

Caretakers

OF OURSELVES & OTHERS!



Caretakers of God's Creation

Consistory Office of Youth & Young Adult Ministry
Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA



Session 3 – Minis Youth ages 4 – 7

Praxis: Have the children add to their photo albums an icon for the final days of creation. Look at each icon. Have a larger version of each. Let the children point out what they see in the icon. Discuss how God created everything with a special purpose, nothing was random or unimportant. At the end of each day, God look at what He created and said it was good!

Let them glue their icon onto a piece of craft paper. They may decorate it. Help them write Days 6 & 7 at the top. They can illuminate or decorate around the icon if they choose. When complete they will slip into their photo album.

You can use this next section together or send home for families!

Begin passing out the papers for My Creation Book. You can work on this in the coming weeks. The children may add a copy of the icon to each page in addition to the directives for the book.

Taking it Home!: Send their photo albums home. Ask for the families to either take photos of things for the last two days. The could include family photos! The families will be asked to bring the photo album back for the next session to share.

Wrapping it Up!

Activities for the Month:

1. The older youth have discussed how we are called to be caretakers of ourselves and others. The older youth brainstormed ways they can be better caretakers of people and in doing so reflecting the image of God. Provide the children with suggestions then ask your mini's for ideas – you may be surprised with what they come up with! Find appropriate ways for them to be included in the outreach.

2. Perhaps help your youth organize a trip to visit your parish elderly/shut ins. You can bring them gift baskets with some essentials and treats. You could also contact a local elderly center or retirement home. You can make a visit to sing carols, bring treats, or just visit! Call ahead and ask what their residents are in need of.

3. Have your mini's make cards for people to show God's love. Help them with any writing that they want to add. They could color/make cards for you parish priest and his family or for the elderly of your parish.

Prayer: Finish the session in prayer. You could take sections of the Akathist Glory to God for All Things and us it through out the year at each of your session. You can find it downloadable here <https://www.stvladimirpgh.org/files/112620-akathist.pdf>. For minis – teach them the refrain Glory to God for All Things. Perhaps only do one Kathisma and Stanza with them at each session.

