

## Unit 1: God's Creative Love: Exploring Creation and Our Calling

### 1. Introduction: The Story of Creation

- Scriptural Foundation: Read Genesis 1–2. Emphasize that “In the beginning, God created...” (Genesis 1:1) and that God saw all that He had made, and it was very good.
- Discussion Prompt: What does the orderly progression of creation (light, sky, land, life) tell us about God's nature and His love for what He creates? (Post your thoughts)

### 2. God's Love Displayed in Creation

- Teaching and Learning Points:
  - Intentional Design: Every element—from the stars in the sky to the smallest creature—has a purpose, reflecting God's care.
  - Sustainer of Life: Scriptures like Psalm 104 and Romans 1:20 highlight that nature reveals God's invisible qualities, including His eternal power and divine nature.
  - Invitation to Relationship: God created humans in His image (Genesis 1:27) to have a special relationship with Him, underlining the personal love He extends to each person.
- Interactive Activity:

Work in small groups to create a “Creation Collage” using images (or drawings) that represent different days of creation. Each group explains how their collage demonstrates aspects of God's love. (Post your Creation Collage)

### 3. Reflecting God's Love Through Stewardship

- Let's discuss:

How does our care for the environment reflect our love for God and for our neighbors?
- Practical Application:

Brainstorm practical ways your community or family can care for the environment—such as recycling, community gardening, or conserving water—linking these acts to the biblical mandate to be good stewards of the earth. (Post your discussion and practical examples)

### 4. Deep Dive: Personal Reflection and Journaling

- **Journaling Prompt:**  
Reflect on a moment when you experienced the beauty of nature. How did that moment speak to you about God's love?
- **Group Share:**  
Share their reflections and discuss how these experiences might influence daily actions toward caring for creation.

## **5. Conclusion and Prayer**

- **Summing Up:** Creation is not only a testament to God's creative power but also to His boundless love. Our response—as caretakers, learners, and lovers of God's world—should be to honor that love by nurturing all life.
- **Closing Prayer:** Lord, thank you for the wonder of creation. Help us to see your love in every sunrise, every tree, and every creature. Teach us to care for your creation and to live in harmony with one another as we grow in your love. Amen.