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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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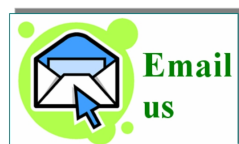
We are awed by the beauty and grandeur of creation. How can we give appropriate expression to these feelings of awe? The psalmist calls all creation to declare the glory of God and God's marvelous works.

Goal for the Learners

- ✓ To contemplate creation's testimony to the majesty of God.
- ✓ To experience awe in the presence of God's creation.
- ✓ To praise God wholeheartedly in corporate and individual acts of worship.

Lesson Challenges for the Week

- Take a walk and enjoy the beauty of creation in your community. What fills you with awe? How does the weather, which for many of us in North America is cold and even snowy at this time of the year affect your appreciation of creation?
- Talk with someone who may be feeling blue due to a personal issue or simply because it is winter. Offer your own reasons for praising the God of creation and encourage your friend to consider reasons he or she has for praising God.
- Compare Psalm 96 with other psalms celebrating the enthronement of a king, including 47, 93, 97, 98, 99. How is Psalm 96 similar to these other psalms? In what ways is it unique?



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