# GRADE 2 CRE NOTES

# STRAND 1: CREATION

**Self Awareness**

## Introduction

Self-awareness is understanding and appreciating who we are as individuals. It helps us value our uniqueness and learn how to relate well with others. This topic teaches learners to identify their likes, understand their physical features, and appreciate their roles in the family and community.

**Key Bible Verse:** *"So God created mankind in His own image, in the image of God He created them; male and female He created them."* – Genesis 1:27

This verse reminds us that everyone is special and made by God.

## What Do You Like About Yourself?

### Identifying Likes

* + - Think about what you like about yourself, such as:
      * Your smile, kindness, or abilities.
      * Your favorite activities like singing, drawing, or playing.

### Activity: Draw and Share

* + - Draw a picture of yourself and include things you like about your appearance or abilities.
    - Share your drawing with a friend and talk about your likes.

## Why Are You a Special Creation?

### Understanding Our Uniqueness

* + - God made everyone unique and special.
    - We have similarities and differences that make us who we are.

### Activity: Discuss and Observe

* + - Read Genesis 1:27 and Psalms 139:13 with your teacher or parent.
    - Discuss what makes you similar or different from your friends.

### Example:

* + - "I have curly hair, and my friend has straight hair."
    - "We both enjoy drawing."

## Helping at Home

### Identifying Chores

* + - Think about the chores you do at home, such as:
      * Cleaning your room.
      * Helping with cooking.

### Activity: Role Play

* + - Pretend to do different chores at home, like sweeping or washing dishes.
    - Share why these chores are important for the family.

## Appreciating Family Members

### Naming Family Members

* + - Family members include parents, siblings, and extended relatives like grandparents and cousins.

### Activity: Draw Your Family

* + - Draw and color pictures of your family members.
    - Label each member and share what you like about them.

## Sharing at Home

### Items We Share

* + - Discuss items you share at home, like:
      * Toys, food, and books.

### Items We Don’t Share

* + - Identify items that shouldn’t be shared for hygiene, such as:
      * Toothbrushes and towels.

### Activity: Draw and Color

* + - Draw items you share and don’t share at home.
    - Use different colors to highlight shared and personal items.

## Reflection

### Questions to Think About:

1. What do you like about yourself?
2. What chores do you do at home?
3. How can you help your family?

### Write Your Answer:

Write one thing you like about yourself and one way you help at home.

### Example Answer:

* + I like my kind heart. I help my family by sweeping the floor every morning.

## Prayer

Say this prayer with your teacher or parent: *"Dear God, thank You for making me special. Help me to appreciate myself and my family. Teach me to love and help others every day. Amen."*

## Conclusion

Self-awareness helps us understand and appreciate who we are. It also teaches us how to relate with others and contribute to our families and communities. Let us always thank God for making us unique and special.

# Creation of the Sky, Sun, Moon, and Stars

## Introduction

The sky, sun, moon, and stars are part of God’s beautiful creation. They remind us of His power, creativity, and care for the world. This lesson helps us appreciate these elements of creation and understand their significance in our lives.

### Key Bible Verses:

* + *"And God said, ‘Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night. And let them be for signs and for seasons, and for days and years."* – Genesis 1:14
  + *"The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of His hands."* – Psalm 19:1

These verses teach us that the sky, sun, moon, and stars were created by God and show His greatness.

## Who Created the Sky, Sun, Moon, and Stars?

### God as the Creator

* + - The Bible tells us that God created the sky, sun, moon, and stars on the fourth day of creation.
    - He gave them specific purposes:
      * The sun to rule the day.
      * The moon to rule the night.
      * The stars to light up the night sky.

### Activity: Bible Reading

* + - Read Genesis 1:14-19 with your teacher or parent.
    - Discuss what each element of creation does for us.

## Observing the Sky

### What Do We See in the Sky?

* + - During the day:
      * The sun shines and gives light and warmth.
    - During the night:
      * The moon and stars light up the sky.

### Activity: Day and Night Observation

* + - Make a list of what you see in the sky during the day and at night.
    - Example:
      * Day: Clouds, sun, birds.
      * Night: Moon, stars, airplanes.

## Creating with the Sky, Sun, Moon, and Stars

### Drawing and Crafting

* + - Draw and color the sun, moon, and stars.
    - Cut out pictures of the sun, moon, and stars and paste them on a chart to create a night sky scene.

### Activity: Song

* + - Sing the song *“Bwana Mungu Nashangaa Kabisa”* (O Lord My God, When I in Awesome Wonder).
    - Discuss how the song talks about God’s creation.

