

“Come and See!”

“Come and see what God has done, his awesome deeds for mankind!” - Psalm 66:5

I love the season of Summer! The sunshine fills the air with warmth and shines longer into the night. The flowers stand tall, bursting with bright color. There is nothing more inviting than that deep blue water on a scorching summer day. And, quite frankly, everyone seems to be in a much better mood once Summer arrives!

As a father of two young boys, I am uniquely blessed to see this season with new eyes. The many things that I often take for granted stop my boys in their tracks! Now, I am fortunate to get to witness this amazing world through the perspective of their fresh little eyes. To them, each day is full of wonder and excitement. And, of course, they are filled with questions!

“Daddy, what makes the flowers grow? Don’t they smell pretty? Grow flowers, grow!”

“Daddy, why are those bunnies in our yard? What do they eat? Think I can catch it?”

“Daddy, why do I have to go to bed if it is still light outside?”

This summer, our Church is doing a special Sunday school unit that focuses on the first two chapters of the book of Genesis, better known as the Creation. Each week we will look at a day of the creation account and then discuss this amazing world that God created. This is perfect because Summer is such a wonderful time to slow down, look around us, and take a moment to appreciate both the Creator and His creation!

Here are some ways we can make sure we help our children appreciate their creator during this season:

- Point out how God is the creator of whatever unique thing is fascinating them. “Look at those purple and pink flowers. Did you know that God created those flowers?”
- Help them to understand that God designed this world to function in unique ways: “Do you see those dark clouds? It looks like it is going to rain. Did you know that rain helps the grass and plants to grow? What does that teach us about God?”
- Summer is a perfect time to make sure our children are being engaged with God’s creation through each of their senses: Touch the leaves on a tree, smell the flowers, taste the cool water, hear the singing of the birds, see the various colors in the field, etc.
- Help them to understand that since God is the creator, he cares for his creation, and we should too. Discuss ways that we can care for creation, such as: a recycling campaign, picking up the trash we find in our neighborhood, building a bird feeder, or making an emphasis to go for more family bike rides and walks, etc.

What are some other ways that we can connect our children’s sense of wonder with the caring God who created them?