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# Stewards of God's Creation

*Lesson Theme Poster • Lesson 18*

## *Lesson Focus*

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At creation God gave man the responsibility to provide good stewardship over His creation. But it is God who ultimately sustains and upholds all things by His power. We can turn to biblical principles in order to carry out this God-given responsibility properly.

## *Key Passages*

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Grades 2–3: Genesis 1:26, 2:15; Romans 1:22–23; Genesis 8:22

Grades 4–5: Genesis 1:26–28, 2:15, 8:20–9:1; Romans 1:22–23

## *What You Heard in the Word*

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- God gave Adam responsibility and authority—dominion—over His creation. As descendants of Adam, we have the same responsibility.
- Our sovereign God is faithful to sustain His creation. He has promised to maintain the cycles of seasons, temperatures, and night and day.



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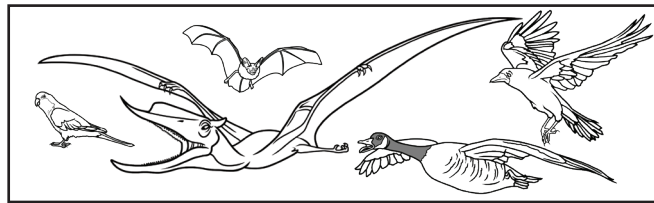
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# Class Notes

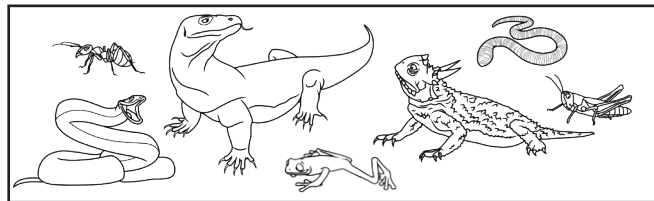
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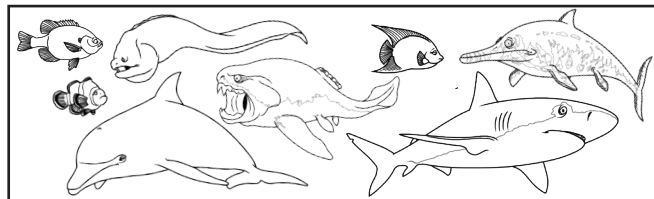
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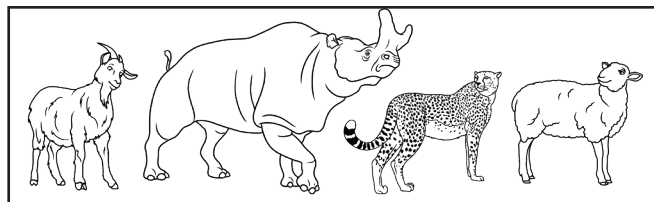
2. \_\_\_\_\_ of the air.



3. livestock, or \_\_\_\_\_  
animals.



4. every \_\_\_\_\_ thing.



