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Sunday School Lessons Unit Two

"Praise From And For God's Creation"

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We are providing these notes from the Committee on Uniform Series that prepares associated Sunday School lesson outlines long in advance of their usage. Included in this Guide are thoughts that are reflected in the Lesson Development Guide for writers of Sunday school lessons and the recommended commentary of the Department of Christian Education, The New International Lesson Annual published by Abingdon Press Nashville, Tennessee.

During the winter quarter we are exploring Creation. The overall theme calls for us to see ourselves as a Co-creator with God. Scriptures are taken from the Gospel of Luke. Unit two is entitled "Praise From And For God's Creation."

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People praise the achievements of others. What should be the subject of our praise? The psalmist teaches that the word and work of God the Creator are worthy of our praise.

Goal for the Learners

- ✓ To become aware of the natural and human factors responsible for our material well-being.
- ✓ To feel gratitude for the ways God meets our physical needs.
- ✓ To praise the Creator through good stewardship of our material blessings.

Lesson Challenges for the Week

- Review your checkbook, receipts for purchases, and receipts for charitable contributions. Do you believe you are being a good steward of the financial bounty God has entrusted to you? If not, what changes will you make to improve your stewardship?
- Be aware of the natural resources that God has provided for your community. How do you think God would rate the community's stewardship of these natural treasures? Can you identify any particular threats to God's creation, such as polluted water, contaminated soil, or poor air quality? What can you do to help the community take better care of God's created world?
- Research the meanings of these Greek words that related to stewardship: oikos (household), oikonomos (steward, household manager), oikonomia (administration of a household), oikoumene (the whole world; God's entire household). These are the root words for the English words ecology, economy, and ecumenical. How does this word study help you to expand your understanding of your role as a steward? How will you act on this knowledge?



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