

1: IN THE BEGINNING-ANIMALS AND CREATION – Activity 2

Seven Day Boxes

Equipment: Cardboard or paper with a net for a cube printed on, equipment for decorating (e.g. felt-tip pens, stickers etc), little pieces of paper for writing a message on and some sweets.

Activity: Decorate the six squares of the cube with the first six days of Creation according to Genesis 1 (Night and Day; Sea and Sky; Land and Plants; Sun, Moon and Stars; Birds and Animals; Humankind). The space inside the box is for the seventh day, the Sabbath when the Lord rested. On the small piece of paper write or draw something in Creation for which you are especially thankful (e.g. a pet, the sunshine), and put it inside along with a sweet.

Purpose/teaching: A reminder that it is the Sabbath on the seventh day which is the high point of the Creation story according to Genesis 1 & 2, *not* (as is sometimes mistakenly suggested) the making of human beings on the sixth day! Human beings, animals and even the moon and stars all come out of the same creation process. Although nothing appeared to happen on the seventh day, God blessed it and made it the most special day of all. And of course God looked upon Creation and saw that it was good, so we should also be thankful and rejoice in it.