## Why Are the Sky, Sun, Moon, and Stars Important?

### Their Roles

* + - **The Sun:** Provides light, warmth, and energy for plants to grow.
    - **The Moon:** Helps light the night and controls tides.
    - **The Stars:** Guide travelers and make the night beautiful.

### God’s Power and Love

* + - These creations remind us that God cares for us by giving us what we need to live.

## Reflection

### Questions to Think About:

1. Who created the sky, sun, moon, and stars?
2. Why are they important to us?

### Write Your Answer:

Write one way you can show appreciation for God’s creation.

### Example Answer:

* + I will thank God for the sun that gives us light and warmth every day.

## Prayer

Say this prayer with your teacher or parent: *"Dear God, thank You for creating the sky, sun, moon, and stars. Help me to always appreciate Your wonderful creation and take care of the environment. Amen."*

## Conclusion

The sky, sun, moon, and stars are amazing creations that show God’s power and love for us. Let’s take time to observe, appreciate, and thank God for these wonderful gifts every day.

# STRAND 2: THE HOLY BIBLE

**The Holy Bible as a Guide**

## Introduction

The Holy Bible is God’s Word and serves as a guide in our daily lives. It teaches us how to live in a way that pleases God and helps us understand His love and plan for us. By reading the Bible, we grow in faith and learn how to make good choices.

**Key Bible Verse:** *"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path."* – Psalm 119:105 This verse reminds us that the Bible helps us know the right way to live.

## Why Is the Bible Important?

### The Bible Teaches Us About God

* + - It tells us about God’s love and His plan for us.
    - It shows us how to live a good and happy life.

### The Bible Guides Us

* + - It helps us make good decisions.
    - It teaches us to love and care for others.

## Reading the Bible

### How to Read the Bible

* + - Read a small portion every day.
    - Think about what the verses mean and how they apply to your life.

### Activity: Bible Memory Verse

* + - Memorize Psalm 119:105: *"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path."*
    - Recite the verse to your family or friends.

## The Bible as a Daily Guide

### How the Bible Helps Us

* + - It shows us how to:
      * Be kind and loving to others.
      * Pray and trust in God.
      * Say sorry and forgive when we make mistakes.

### Activity: Draw and Color

* + - Draw and color a picture of a Bible.
    - Write the words “Holy Bible” on your drawing.

## Living by the Bible

### Following the Bible’s Teachings

* + - Obeying parents and elders.
    - Being honest and telling the truth.
    - Sharing and helping others.

### Activity: List What You’ve Learned

* + - Write down three lessons you’ve learned from reading the Bible.

### Example:

1. Always tell the truth.
2. Pray every day.
3. Be kind to others.

## Reflection

### Questions to Think About:

1. Why is the Bible called a guide?
2. How can you use the Bible to make good choices?

### Write Your Answer:

Write one way you will use the Bible as a guide this week.

### Example Answer:

* + I will use the Bible to learn how to pray and trust God every day.

## Prayer

Say this prayer with your teacher or parent: *"Dear God, thank You for giving us the Bible to guide us. Help me to read it, understand it, and follow its teachings every day. Amen."*

## Conclusion

The Holy Bible is a special gift from God to help us live in a way that pleases Him. Let us read it daily, learn from it, and use it to guide our actions and choices.

# Divisions of the Bible

## Introduction

The Bible is God’s Word, divided into two main parts: the Old Testament and the New Testament. Each part contains books that teach us about God, His love, and how we should live. Understanding the divisions of the Bible helps us know where to find different teachings and stories.

**Key Bible Verse:** *"All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness."* – 2 Timothy 3:16

This verse reminds us that the whole Bible is inspired by God and is meant to guide us.

## The Two Main Divisions of the Bible

### The Old Testament

* + - The Old Testament has **39 books**.
    - It contains stories about creation, God’s promises to His people, and laws given to guide them.
    - Examples of books:
      * **Genesis**: The story of creation.
      * **Exodus**: The journey of the Israelites from Egypt.

### The New Testament

* + - The New Testament has **27 books**.
    - It teaches about Jesus Christ, His life, death, and resurrection, and the early church.
    - Examples of books:
      * **Matthew**: The life and teachings of Jesus.
      * **Acts**: The history of the early church.

## How to Find Books in the Bible

### Using the Table of Contents

* + - The Bible’s table of contents helps you find the page number of each book.

### Practice Activity

* + - Open your Bible and locate the book of Genesis in the Old Testament.
    - Find the book of Matthew in the New Testament.

