

# KINDERGARTEN SUGGESTIONS: WHEN TO TEACH THE THEMES

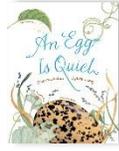
**BLUEBERRIES FOR SAL**  
By Robert McCloskey



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<b>CREATION IS A GIFT</b>	<p>Spring</p> <p>Fall</p> <p>Thanksgiving Holiday</p>	<p>Students can recognize the change in seasons. The change in nature is easily recognizable as a gift from God.</p> <p>Thanksgiving is a time to focus on gratitude for the gifts of God.</p>
<b>ORIGINAL SOLITUDE</b>	<p>National Pet Day (April 11<sup>th</sup>)</p> <p>National Love Your Pet Day (Feb. 20<sup>th</sup>)</p> <p>Spring</p> <p>Fall</p> <p>When teaching the color “BLUE” or the letter “B”</p>	<p>Adam was alone in the garden before original sin. His experience of being alone or “solitude” is called ORIGINAL SOLITUDE.</p> <p>The experience of ORIGINAL SOLITUDE helps Adam discover his identity. Adam learns he is different from the rest of creation after he names the animals.</p> <p>Children can discover that they are different from the rest of creation by naming their pets. Naming our pets also shows that humans have been given a special task by God to care for creation.</p>
<b>HUMAN WORK</b>	<p>Feast of St. Joseph the Worker (May 1<sup>st</sup>)</p> <p>In Preparation for Mother’s Day (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in May)</p> <p>Spring</p>	<p>Work isn’t God’s curse on humans. Work is actually a gift from God that helps us to image him. We work because God works.</p> <p>God worked for 6 days to create the world. Jesus worked for most of his life before beginning his public ministry. God gave Adam the task of cultivating the garden. By working, Adam learned that he is set apart from the rest of creation.</p>

# AN EGG IS QUIET

By Dianna Aston



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<p><b>CREATION IS A GIFT</b></p>	<p>Spring Easter Thanksgiving Holiday Feast of St. Francis of Assisi (Oct. 4<sup>th</sup>)</p>	<p>Students can recognize the change in seasons. The change in nature is easily recognizable as a gift from God.</p> <p>Thanksgiving is a time to focus on gratitude for the gifts of God.</p> <p>St. Francis had a special love for animals. He understood that God created the animals as a gift for mankind. We are called to see God’s creation (ie. animals, nature and humans) through the lens of the <i>Theology of the Body</i>. This lens can shift a young mind’s view of the world from <i>scary</i> to a <i>loving gift from God</i>.</p>
<p><b>ORDER, DESIGN &amp; MEANING</b></p>	<p>Easter Spring Correspond with science lesson on life cycles, seasons, weather or the water cycle When reading about the days of creation in the 1<sup>st</sup> creation account of Genesis 1-2:3</p>	<p>There is a natural order and rhythm to God’s creation. We can see this order within nature. There are two ways to be a Robin (bird): A male way and a female way. When a male Robin and a female Robin work together, they can produce eggs and care for their young. The female Robin sits on the eggs to keep them warm while the male Robin brings her food.</p> <p>In the first creation account, God creates in a step-by-step rhythm over seven days. John Paul II notes that God “seems to halt” before creating human beings. This shows that humans are the highest of God’s creation. Humans are set apart from the rest of creation as being created in the image and likeness of God.</p>
<p><b>GENEROSITY &amp; FRUITFULNESS</b></p>	<p>Fall harvest Spring</p>	<p>All of God’s creation participates in a giving and receiving that is life-giving (or fruitful). Plants receive carbon dioxide from humans and give oxygen in return. Apple trees receive water and sunlight from God and give apples in return. Chickens give us eggs. Moms and dads give their lives to one another in marriage. This union often brings new life into the world (babies).</p>

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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>BEAUTY</b></p>	<p><b>Lent</b></p> <p><b>Easter season</b></p> <p><b>Spring</b></p>	<p>When mom bakes cookies, we are drawn into the kitchen by the sweet smell. God splatters the world with beauty as a sweet enticement. He hopes to draw us to himself by his beautiful creation. Beauty should draw us closer to God.</p> <p>Children often seek to obtain autographs of their heroes. Because God’s signature is on his creation, every rock or leaf collection a young child gathers is in effect, an autograph collection of God the Creator.</p>
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