



God the Creator (Konect Series)

Welcome (10 mins)

(Require - paper)

Make some paper aeroplanes, all in different ways: the 1st one make one-handed; the 2nd make blindfolded; the 3rd make as best as you can; the 4th impractically etc.

Try flying them and see which one flies best! (Make sure you keep these for later).

Or

What is the best thing you have ever made? How did it make you feel? (a cake, a poem etc.)

Worship (20 mins)

(Require – paper, pens, plasticine if desired, bible, c.d.)

Read out Romans 1:20-23

Put on some music and encourage people to draw or mould something from creation that impresses them -sunset, mountains, bird, river etc.

When people have made/drawn something go around the group and ask people what they've done and why, and how does that part of creation show what god is like? (E.g. mountains = big, strong, immovable, majestic...)

Or

Go outside and spend 10 minutes just gazing at the sky or something of creation (whether it is night or day) and each choose to focus on something from creation.

Then pray together thanking god for all the great parts of creation he has made.

Word (40 mins)

(Require - some scrap paper + pens; 2 small children's jigsaws)

Mini- quiz (multi-choice)

1. What's the tallest mountain? (a. Mt. Makalu; b. Mt. Everest; c. k2)
2. How tall is it? (a. 8898m; b. 9048m; c. 8848m)
3. What's the longest river? (a. Nile; b. Amazon; c. Danube)
4. How long is it? (a. 6516 km; b. 7115 km; c. 6695 km)
5. Which ocean is the deepest? (a. Pacific; b. Atlantic; c. Indian)
6. What is it s deepest point? (a. under 11000m; b. over 11000m; c. the deepest point has not been measured)



Now give 2 teams a jigsaw each to complete within 3 minutes. In each case there's a piece missing (make sure you take out a piece beforehand!) Ask the teams to describe what the missing piece must look like. Then show the missing piece and see how accurate the group were. Say that you can describe the missing piece because it isn't random. It's made to fit into the design in a special way. God's creation reveals the hallmarks of its maker so we need to recognise we are not made by chance. And up to the final day of God's creation, humankind was the missing piece of the jigsaw. Have someone read Genesis 1:26-30 and ask what's special about our place in the creator's design?

These points should emerge:

- God's asked us to look after his creation
- The way we are designed shows something of God
- God wants us to develop and enjoy his earth

Go back to the paper aeroplanes and give each group one or two aeroplanes that has been made in a different way. Examine them, take them apart and see what you can detect about the way they were created. In the same way, God's creation reveals what he is like.

Brainstorm >> how does creation reveal God?

(things like: care, detail, variety, order, abundance, beauty, enjoyable, refreshing, powerful etc.)

Witness (20 mins)

1. What feature of creation do you think your group is like? (e.g. a young tree, healthy and new; a river, pure and flowing; a rock, strong and tough...)
2. What are the good qualities of this feature?
3. Pray then that your group will show those qualities to your friends @ school... i.e. showing that God is pure, God is strong, God is interested in details etc.

Notes

Aim: to recognise the implications of God's creative character for us.
we're responsible to him for how we treat the earth;
we share in his creativity and are specially designed by him;
we depend on his sustaining care.