

Year 2-Term 1

Week 4: Spiral-God's signature?
Strand: Love Of God/ Love of the Environment
Age: Year 2
Aim: To encourage students to investigate nature from the viewpoint of creation
Resources: Photos of art with a signature on them (see below); five or more magnifying glasses, Photos of Spirals in Nature (see below), Blown up copy of a fingerprint, Inkpads, A3 paper, Picture book "Swirl by swirl- Spirals in nature" by Joyce Sidman

Introduction: Hello everyone. Today I would like to talk with you about spirals in nature. Who knows what a spiral is? (Invite answers) Who would like to draw a spiral on the board? (Invite 4-6 students to draw a spiral.)

Sharing: Have you ever seen a spiral in nature? (Show of hands) What object did you see with a spiral shape? (Invite answers)

Investigation: I have brought 5 photos of artworks today. They are all very different but they all have at least one thing in common. Have a close look at all five artworks. Maybe we can find out together what it is that they all have in common. (Allow some time to explore the art before asking the students to come back onto the mat)

Sharing: What did you find? (Invite answers and allow a discussion to develop) Each of these artworks has a signature on it. As you can see, they were all made by different artists which is why the signatures are all different.

Conversation: God might also have a signature which you can find on many of her creations. Have a look at these objects from nature. (Bring out the spiral photos and objects.) What do they all have in common? (Invite answers)

Book: Today I brought a book about spirals. It is called "Swirl by swirl-Spirals in nature" and is written by Joyce Sidman.

Exploration: So there are lots of spirals to be found in nature. Let's look at one more thing from nature. (Hang up the fingerprint copy on the board) Fingerprints are not a complete spiral but they do have part circles growing bigger as they go outward, same as a spiral does. (Demonstrate on the copy) If you like, you can put your fingerprint on this piece of paper. Have a look at your own fingerprint or that of others through one of the magnifying glasses. No two fingerprints in the whole world are ever exactly the same. Could your fingerprint be God's signature on you?

Conclusion: Most artists sign their works of art. Some people believe that spirals, recurring numbers and designs in nature are proof that everything natural has been carefully designed and created. There is a lot of evidence in nature for a loving God. Go out and explore!

Photos of Spirals in Nature













Photos of Art









