Gem Seeking

LITTLE GEMS STORY

Parent/Teacher Preparation:

Please see the Instructions for the Little Gems Story on the YMTOI website. This will help you to understand how to prepare for the story.

Yahweh Master Builder

Shalom children! Let's pretend I was going to read you a story. Do you want me to start at the end of the book, in the middle or at the beginning? (Allow children to answer.) It makes sense to start at the beginning, doesn't it? Well the word for beginning in Hebrew is Bereishit. Can you say that with me? (Have children repeat it.) Ok, so today we are going to talk about the beginning of the world, before there was mommy or daddy, before there was grandma or grandpa, before there was water to drink before there was grass to play on outside. But not before there was Elohim.

DAY 1

(Place #1 on board.) In the beginning, the earth was a big dark blob. (Place formless earth on board.) And Elohim said "Let light come", and the light appeared. (Place day 1 scene on board.) Elohim thought this was a good idea. He said the dark will be night time, and the light will be day time. This was what Elohim created on the 1st day.

DAY 2

(Place #2 on board.) Elohim then made the heavens by separating the waters. You see this every day when you look up at the sky. (Place day 2 scene on board.) Elohim was now done with the 2^{nd} day.

DAY 3

(Place #3 and day 3 scene on board.) Elohim had some more ideas for creation. He made seas, oceans, rivers and lakes by separating the water and the land. Do you like playing in the water on a hot day? Well Elohim did that it so we can enjoy it. Isn't He so thoughtful? Elohim then told the earth to bring up all sorts of plants and trees, and it did. (Place plants on board.) Elohim saw that this was good. Elohim was now done with the 3rd day.



DAY 4

(Place #4 on board.) Elohim made lights and put them in the sky, to separate the day from the night. One was called the sun (place sun on board), and the other one He called the moon. (Place moon on other side of board.) He said to the sun, "You can light the earth in the daytime." He told the moon, "You can light the earth at night." Isn't it thoughtful of Elohim to give us light so that we can play outside during the day and sleep when it is dark? (Place stars on board.) He also put the twinkling stars in the sky for us to enjoy. (Place day 4 scene on board.) Elohim said that this was good. Elohim was now done with the 4th day.

DAY 5

(Place #5 and day 5 scene on board.) Elohim filled the waters with fish and other water animals like whales and sharks. (Place water animals on board.) Elohim saw that this was good. Do you ever wonder how Elohim thought of each and every single animal to create? He must have had a lot of fun thinking of some of them. (Let children discuss some of the animals that Elohim created.) Elohim also filled the sky with flying animals, like doves and eagles. (Place birds on board.) Elohim was now done with the 5th day.

DAY 6

(Place #6 and day 6 scene on board.) Elohim filled the earth with all sorts of animals. He made farm animals like horses, cows, sheep and goats (place farm animals on board) and animals you may see in a zoo like large elephants and very tall giraffes or strong lions and fast tigers. (Place each animal on board as you say it). He even made your favorite pet. (Place turtle, dog and cat on board.) Elohim had to make someone to take care of all the animals. That's when He created the very 1st man. His name was Adam. (Place Adam on board.) Elohim wanted Adam to have a friend, so he also made a woman. Her name was Hawwah. (Place Hawwah on board.) Elohim was now done with the 6th day.

DAY 7

(Place #7 on board.) Elohim had worked very hard for 6 days, and He was happy with all that He had done. So, on day 7 He stopped and rested from all the work that He had done. Elohim then blessed the 7th day and set it apart, and gave it to man to rest from their work too. (Place Sabbath scene on board.)

Now you probably don't go to work like your parents do, but you probably have school work or home chores to do during the week. On the seventh day, Elohim wants you to rest from doing that too. Isn't Elohim so thoughtful? He thinks of everything, doesn't He? And that is why we should remember to thank Elohim for all that He created and especially for giving us the Sabbath day to rest and to praise and worship Him. (Place thankful emoji on board.) And that children, is how our amazing world came to be.

Well children, we have come to the end of our story for today. We will see you next week for another exciting Little Gems story!