5. All people should be good \_\_\_\_\_ of God's  
creation.

6. People who worship created things are \_\_\_\_\_.

7. We should worship God who is the \_\_\_\_\_,  
not the creation.

8. God is in \_\_\_\_\_ of all things, including the earth.

## WORD BANK

BIRDS

CONTROL

CREATOR

CREEPING

FISH

FOOLISH

LAND

STEWARDS



# Class Notes Answer Key

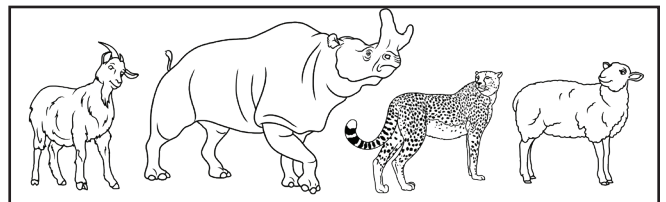
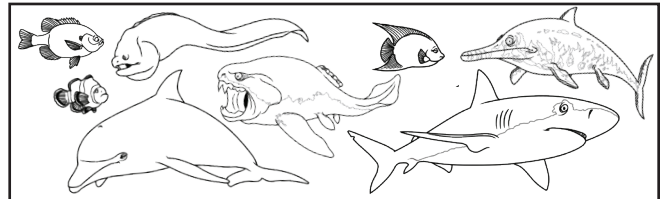
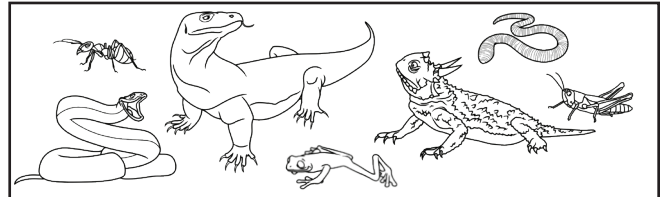
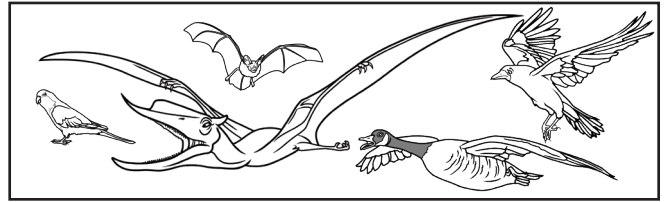
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1. fish of the sea.

2. birds of the air.

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4. every *creeping* thing.



5. All people should be good stewards of God's creation.

6. People who worship created things are foolish.

7. We should worship God who is the Creator, not the creation.

8. God is in control of all things, including the earth.

# Review Questions

1. How were Adam and Eve created? What made them different from animals? *They were created in God's image.*
2. What special responsibility did God give to Adam that he did not give to anything else he created? *He gave Adam dominion over the earth and the creation.*
3. What does it mean that Adam had dominion over the earth? *God gave him the responsibility to take care of the earth.*
4. What does man have dominion over? *The earth and all created things—fish, birds, animals, plants.*
5. Why do we also have the responsibility to care for the earth? *We are descendants of Adam.*
6. What does it mean to be a steward? *To take care of something that belongs to someone else.*
7. Why do we say God owns the earth and everything in it? *He created all of it.*
8. How can you be a good steward of God's creation? *Plant things, hike, enjoy nature, pick up trash, recycle, praise God for his creation and enjoy it, etc.*
9. We read in Romans about foolish men. Why were they foolish? What were they worshipping? *They were worshipping created things—man, animals, creeping things.*
10. What does immortal mean? *Eternal, everlasting.*
11. Who is the only immortal one? *God.*
12. What does mortal mean? *Won't last or will die.*
13. Who is mortal? *People and all created things*
14. Some people take their responsibility to care for the earth too seriously. What do they end up worshipping? *The creation.*
15. Who is the only one worthy of our worship, “mother nature” or God? *God, the Creator.*
16. Why are some people afraid of global warming and changes in the weather? *They don't believe that God can be trusted to keep his creation going.*
17. Our memory verse talks about dominion. Who can quote it? *Allow several students to recite the verse.*





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Genesis 1:26, 2:15; Romans 1:22–23; Genesis 8:22

## Taking Care of Creation Word Scramble

These words from the lesson are all mixed up! Read the clues on the right. Write the letters in the boxes by matching their colors to spell the words correctly.

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 — *To be responsible for something or rule over something.*  
**I N O N I O D M**
2. 

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 — *A person who takes care of something for someone.*  
**R T W E D S A**
3. 

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 — *God is the one who made all things.*  
**R E C O A R T**
4. 

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 — *We should not worship this, but should take care of it.*  
**T I O N R C A E**

Name

## Learn the Word

You probably know the verse by now, but can you say it backwards?

### Psalm 8:5–6

Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor. You have given him dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under his feet.







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## OutWord *For Family Discussion*

After school, some of your friends are talking about the climate change discussion you had in science class. Your science book claims that man is destroying the earth—man is the cause of all the climate changes. **What could you say to your friends?**

*Textbooks are written by people. People make mistakes. Only God is perfect. His Word contains no errors. We don't need to fear the ever-changing predictions of man when we can trust a sovereign God. God says in His Word that He will keep His creation. We can always trust God's Word over man's word.*



## Justin & Jessie

Justin felt a tug on his line! He jerked up on his fishing pole and started reeling. "I think I got one!" he squealed.



Justin goes on his first fishing trip with his dad and learns about good stewardship along the way. But will Justin bring home any fish? Find out in "Justin's Great Catch."

Go to [KidsAnswers.org/jj18](https://www.kidsanswers.org/jj18) to read the rest of the story and print out this week's Justin and Jessie coloring sheet.