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• Why did God make us?

• God did "not" make us because He was lonely. God is never lonely.

God made us because He wanted to.

• He made us for His praise!!

- He made the beautiful earth for people to live in people who would be "like" Him.
- God made the first man and the first woman pure, so that there was no sin in their hearts.
- And God made man "ruler" over the plants and animals. He made man the "highest" of all creatures.
- He wanted them to be happy and to "praise" Him because He is very great and very good.

God's work of creation was wonderful.

• Everything He made was beautiful and good.

• All is works praised Him in the beginning.

- "HOW" did everything praise God?
- The things God made praised Him by "showing" how great He is, and by "telling" how great He is, and by being satisfied and good.
- The stars praise God when they shine and twinkle in the sky at night.
- He holds them up there. They show how great God is!!

• The sun and moon tell us that He is a God of brightness and glory, high and holy.

• The birds sing about Him. They tell us that He is a God of joy and happiness.

• They care for their young, and so they show us how God cares for us.

- The wind blows hard, and the waves of the oceans splash high. They tell us that God is strong and powerful.
- The trees and the flowers, the butterflies and the ants, the big giraffe and the fierce lion, the pattering raindrops and the sot white snowflakes all of these show us how "wonderful" God is.
- So they all praise Him. That is why God made them all, so that they would "praise" Him.

- We praise God when we see all that He has made and say, "What a great God He is!"
- We say to Him, "How great Thou art!"
- We can praise Him much better than the animals and the flowers and the stars can.
- We can "know" Him and "love" Him.

- We look at all the things He has made, and our hearts sing: "How great Thou art!"
- We praise God when we "sing" songs to Him.
- We praise Him when we "thank" Him for all the good things He has made for us, and when we are "happy" with His good gifts.

- We praise Him when we "pray" to Him, when we "tell" Him that we love Him, and that we "need" Him.
- We praise Him when we "obey" Him and try to do His will in the power of His Holy Spirit.
- We can never, "never" praise Him enough because God is so great and God is so good!!

LET'S PRAY:

God in heaven, all Your works tell how great You are.

They praise You.

We, too, want to praise You.

Give us joyful songs in our heart to sing unto You.

In Jesus' Name we pray. Amen.

SOMETHING TO TALK ABOUT

How do the birds praise God?

How do the flowers praise Him?

How can we praise God?

MEMORY VERSE:

Let heaven and earth praise him, the seas and all that move in them (Psalm 69:34)

SUGGESTED READING:

- PRAISETHE LORD. PRAISE GOD IN HIS SANCTUARY; PRAISE HIM IN HIS MIGHTY HEAVENS.
- PRAISE HIM FOR HIS ACTS OF POWER; PRAISE HIM FOR HIS SURPASSING GREATNESS.
- PRAISE HIM WITH THE SOUNDING OF THE TRUMPET, PRAISE HIM WITH THE HARP AND LYRE,
- PRAISE HIM WITH TAMBOURINE AND DANCING, PRAISE HIM WITH THE STRINGS AND FLUTE,
- PRAISE HIM WITH THE CLASH OF CYMBALS, PRAISE HIM WITH RESOUNDING CYMBALS.
- LET EVERYTHING THAT HAS BREATH PRAISE THE LORD. PRAISE THE LORD. (PSALM 150:1-6)

A POEM:

This is my Father's world; The birds their carols raise; The morning light, the lily white, Declare their Maker's praise. This is my Father's world; He shines in all that's fair; In the rustling grass I hear Him pass; He speaks to me everywhere.

LET'S PRAY

& PRAISE: