

Creator of the World

Read Genesis 1, John 4:43-54, Mark 1:21-28, then briefly consider the questions below.

This week in Sunday School, the kids are learning that God is the powerful maker of all things. From the very beginning, Scripture describes God as the one who *spoke* the world into existence. This same power is seen in the ministry of Jesus when he speaks life and healing to those He encounters. Together, let's examine our hearts and see how we, too, can speak life to those around us.

Our lesson this week discusses the latin phrase "ex nihilo" meaning "out of nothing" to describe God's creative work in creation.

- Take a moment to look outside at the creation around you. What do you see/hear/smell?

- How does knowing God created the world you see right now out of nothing help you to understand Him better? How can we respond to this incredible truth?

Genesis 1:3 tells us that God *spoke* creation into existence. The God we serve is so powerful that His words have the power to create life.

- Consider John 4:43-54 and Mark 1:21-28. How did Jesus show this same power during his ministry?

Just as Jesus' words had the power to heal the official's son and to drive out the impure spirit, in a similar way our words have the power to speak life and encouragement to those around us. Scripture warns us to guard our tongue and to be wise in the words we chose (Psalm 141:3; Proverbs 12:14; Proverbs 12:18).

- Take a moment to think of a time this past week when your kind words brought life and healing to a situation. (i.e. Speaking words of encouragement to a difficult coworker, responding calmly to an angry child, speaking truth and love to a grieving friend, etc).

- We all have people in our lives that need words of encouragement. Who can you speak life to this week?
 - Write down their name here:_____.

Let's pray:

Father, your creative power and work in creation is amazing. How you were able to speak this world into existence we will never truly understand. Please help us to follow your example and remember that our words have power. Help us to speak love to those around us.

In Your Name we pray,
Amen.