



The Beginning

Lesson 1: The Creation

(Genesis 1:1-2:3)

In the very beginning of time as we know it, there was nothing that existed on this earth. In fact, there was not even an earth. But, God did exist. Actually, God has always been alive and will always be alive. Psalm 90:2 tells us about how God is eternal (without beginning or end). “Before the mountains were brought forth, Or ever You had formed the earth and the world, Even from everlasting to everlasting, You are God.”

Then, whenever God thought it was the right time, God created the heavens (this entire universe) and the earth. He is the only one who is powerful enough to make everything that you can see around you! But, how did He do it? The Bible tells us the answer! In fact, the Bible is the *only* book that can give us all of the right answers about how God created this world.

The Bible tells the story of creation in Genesis chapters 1 and 2. It took God only seven days to make everything you can see around you. Now, let’s learn about each one of these seven days of creation. Before this, there was complete darkness on the earth and it was empty.

On day 1, God said, “Let there be light” – and there was light! God saw that the light He had made was good. He called the light “Day” and the darkness “Night.” The evening and the morning were the first day of creation.

On day 2, God created the sky (firmament) to separate the waters. Now, there would be water above the firmament (in the form of vapor and clouds) and water below (in liquid form). The evening and the morning were the second day of creation.

On day 3, God made all the waters under the sky to be gathered into one place and made dry land appear. He called the dry land “Earth” and the waters “Seas.” And God saw that it was good. Then, God made the earth grow grass, herbs, and trees. Each

one would have seed in order that they could make more of the same kinds. Then, God saw that this was good. The evening and the morning were the third day of creation.

On day 4, God made lights in outer space for the earth. He made two “great” lights. The sun was the greater light that would give enough light for the daytime. And, the moon was the smaller light to give light for the nighttime. Then, God also made all the stars that you can see in the sky (and many, many others you cannot see). These lights would also be used for signs, and to determine seasons, days, and years. Then, God saw that this was good. The evening and the morning were the fourth day of creation.

On day 5, God created living creatures for the water and the sky. So, God made birds to fly above the earth in the sky (firmament). And, God created the great sea creatures and all the kinds of fish and living things in the waters. These kinds that God had made were to multiply on the earth. Then, God saw that this was good. The evening and the morning were the fifth day of creation.

On day 6, God created all of the kinds of animals that live on dry land. This includes cattle, creeping things, and beasts of the earth. From the smallest to the largest, God made them all. And, God saw that it was good. Then, God created mankind (both man and woman). However, God created mankind in a very special way. Mankind was made in the image of God and was put over all of the animals on the earth. Man was made from the dust of the earth, and woman was made from the rib of man. Then, God saw that this was very good. The evening and the morning were the sixth day.

On day 7, God rested. All of the work of creation was done in six days. Now, God looked at all that He had made and was very pleased with it. He blessed the seventh day and made it special because it was the day that He rested from all His work He had made. Everything He made was absolutely perfect!

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Study Questions:

1) Who created the world? Why was He able to create the world?

2) What did God do on day 1?

3) What did God do on day 2?

4) What did God do on day 3?

5) What did God do on day 4?

6) What did God do on day 5?

7) What did God do on day 6?

8) What did God do on day 7?

Memory Verse:

“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth” (Genesis 1:1).

Draw a picture of the lesson you learned about: