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Sunday School Lessons Unit One

"God Created The World"

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In Genesis, the book of beginnings, God is revealed as the Creator, Sustainer, Judge, and Redeemer, who brought all things into being.

Unit I, "God Created the World," has five sessions. The first three sessions concentrate on God's creating the universe, earth, and people and then declaring all things created good. Although God created and sustains all life, humankind is special to God and unique. Session Four explores how God established the institution of marriage and the process of reproduction in order to populate the earth. Session Five explains how humankind chose to do wrong and thus introduced sin into God's perfectly created world, enemies.

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How the world and humans came to be is explored and questioned by many people. Where did people come from? According to Genesis, God created people as the highest form of creation made in the image of God, and people are supported by all of God's creation.

Goal for the Learners

- ✓ To discern the biblical writer's message about the place of humanity in God's creation.
- ✓ To value oneself and others as part of God's good creation.
- ✓ To embrace God's call to practice good stewardship of the earth's abundance.

Lesson Challenges for the Week

- Compare and contrast the concepts of "dominion" and "domination." What are the differences? Why are these differences important in our relationships with the rest of creation, especially in human relationships?
- Play recorded nature sounds to stimulate thought about the variety of God's creation.
- Select and review hymns that testify to God's good creation.

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. Send an email to: sundayschool@thecmechurchced.org to receive this guide electronically each week.

