**Day 2 – Water**

* **WELCOME**
* **SONG: Allelu, Allelu . . . .**
* **Section one: God creates Water:**

Mark reviews what was taught on Tuesday . . . .

Mark turns to the table with a box on it [inside the box is a glass of water], and says, “Today you are all in the presence of the most precious thing in the whole world; in this box is the most valuable thing known to humans. I almost dare not open the lid because it is so very precious. What do you think it might be?”

Get a vote from the children with some of the ideas.

It is water and that is our subject for today: we are thinking about water. God created water and what a good thing it is.

Can you think of examples of how fantastic water is?

Let’s have a bit of a quiz to see what you know about water?

[Divide into 2 teams]

**QUIZ Questions:**

1. If you don’t drink water what will eventually happen? (You will die)

2. How long can you last without water? (3 days)

3. How much do we consume each day? (150 gallons)

4. How much of a human is water (60-70% depending on gender and age)

5. How much of the earth’s surface is covered by water (70-75%, almost all!)

6. How much water should you drink each day? (People disagree over this one but, it’s something like 10 glasses like this).

So you can see how important and precious water is. We need it to live and it gives us soooo much pleasure and enjoyment too.

Let’s read what the Bible says about how God created it in the first place . .

**[SLIDE 1 - shown Genesis 1v9-10].**

What did God say it was like . . . . “And God say that it was good!”

**[SLIDE 2 - show Genesis 1:31]**

**‘SWING – O – METER’**

Now let’s see where we should be on our ‘Swing-o-meter’. Remember from yesterday

It says:

**Made – Broken – Fixed**,

Where do you think it should be pointing now?

*[Take suggestions]*

That’s right ‘made’!

*[Get the child who answered to come up and put it on ‘made’]*

* **SONG 2: Our God is a Great Big God!**
* **Section two: the world is not good now**

**Mark:** Wow you guys are really getting the hang of that song…

**Tea lady:** Tea, tea, who’d like a cup of tea

**Mark:** Oh look, it’s my old friend tea lady, hi tea lady

**Tea lady:** Oh hello Mark, how are you my love, would you like a nice cup of tea? I’ve got lots of hot water here and with my tea bags, it makes the most amazing cuppa!

**Mark:** Oh yes thanks tea lady, I love my tea . . . but only ordinary tea, I don’t like all those fancy ones. I was just reminding the children what a good world God created and especially when God created water. Is there a better example of God’s good creation of water than a nice cup of tea?

**Tea lady:** Well a nice cup of tea can solve many problems Mark, but I don’t know what you mean about water being sooo good. I know I make an amazing cup of tea, but I was watching the news last night and there are so many bad things around the world involving water. There are so many floods around the world, storms, the way water can very easily carry diseases which infect people really quickly and I’ve just seen at home that all this rain has given me damp problems in my house!

Which reminds me, I must go and phone that nice man Mr Fixit, to try and fixit! [Tea Lady turns to the children] Have you met him!

**Mark:** Oh OK by tea lady.

Oh no tea lady is right isn’t she? Water isn’t always good in the world. Here are some pictures of when water can be really bad and destructive.

**[SLIDE 3 - show ‘destructive water’ pictures]**

The world doesn’t always look like the good world that the Bible said God created. We need to think about that too. The Bible says that when God made Adam and Eve, He said they could eat from any tree in the Garden except the tree of the knowledge of Good and evil

**[SLIDE 4 - show Genesis 2:16-17]**

What did we see happened with Adam & Eve yesterday?

**[SLIDE 5 – Shove off God, I’m in charge, No to your rules!]**

Their disobedience of God, when they took the fruit, resulted in their relationship with God being broken. What does the Bible call it when we disobey God . . . . SIN!

When we tell God that we think we know better than him, we do the same as Adam & Eve, we SIN, we say, “Shove off God, I’m in charge, No to your rules!”

And so Adam and Eve were no longer God’s friends, and that meant that they could not enjoy God’s good world anymore, including all the great things about water. And the world from then on had a mixture of good and bad, and water especially could bring good things, but also lots of bad things too.

So tea lady was right to remind us that water isn’t just good, it can bring bad things too.

**‘SWING – O – METER’**

Now can anyone tell me where our swing-o-meter should be pointing now?