## Fun Facts About the Bible

* The Bible has **66 books** in total.
* The shortest book is **3 John**, and the longest is **Psalms**.
* The Bible was written by about **40 different people** over a period of more than **1,500 years**.

## Activity: Sorting Bible Books

### Materials Needed:

* Flashcards with names of Bible books.

### Steps:

1. Divide the flashcards into two groups: Old Testament and New Testament.
2. Arrange the books in the correct order for each group.

## Reflection

### Questions to Think About:

1. How many books are in the Old Testament?
2. How many books are in the New Testament?
3. Why is it important to know the divisions of the Bible?

### Write Your Answer:

Write one reason why you think the Bible is special.

### Example Answer:

* + The Bible is special because it teaches us how to live and shows us God’s love.

## Prayer

Say this prayer with your teacher or parent: *"Dear God, thank You for giving us the Bible. Help me to understand its teachings and learn more about You every day. Amen."*

## Conclusion

The Bible is divided into the Old and New Testaments, each with unique and important teachings. Learning the divisions helps us use the Bible effectively and grow in our faith. Let’s read it daily and apply its lessons in our lives.

# The Call of Samuel

## Introduction

The story of Samuel’s call teaches us about listening to God and being ready to obey Him. Samuel was a young boy living in the Temple when God called him to be a prophet. This lesson shows us the importance of being attentive to God’s voice and responding with obedience.

**Key Bible Verse:** *"Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening."* – 1 Samuel 3:10

This verse reminds us that we should always listen to God and be ready to follow His instructions.

## The Story of Samuel’s Call

### Samuel Lives in the Temple

* + - Samuel’s mother, Hannah, prayed for a son and promised to dedicate him to God.
    - Samuel grew up serving in the Temple under Eli, the priest.

### God Calls Samuel

* + - One night, God called Samuel while he was sleeping.
    - Samuel thought Eli was calling him and went to Eli three times.
    - Eli realized it was God calling Samuel and told him to say, \*"Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening."

### Samuel Obeys God

* + - When Samuel responded to God’s call, God gave him a message for Eli.
    - Samuel grew up to be a prophet and served God faithfully.

## Lessons from Samuel’s Call

### Listening to God

* + - Samuel listened carefully and obeyed when God called him.
    - We should also listen to God through prayer and reading the Bible.

### Obedience

* + - Samuel was ready to do what God asked him to do.
    - Obedience shows that we trust and respect God.

### God’s Plan

* + - God has a special plan for everyone, just as He did for Samuel.

## Activities to Learn About Samuel’s Call

### Activity 1: Role Play

* Act out the story of Samuel’s call with your classmates.
* Take turns being Samuel, Eli, and God.

### Activity 2: Memory Verse

* Memorize 1 Samuel 3:10: *"Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening."*
* Recite the verse to your family or friends.

## Reflection

### Questions to Think About:

1. How did Samuel respond when God called him?
2. How can you listen to God in your daily life?

### Write Your Answer:

Write one way you will listen to God this week.

### Example Answer:

* + I will listen to God by praying every morning and reading my Bible.

## Prayer

Say this prayer with your teacher or parent: *"Dear God, thank You for calling Samuel and teaching us to listen to You. Help me to hear Your voice and obey You every day. Amen."*

## Conclusion

The call of Samuel shows us the importance of listening to God and being ready to follow His instructions. Let us pray, read the Bible, and trust God to guide us in His plan for our lives.

# Daniel in the Den of Lions

## Introduction

The story of Daniel in the den of lions is a powerful reminder of God’s protection and the importance of trusting Him. Daniel was a faithful servant of God, and his story teaches us to remain steadfast in our faith, even in challenging times.

**Key Bible Verse:** *"My God sent his angel, and he shut the mouths of the lions. They have not hurt me, because I was found innocent in his sight."* – Daniel 6:22

This verse reminds us that God is always with us and protects those who trust in Him.

## The Story of Daniel in the Den of Lions

### Daniel’s Faithfulness

* + - Daniel was a trusted leader in King Darius’ kingdom.
    - He prayed to God three times a day, even when it was forbidden by the king’s decree.

### The King’s Decree

* + - Jealous officials convinced King Darius to make a law that no one could pray to any god or man except the king for 30 days.
    - Daniel continued to pray to God, knowing it was the right thing to do.

### Daniel in the Den

* + - Because Daniel disobeyed the decree, he was thrown into a den of lions.
    - God sent an angel to shut the mouths of the lions, and Daniel was unharmed.
    - King Darius was amazed and praised God for His power and protection.

