why are you girls screaming?”

**Eve:**

“Get that thing away from me.”

**Adam:**

“It’s dead. Don’t worry.”

(Adam takes the snake away and gets rid of the snake)

**Eve:**

“It’s not just the fact that snakes are creepy and gross. I remember the first time I saw a snake. That snake looked a little bit different, and it could even talk, and I could understand it.”

(Children all listening with interest).

It was being controlled by the scariest being of all—the Devil. The snake convinced me that the fruit from the tree that was in the garden was good to eat. But God had told your dad that we could not eat that fruit. I was so confused and the snake was so convincing. I found myself taking a bite. Oh how I wish I had never taken a bite. I had disobeyed the Lord, our Creator. The fruit tasted so good, but the feeling of knowing I had betrayed the Lord was awful!

Just like we girls were afraid of that snake, we ALL should be terrified of the power of the Devil. Even more, we need to fear the Lord. If we truly love God and want to please Him, we will not give in when the Devil tries to get us to disobey God.

### **Day 5—The Fall of Mankind**

**Purpose: To show how man’s decision to disobey God separated him from God.**

(Cain and Abel coming back from looking at the Garden. Coming up the aisle)

**Abel:**

“I’m telling Dad. We shouldn’t have been there. He told us not to go.”

**Cain:**

“He doesn’t need to know. Come on!”

**Adam:**

“Boys! You were at the Garden weren’t you?”

Abel says “Yes”/Cain says “No”

(Cain elbows Abel)

**Cain:**

(hanging head) “Yes.”

**Adam:**

“Boys, you know that was the rule. We can’t go there anymore. Did you see the angels with flaming swords?”

**Cain and Abel**

"Yeah, it was so cool!"

**Adam:**

"It was disobedience that got me kicked out in the first place. Your mother and I had one simple rule, 'Don't eat of the tree of knowledge of good and evil.'" We messed up big and disobeyed, and we got kicked out. One day God will restore us again and we can live forever in that beautiful place again, but for now you have got to obey me! Come on, I'll think of your punishment

Maybe I'll have you clean up the mess in the yard. The dinosaurs have been using the bathroom anywhere they feel like it.

**Cain and Abel**

"Ewww."

**Day 6—The Curse of Mankind**

**Purpose: to show the great suffering that comes as a result of sin.**

**Cain:**

(Weeding the garden)

"Ugh! These dumb weeds. Ouch!"

(Shakes his hand in agony)

(Eve comes over)

**Eve:**

You're bleeding. What happened?

**Cain:**

Oh, I guess there is a thorn bush growing in here.

(Adam comes by)

**Adam:**

"What happened?"

**Eve:**

"There's a thorn bush or something in there. It got Cain."

**Adam:**

"Ah, it's good for you. Builds character. Get back to work, son."

(Abel walks by)

**Abel:**

"What happened?"

**Eve, Adam, and Cain:**

"Thorns."

**Abel:**

"Hmmm. I've been meaning to ask you. Why did God make thorns and stuff like that? Things that hurt and things that ruin the garden?"

**Day 7—The Salvation of Mankind**

**Purpose: to show God's wonderful mercy and grace, and to explain His "free" gift of salvation.**

(Adam leads his family to a place to sacrifice a lamb)

**Abel:**

"Dad. Why do we have to kill one of our lambs? That seems so wrong. He didn't do anything to us."

**Adam** (stops and turns toward family)

"I know son, it doesn't seem fair. But you see, we are all sinners, and we deserve to die and be separated from God forever. Thankfully, God made a way. Through our obedience to God, the blood of this lamb can cover our sins and we will be able to stand before God clean and righteous. I know it doesn't make sense to you now, but one day it will.

(Adam turns and family continues walking)

Songs:

***All Things Bright And Beautiful***

All things bright and beautiful,  
All creatures great and small,  
All things wise and wonderful  
The Lord God made them all.

Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings  
He made their glowing colors. He made their tiny wings.

All things bright and beautiful,  
All creatures great and small,  
All things wise and wonderful  
The Lord God made them all.

The purple-headed mountains, the rivers running by,  
The sunset and the morning that brightens up the sky.

All things bright and beautiful,  
All creatures great and small,  
All things wise and wonderful  
The Lord God made them all.

The cold wind in the winter, the pleasant summer sun,  
The ripe fruits in the garden, He made them every one.

All things bright and beautiful,  
All creatures great and small,  
All things wise and wonderful  
The Lord God made them all.

The tall trees in the greenwood, the meadows where we play,  
The rushes by the water, to gather every day.

All things bright and beautiful,  
All creatures great and small,  
All things wise and wonderful  
The Lord God made them all.

He gave us eyes to see them and lips that we might tell  
How great is God Almighty, Who has made all things well.

### *He Owns the Cattle on a Thousand Hills*

He owns the cattle on a thousand hills,  
The wealth in ev'ry mine.  
He owns the rivers and the rocks and rills,  
The sun and stars that shine.  
Wonderful riches more than tongue can tell.  
He is my Father so they're mine as well.  
He owns the cattle on a thousand hills.

I know that He will care for me.

*This Is My Father's World*

This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears,  
All nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.  
This is my Father's world, I rest me in the thought  
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas – His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world, the birds their carols raise,  
The morning light, the lily white, declare their Maker's praise –  
This is my Father's world, He shines in all that's fair;  
In the rustling grass I hear Him pass, He speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father's world, O let me ne'er forget  
That though the wrong seem oft so strong, God is the Ruler yet.  
This is my Father's world, the battle is not done,  
Jesus who died shall be satisfied, and earth and heav'n be one.