*[Take suggestions]*

Yes that’s right on ‘broken’! – our world is broken

*[Ask child to come up and move the arrow on]*

But this is the Fix it Factory and so we’re here to think about fixing things and the question is can water be fixed? Can we move our swing-o-meter onto fixed? How can we do that? Well the Bible says that we can’t but God can and he does it through Jesus.

* **Section three: God has created a future good world through Jesus**

Well it’s a good job that God has promised to fix the world through Jesus because I am terrible at fixing things myself!

[Mr Fix it theme tune on]

**Mark:** Who’s coming? [Encourage the children to call for Mr Fixit]

**Mr Fixit:** Hey Mark, no fear Mr Fixit is here! Hi children.

**Mark:** Oh hello Mr Fix it. Have I told you he can fix almost anything – It’s great to see you but I think this is beyond even you, I mean we’re talking about the water needing fixing.

**Mr Fixit:** Well I love a challenge Mark! Let me see, where’s my ‘fixit machine’? Now water brings some bad things, so we need to change water to be all good . . . . . . hmm that is going to be tricky, let’s take it step by step. Look here is a glass of water. Now we know it can bring disaster, so I will fix it in my ‘fixit machine’.

[Mr Fixit puts the glass of water in the ‘fixit machine’ and the Mr Fixit theme tune starts again]

**Mr Fix it:** And here we are Mark ta da…

**Mark:** Oh dear it’s just exactly the same! *[Encourage sympathy for Mr Fixit]*

**Mr Fix it:** Just wait a minute Mark! How do you know it is just the same and not fixed?

**Mark:** Well Mr Fixit, I think it’s still the same and can be bad. I don’t think it is any different. Let me show you!

*[Take the glass, look at the water and then throw the water in Mr Fixit’s face]*

**Mr Fix it:** I’m so sorry Mark! You’re right it can still bring bad! I’ll have a look at my fixit machine and see if I can help you tomorrow.

**Mark:** OK Mr Fix it, see you tomorrow

**Mark:** Well, Mr Fixit couldn’t fixit could he! It’s a good thing that God has promised to fix our broken world, including water, because we’re not going to be able to do it ourselves are we?

Do you know there is a story in Mark chapter 4, where Jesus showed that He was God and even though water can bring bad things and disaster, He was more powerful and showed He is in control of the waters.

**Tell the story of Jesus calming the storm. [2 slides]**

And God has also promised us that one day He is going to fix water forever. Listen to what the Bible says in the very last book and the promise that God makes.

**[SLIDE 7 - Rev 21:1 & Rev 22v1-2]**

A new world; not a broken one; not a messed up one like Tea lady described to us.

But just before we sing again we need to understand how God can make such an amazing promise.

Our world is broken because of sin so it will be fixed, when God deals with sin, well the good news is that he has already done that. The Bible says that when Jesus, God’s son, died on the cross 2000 years ago he saved us from our sin and fixed our relationship with God.

**[SLIDE 8 - show cross &1 Peter 3v18]**

**[SLIDE 9 - show ‘Separation from God’ and refer to 1 Peter 3v18 ‘to bring us to God!’]**

So although we still have to wait for it to be completely fixed, we know that if we believe and trust in Jesus we will one day be a part of God’s fixed world.

**‘SWING – O – METER’**

Now where do we need to put our pointer on our swing-o-meter?

Yes that’s right on fixed!

God has promised

And we’re going to sing again about our Amazing God and what He has done in Jesus to rescue us and make everything new.

* **SONG 3: The Day**
* **QUIZ**
* **FIXIT FACTORY WORKSHOPS**
* **FIXIT FACTORY DEBRIEF**

Welcome the children back and ask them what they have been doing and have made?

* **MEMORY VERSE**

**Day 2:**

Mark 4v41 “What kind of man is this? Even the wind and the waves obey Him!”

* **SONG 4: Who’s the King of the Jungle?**
* **FINISH**

**MEMORY VERSES:**

**Day 1:**

Rev 21v5a The One who was sitting on the throne said, "Look! I am making everything new!"

**Day 2:**

Mark 4v41 “What kind of man is this? Even the wind and the waves obey Him!”

**Day 3:**

Rev 22v2 “The tree of life was on both sides of the river. It produces fruit 12 times each year, one each month. Its leaves are for the healing of the nations.”

**Day 4:**

Isaiah 11v6 Then wolves will live in peace with lambs, and leopards will lie down to rest with goats.

Calves, lions, and young bulls will eat together, and a little child will lead them.