## Lessons from Daniel’s Story

### Trust in God

* + - Daniel trusted God even when faced with danger.
    - We should also trust God to protect and guide us.

### Stand Firm in Faith

* + - Daniel did not stop praying, even when it was risky.
    - We should always stand firm in our beliefs, no matter what challenges we face.

### God’s Power and Protection

* + - God protected Daniel in the den of lions.
    - He watches over us and helps us in difficult times.

## Activities to Learn About Daniel’s Story

### Activity 1: Role Play

* Act out the story of Daniel in the den of lions with your classmates.
* Take turns being Daniel, King Darius, the jealous officials, and the lions.

### Activity 2: Drawing and Coloring

* Draw a picture of Daniel in the den of lions.
* Add an angel protecting him and the lions sitting peacefully.

## Reflection

### Questions to Think About:

1. Why was Daniel thrown into the den of lions?
2. How did God protect Daniel in the den?
3. What can we learn from Daniel’s faithfulness?

### Write Your Answer:

Write one way you can show trust in God this week.

### Example Answer:

* + I will trust God by praying every day, even when I feel scared.

## Prayer

Say this prayer with your teacher or parent: *"Dear God, thank You for protecting Daniel in the den of lions. Help me to trust You and remain faithful, no matter what challenges I face. Amen."*

## Conclusion

The story of Daniel in the den of lions teaches us to trust God and remain faithful to Him. Let us always pray, stand firm in our beliefs, and remember that God is with us in all situations.

# The Widow of Zarephath

## Introduction

The story of the widow of Zarephath teaches us about God’s provision and the importance of trusting Him. God sent the prophet Elijah to a poor widow during a time of drought and famine. Through her obedience and faith, God provided for her and her family.

**Key Bible Verse:** *"The jar of flour was not used up, and the jug of oil did not run dry, in keeping with the word of the Lord spoken by Elijah."* – 1 Kings 17:16

This verse reminds us that God takes care of those who trust in Him.

## The Story of the Widow of Zarephath

### Elijah Meets the Widow

* + - God told Elijah to go to Zarephath, where a widow would provide for him.
    - Elijah found the widow gathering sticks and asked for water and bread.

### The Widow’s Faith

* + - The widow explained that she had only a little flour and oil left, just enough to prepare a final meal for herself and her son.
    - Elijah assured her that God would provide if she made a small cake for him first.

### God’s Provision

* + - The widow obeyed Elijah’s request, and God performed a miracle.
    - Her jar of flour and jug of oil did not run out until the drought ended.

## Lessons from the Widow’s Story

### Trust in God

* + - The widow trusted Elijah’s words and God’s promise.
    - We should also trust God to provide for our needs.

### Obedience

* + - The widow obeyed even when it was difficult.
    - Obeying God shows our faith and leads to blessings.

### God’s Provision

* + - God provided for the widow, her son, and Elijah during a time of great need.
    - God takes care of those who have faith in Him.

## Activities to Learn About the Widow’s Story

### Activity 1: Role Play

* Act out the story of Elijah and the widow of Zarephath.
* Take turns being Elijah, the widow, and her son.

### Activity 2: Drawing and Coloring

* Draw a picture of the widow with her jar of flour and jug of oil.
* Write the words "God Provides" on your drawing.

## Reflection

### Questions to Think About:

1. Why did the widow trust Elijah’s words?
2. How did God provide for the widow and her son?
3. What can we learn from this story about trusting God?

### Write Your Answer:

Write one way you will trust God this week.

### Example Answer:

* + I will trust God by praying when I feel worried and believing He will take care of me.

## Prayer

Say this prayer with your teacher or parent: *"Dear God, thank You for the story of the widow of Zarephath. Help me to trust You and obey Your Word. Thank You for always providing for me. Amen."*

## Conclusion

The story of the widow of Zarephath teaches us about trusting and obeying God. Just as He provided for the widow and her family, God takes care of us when we have faith in Him. Let us always trust Him and follow His Word.

# The Birth of Jesus Christ

## Introduction

The birth of Jesus Christ is one of the most important events in the Bible. It marks the coming of the Savior, who was sent by God to bring love, peace, and salvation to the world. This lesson teaches us about the humble birth of Jesus and its significance for everyone.

**Key Bible Verse:** *"Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord."* – Luke 2:11

This verse reminds us of the good news of Jesus’ birth and its meaning for all people.

## The Story of Jesus’ Birth

### Mary and Joseph Travel to Bethlehem

* + - Mary, who was chosen by God to be the mother of Jesus, traveled with Joseph to Bethlehem.
    - They went there because of a census ordered by the Roman emperor.

