

In the beginning God created (made) the heavens and the earth. At first the earth had no shape. It was dark. Nothing was on it.

Then God said, “Let there be light!” Right away, there was light. And it was good! God called the time when it was light “day.” He called the time when it was dark “night.” This was day one of God’s new world.

The next day God said, “Let there be a sky.” As soon as God said this, there was a sky! This was day two of God’s new world.

The next day God said, “Let the waters move together and let the dry ground show.” Everything happened just as God said. The world had land and lakes and rivers and ponds. God knew that everything he had made was good.

But God was not finished with day

number three. He said, “Let there be plants to grow on the land.” And it happened! God made all the trees, bushes, plants, and flowers. God saw that what he had made was very good. This was day three of God’s beautiful, new world.

The next day God said, “Let there be lights in the sky.” He made the sun to shine during the day and the moon to shine at night. God also made the stars. God saw that his world was good. This was day four of God’s beautiful, new world.

The next day God said, “Let the water be full of animals that swim.” Right away there were fish and whales and all the other animals that live in the water. Then God said, “Let the sky be full of birds.” Suddenly there were owls, robins, and many other kinds of birds. God looked at what he had made and knew that it was all very good. This was day five of God’s beautiful, new world.

On day six God said, “Let there be animals to live on the land.” God made animals like cows, sheep, lions, and bears. He made all the animals that move along the ground. God saw that everything was good.

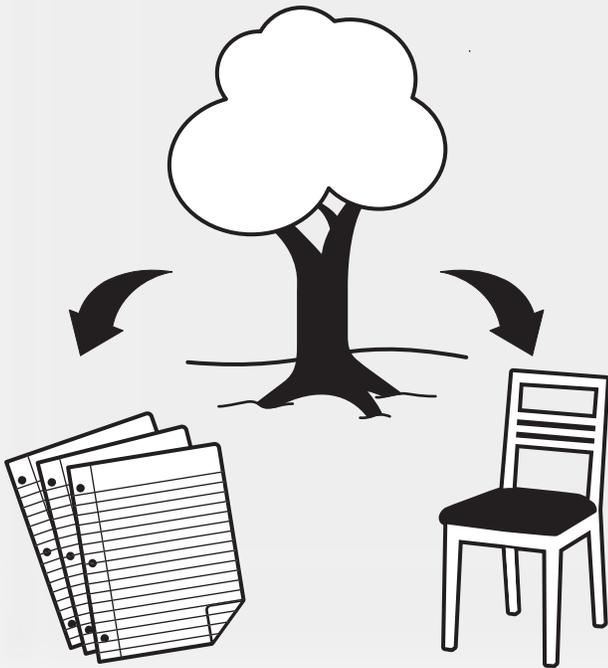
Then God’s world was ready for the most special part of his work. God made people—a man and a woman. God made them like him—they were perfect. They did not do anything wrong. They did not sin. God told the man and the woman, “I will bless you. Have children. Take care of the animals I have made.” God looked at everything he had made. Everything was very good. This was day six of God’s beautiful, new world.

On day seven God was done making the world. He made the seventh day a special day to remember that his work was done. God had created a beautiful world!



This lesson teaches that our almighty God made a beautiful world for us to enjoy. We thank and praise him for our world by taking care of it.

1. Look at the creation picture and see if there is anything pictured there that begins with your child's first initial. Find an item in your home that begins with that letter. Place it in a paper sack with the letter on it, and send it to school with your child to show to classmates.
2. As a family, make a list of items in your home that come from the plant life God created (paper and furniture from trees, clothes and curtains from cotton, vegetables and fruits from plants, coffee and chewing gum from trees). Thank God for creating minds that can develop other things from what God has given us.



## Pray Together

Thank you, God, for making a beautiful world for us to enjoy. Help us take good care of it. Thank you for sending your Son, Jesus, to die for everyone in the world and take away all sins. Amen.



Genesis 1:1