



KIDS' LECTIONARY LEARNING TEACHING SUPPLEMENT

THE HOLY TRINITY
SUNDAY, JUNE 4TH, 2023

BIBLE LESSONS:

GEN. 1:1-2:4a

MATT. 28:16-20

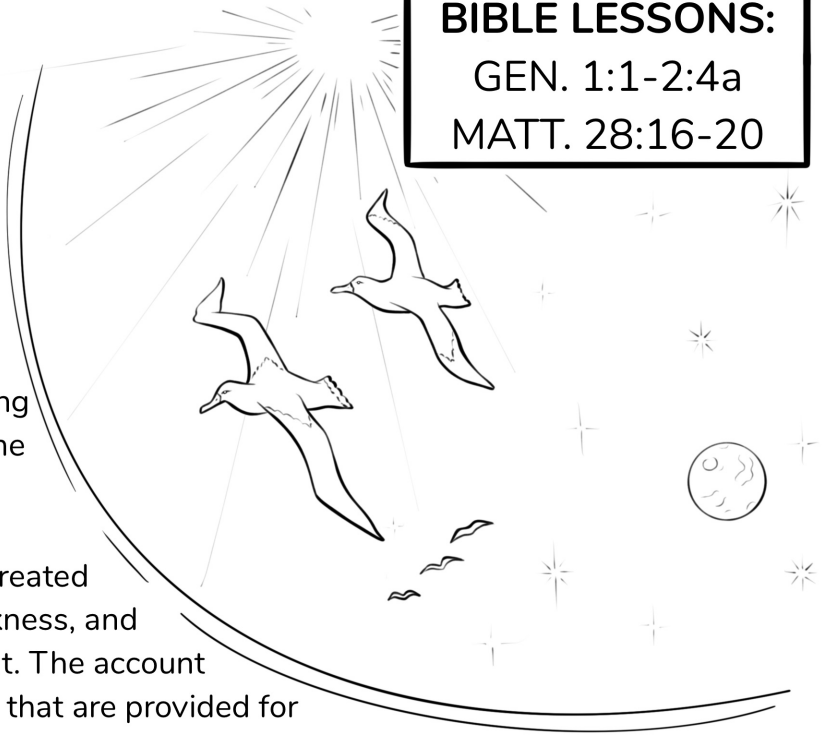
In today's Old Testament lesson, we get to walk through the story of creation. In Seminary we learned about the term "ex nihilo" which means out of *nothing*. The miraculous thing about creation is that God made everything out of nothing. He said, "Let there be light" and then the light appeared- it was not created or sparked by something else. God made the light, and He was the source Himself.

God had a clear purpose, when He created man, woman, land, water, animals, darkness, and light, it didn't all just happen by accident. The account of how He created us and all the things that are provided for us is detailed and deliberate.

When God is finished creating His people and providing everything for them, even an example of how to rest, He doesn't leave or put someone else in charge, He remains with His people and cares for them.

In the Gospel lesson from Matthew Jesus reminds us that God is with us, through the Holy Spirit and that He will continue to be with us. Jesus' arrival on earth was not the end of the care and concern that He had for us when he made us. Jesus' time on earth was the ultimate proof of God's care for us and He confirms that God in three persons will continue to be with us "until the very end of the age".

Before He ascends to heaven, Jesus makes it clear that God cares for all people and wants His followers to continue the work He started, by sharing everything they know and all that He taught them. This call to share His teaching extends to all of us who read His words.



Prayer

Let us pray together: Dear Father in heaven. Thank You for creating us in your image and providing everything we need and even things we don't need but are nice to have. Help us to remember that the Holy Spirit is with us and will help us when we tell others about You and how much You love us. In the name of Jesus, who lives and reigns in heaven with You and the Holy Spirit. Amen.