### Jesus Is Born in a Stable

* + - When Mary and Joseph arrived in Bethlehem, there was no room in the inn.
    - Jesus was born in a humble stable and laid in a manger because there was no other place available.

### Angels Announce the Birth

* + - Angels appeared to shepherds in the fields, announcing the birth of Jesus.
    - The shepherds went to see the baby and praised God for the good news.

## Lessons from the Birth of Jesus

### Humility

* + - Jesus was born in a stable, showing that greatness does not depend on wealth or status.
    - We should also live humbly and appreciate simple things.

### God’s Love for Everyone

* + - Jesus’ birth shows that God loves all people, no matter their background.
    - The angels announced the good news to shepherds, who were considered ordinary people.

### Sharing Good News

* + - The shepherds shared the news of Jesus’ birth with others.
    - We should also share the joy of Jesus with our friends and family.

## Activities to Learn About Jesus’ Birth

### Activity 1: Drawing and Coloring

* Draw the nativity scene, including Mary, Joseph, baby Jesus in the manger, shepherds, and angels.
* Write the words "Jesus is born" on your drawing.

### Activity 2: Singing a Christmas Song

* Sing a Christmas song such as *"Silent Night"* or *"Away in a Manger."*
* Talk about the meaning of the song with your class.

## Reflection

### Questions to Think About:

1. Why was Jesus born in a stable?
2. How did the shepherds learn about Jesus’ birth?
3. What can we learn from Jesus’ humble birth?

### Write Your Answer:

Write one way you will celebrate Jesus’ birth this Christmas.

### Example Answer:

* + I will celebrate Jesus’ birth by singing Christmas songs and thanking God for His love.

## Prayer

Say this prayer with your teacher or parent: *"Dear God, thank You for sending Jesus to be our Savior. Help me to remember the true meaning of Christmas and share Your love with others. Amen."*

## Conclusion

The birth of Jesus Christ reminds us of God’s love and His plan to save the world. As we celebrate Christmas, let us thank God for this precious gift and share the joy of Jesus with everyone around us.

# Kindness of the Wise Men

## Introduction

The story of the wise men shows us how they honored and celebrated the birth of Jesus Christ. They traveled a long distance, guided by a star, to worship the newborn King. This lesson teaches us about giving, kindness, and recognizing Jesus as a special gift from God.

**Key Bible Verse:** *"On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh."* – Matthew 2:11

This verse reminds us of the wise men’s kindness and their recognition of Jesus as the King.

## The Story of the Wise Men

### The Journey of the Wise Men

* + - The wise men, also called Magi, saw a special star in the sky.
    - They knew it signified the birth of a great King, so they followed it to find Him.

### The Gifts for Jesus

* + - The wise men brought three gifts for baby Jesus:
      1. **Gold**: A gift for a king.
      2. **Frankincense**: A gift for worship.
      3. **Myrrh**: A gift symbolizing sacrifice.

### Worshiping Jesus

* + - When the wise men found Jesus, they bowed down and worshiped Him.
    - Their actions showed their kindness and respect for Jesus as the Savior.

## Lessons from the Wise Men

### Kindness and Giving

* + - The wise men gave their best gifts to Jesus.
    - We should also share what we have with others to show kindness.

### Following God’s Guidance

* + - The wise men followed the star to find Jesus.
    - We should listen to God’s guidance in our lives.

### Worshiping Jesus

* + - The wise men worshiped Jesus as the King.
    - We should honor and thank Jesus for His love and blessings.

## Activities to Learn About the Wise Men

### Activity 1: Drawing and Coloring

* Draw a picture of the wise men bringing gifts to baby Jesus.
* Label the gifts as gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

### Activity 2: Role Play

* Act out the story of the wise men visiting Jesus.
* Take turns being the wise men, Mary, and Joseph.

## Reflection

### Questions to Think About:

1. What gifts did the wise men bring to Jesus?
2. Why were their gifts special?
3. How can you show kindness to others?

### Write Your Answer:

Write one way you can show kindness this week.

### Example Answer:

* + I will share my toys with my friends to show kindness.

## Prayer

Say this prayer with your teacher or parent: *"Dear God, thank You for the story of the wise men. Help me to be kind and give my best to others. Teach me to honor and worship Jesus every day. Amen."*

## Conclusion

The kindness of the wise men teaches us about giving, honoring Jesus, and following God’s guidance. Let us remember to be kind, generous, and thankful for God’s love and blessings in our lives.