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Saturday	Psalms 148	Creation, praise the Lord!
Sunday	Matthew 6:24-34	Do not worry!

Scripture Verse for this Week:

Jesus said: "And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Matthew 28:20b (NLT)

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- Say at each mealtime.
- Read at bedtime.
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Prayers for this Week:

"God of creation, I am in awe of your works. How great is your name in all the earth! Amen." (Psalm 8)

For Throughout the Day:

"Lord Jesus, thank you that you are always with me. Teach me to obey you this day. Amen." (Matthew 28:20)

Mealtime Refrain:

"All praise be to God: *Father, Son and Holy Spirit.*"

A Blessing to Share:

'May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you. Amen.'
(2 Corinthians 13:14)

Mealtime Prayer:

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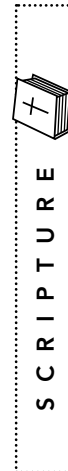
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Faith Talk:

Discuss in your household or small group:

- What part of God’s amazing creation do you enjoy most? Why?
- What can we learn about God from his creation?
- God has asked us to take care of all he has created. What does this mean? How do you help to do this?

Devotional Practices:

Take time in each day of the coming week to read a section of the creation account from Genesis 1 – 2:3. Say a short prayer each day thanking God for what he has made:

- Monday – Day 1 of Creation – Genesis 1:1-5
- Tuesday – Day 2 of Creation – Genesis 1:6-8
- Wednesday – Day 3 of Creation – Genesis 1:9-13
- Thursday – Day 4 of Creation – Genesis 1:14-19
- Friday – Day 5 of Creation – Genesis 1:20-23
- Saturday – Day 6 of Creation – Genesis 1:24-31
- Sunday – Day 7 of Creation – Genesis 2:1-3

Service:

Plan a family act of care for God’s creation. Consider these possibilities:

- Pick up litter in an area of your neighborhood.
- Reduce your energy consumption by making an effort to turn off lights or household appliances when not in use.
- Review your home recycling practices. Consider how you could do more.
- Make your voice known on an environmental issue of concern. Write to or email a government official about the issue.

Rituals and Traditions:

Plan a family outing to a nature park or a zoo. Take time to reflect on what you see and experience. Talk about what amazed or surprised you most.

Parent Toolbox: Teaching Children about God’s Creation

Children in modern societies spend most of their time isolated from the natural world. Recreation tends to be indoors (e.g. watching TV); transportation tends to be by car rather than walking; and schooling tends to be oriented more towards indoor activities. The result is that many children are at risk of not developing positive attitudes and feelings toward the natural environment or remaining unfamiliar with it. On the other hand, children who are close to God’s creation relate to it as a source of wonder, joy, and awe. As a parent, aim to be intentional about giving your children exposure to nature e.g.: give them a balance between “inside” and “outside” time; find ways to bring nature into your home (e.g. garden beds, pets, bird feeders); and model to them care and respect for the environment.

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