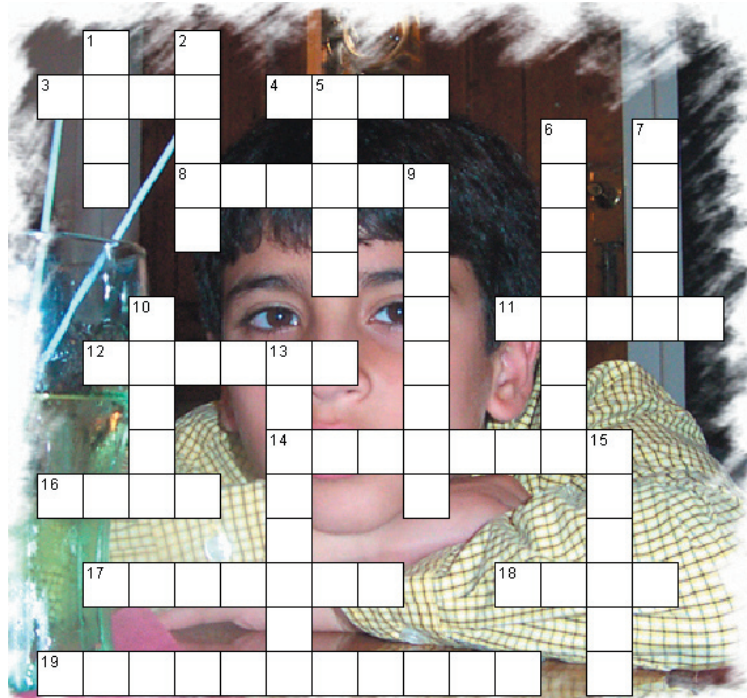


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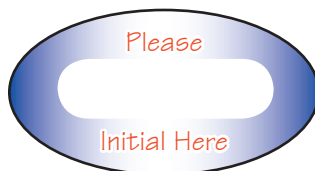


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| 3. This applies to our ___ at home... | 1. ...our clothes and our ___. |
| 4. Pages in a ___ are numbered... | 2. ...created in God's ___ and likeness. |
| 8. God gave man the responsibility to care for the ___ of Eden. | 5. God is a God of ___. |
| 11. The Lord Jesus had the people sit down in groups on the ___. | 6. ...by ___ and by fifties. |
| 12. Through us He will have a way to put all ___ in order. | 7. The Lord ___ was the most orderly person. |
| 14. ...created in God's image and ___. | 9. Pages in a book are ___ in order... |
| 16. We are not comfortable when things around us are a ___. | 10. ___ means confusion. |
| 17. ...by hundreds and by ___. | 13. ...to the biggest things like huge ___ in space... |
| 18. He passed out the ___. | 15. ...at home, our ___ papers and books, our clothes and our toys. |
| 19. From the smallest things at the ___ level... | |

Parent's Initials:



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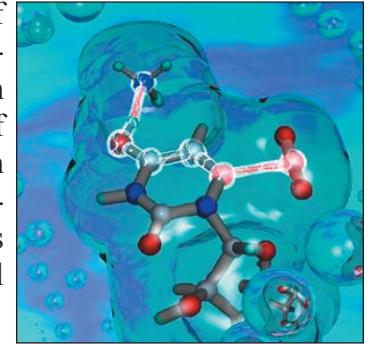
Special Topics

- Lesson One -

God is a God of Order

I. Overview.

Our God is a God of order and not of confusion. His creation is full of examples of how He orders all things. From the smallest things at the microscopic level to the biggest things like huge galaxies in space, all things are in order.



Even at the microscopic level
God has all things in order.

As people created in God's image and likeness we also respond best when things are orderly. We are not comfortable when things around us are a mess.

Pages in a book are numbered in order, 1, 2, 3.... What would happen if they were terribly out of order. Streets and addresses are all put together in an orderly manner – otherwise we would all get lost. When human society plans to do something, much consideration goes into how things will be done in a good order. This characteristic is from God.

II. Memory Verse.

“Let all things be done becomingly and in order.”

(1 Cor. 14:40)

III. Lesson

Man was created by God in a very good way. Man was just like God in his ability to keep things in a good order. God even gave man the responsibility to keep the Garden of Eden in good order – caring for the entire garden.



We always feel better when things are in a good order.

The Fall of Man Brought in Confusion

Man's ability to keep things in good order was damaged by the fall when he sinned against God. Man was damaged by Satan and fell into a disorderly state; a state of confusion. The Bible tells us that after Satan rebelled, the creation was brought into "chaos." Chaos means confusion.

Before God created man, He worked for six days to bring the creation back into a state of good order. But unfortunately, man was tempted and fell, and this brought the creation back into a state of confusion again.

God's Desire to Recover Things Back to a Good Order

Since the fall of man, God has been working through man to bring all things back into the right order. Even for Satan to rebel against God was to put things out of order regarding authority. God is working to bring man back under His own authority. When man is brought back under God's authority, then God will be able to bring all things back into order.

The Lord Jesus was the most orderly person. He was God living in man. He lived a life of the most proper order. When He feed the five thousand people, He had them sit in groups on

the grass. They sat in groups by hundreds and by fifties. He passed out the food in an orderly way and he gathered up all the remaining pieces – not leaving any mess.

We Can Cooperate to Keep Things in Good Order

As we are growing up, we should all learn to keep things in good order. This applies to our rooms at home, our school papers and books, our clothes and our toys. We truly feel best when things are in good order. By keeping things in good order (lined up in rows, in the proper place, etc.) we will be preparing our vessel to be very useful to the Lord. Then through us He will have a way to put all things in order.

--- Questions for Discussion ---

1. What things in God's creation show good order?

2. What happed to man that caused him to lose his ability to keep things in good order?

3. How will God put things back into good order?

4. What can we do today to be orderly?

