

# The Gifts of Creation: Multigenerational Games and Growing

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## Preparation:

*Bible verse* – Genesis 2:15 The Lord God took man and put him in the garden of Eden to till and take care of it.

*Query* - What does it mean as a Friend to be a part of and take care of God's Creation?

*Materials* - Before class: Prepare pictures that represent each day of creation on 3x5 cards.

Examples: water, stars, moon, a person, elephant, whale, dragonfly, light, etc. Make sure to include a picture representing rest.

**Opening:** Good morning, Friends. My name is \_\_\_\_\_ and I am so glad to be with you today. We are going to explore together what it means to take care of and be a part of God's creation.

**Building the Circle:** Go around the circle. Ask Friends to say their names and share one of their favorite parts of Creation (in a word or short phrase). Give the group a minute to think, then the facilitator starts.

## Core Activity:

A. Choice of 2 Creation games from <https://goo.gl/0Umf76>

*Game 1: Creation Sequencing Game*

1. Pair up participants, preferably younger with older.
2. Talk about the 7 days in the creation story from Genesis 1. If you have creation cards that you use for the Godly Play story, line them up as a reference.
3. Tape a picture on each Friend's back. Put yourselves in order of the creation story.

*Game 2: Who am I?*

1. Tape a card on each participant's back and have everyone find a partner.
2. Tell participants they have been assigned a part of creation and their job is to find out what they are. To do so, their partner must help them guess by giving clues. The goal is for everyone to discover who/what they are. \*IF you are up for the ultimate challenge, have the participants NOT able to talk, meaning they have to give clues through mime/charades.

B. Activity Options, depending on weather, the season and whether or not your meetinghouse/church has space to plant, etc.

1. **Plant Bulbs, or a Bean or Pea Teepee** – <https://www.homegrownfun.com/bean-teepee/>

2. **Creation Scavenger Hunt** – indoors/outdoors

Form multigenerational groups. Each group is given 7 paper cups. Each cup will hold something that represents one of each of the 7 days of creation in the Genesis 1 story.

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## Closing:

1. Regather the group to share about this experience and how participants take care of creation.
2. Silence and/or prayer

**Leader Reflection and Debrief:** complete FWCC evaluation!