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The black skimmer is a large, beautiful bird that catches fish while it flies!

Its beak is shorter on the top than on the bottom. This allows it to skim shallows with its lower beak under water. When the lower beak touches a fish, it instantly snaps up. Now it's dinnertime!

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— Preface —

Young students need to learn how God made the earth and heavens in six days. The book that follows will help children to better understand that the things that they observe in creation were made by God alone.

When young people study the world God made, they will discover how often nature sings of the majesty and power of the Creator. The works of creation continually testify to the greatness of the Lord and inspire true students of science to explore the world with diligence.

The Bible reminds each creature that the fear of the Lord is the beginning of all true knowledge. In this regard, it is vital that young students acknowledge the work of their Creator as they seek to gain a knowledge of the world around them. Great joy and wisdom will flow to all those who are committed to glorifying Christ through a study of the created order.

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DAY 1

God Created the Heavens and the Earth

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw the light, that it was good; and God divided the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness He called Night. So the evening and the morning were the first day.

— *Genesis 1:1–5* —



God, the Creator

*The first verse in the Bible tells us,
"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth."
There is "one God and Father of all" (Ephesians 4:6),
who created everything.*

*The Bible teaches that even though God is One,
He is three persons: **Father, Son, and Holy Spirit**
(Matthew 28:19).*



So all three Persons were there in the beginning to create the worlds. God the Father wisely planned the creation to be good. Long before God the Son became the man named Jesus, everything in the world was created through Him (Read John 1:1-3 and Colossians 1:16-17).

*The second verse in the Bible also tells us that "the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters." He gave power and energy to all the things that were about to be made. **God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit** all helped to create the heavens and the earth.*

Memory Work

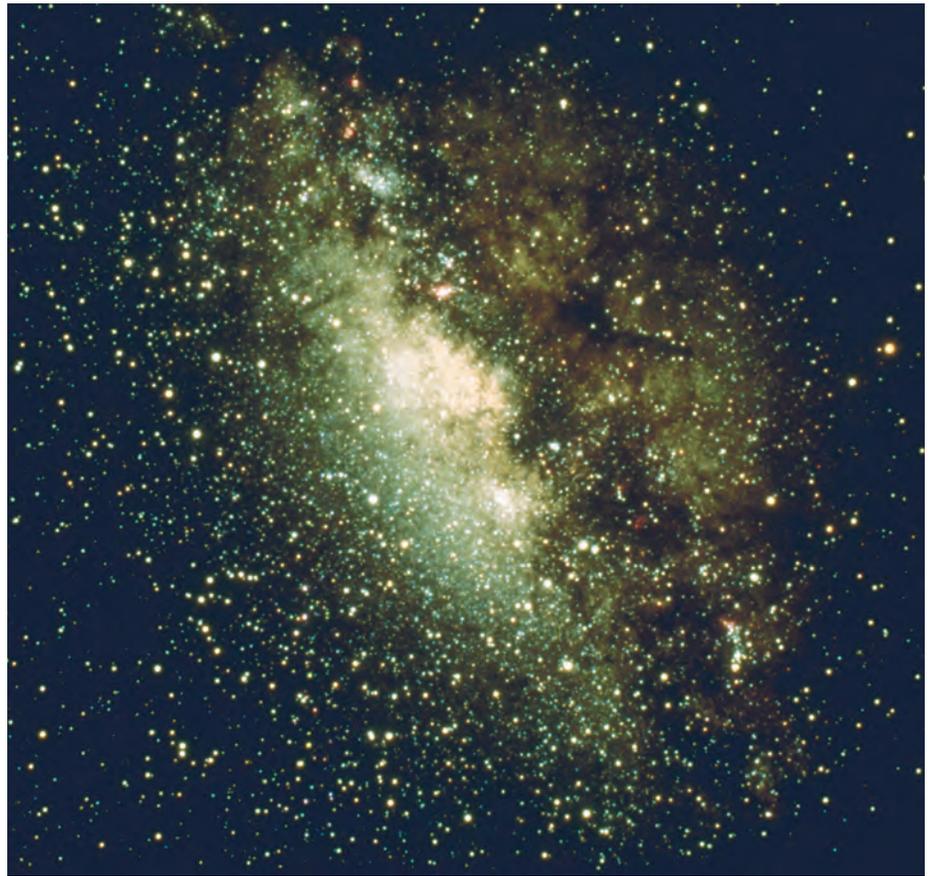
Memorize the following questions and answers.

1. Who made you?— **God made me.**
2. What else did God make?— **God made all things.**
3. Why did God make you and everything else?— **God made all things for his own glory.**



How God Created the World

The Bible says that God created the world and the sky and outer space. God made the heavens and the earth from nothing.



Look around the room that you are in. How many things can you name? Now think what it would be like without those things. Before God created the earth, there were no things on the earth. In fact, there was no earth at all. There were no plants, animals, or people.

Hebrews 11:3 says, "By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible." God spoke and the heavens and the earth appeared out of nothing!

Only God can do that.



Three Things God Created

Genesis 1:1 says, "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." From this verse we learn three things: God created *time*, *space*, and *matter*.

Genesis 1:1

"In the beginning"

"the heavens"

"the earth"

What God Created

time

space

matter

Activity

God chose to create everything that we can see, touch, hear, smell, or taste. Let us praise God for all the wonderful things He has made.

Draw a picture of something you can see, touch, hear, smell, or taste.

See

Touch

Hear

Smell

Taste



What is Time?

If you have a clock that has hands that move, sit down and look at it. If you do not have a clock like that, ask your mom or dad to help you draw a picture of one on a piece of paper. Can you say all the numbers on the face of the clock? Watch the hands move on the clock. What do they tell us? They tell us what time it is.

God created **time**. Before God created the world, there was no time. The word *time* means "to divide up." On Day One, God began to divide up each day into seconds, minutes, and hours.

God gave us time so we can glorify Him. How do you use your time to glorify God? (Sing praises to God; read the Bible; memorize Bible verses; pray to God the Father; obey your parents; etc.) Take a moment to thank God for making time.



Activity

If you have a clock with numbers and hands, set it in front of you. How many numbers do you see? (twelve) What do these numbers stand for? (hours) Each hour is divided into minutes. Do you know how many minutes are in an hour? If you look closely, some clocks have little lines between each number. Each line stands for one minute. Count each number and each line between the numbers. How many did you find? (60) This means there are sixty minutes in each hour. Each day contains a total of twenty-four hours.



1 Hour = 60 Minutes

What is Space?

If you look around the room, you see many things. Each thing has its own place or space. What would it be like if there were no things in the room? It would be empty. That is what it was like before God created the world. There were no things and no place to put them.

God made **space** on the first day. He made a place for everything. The Bible calls space “the heavens.” In space God made a place for the sun, moon, and stars. Look in an encyclopedia or science book under Earth, Moon, Star, or Sun to see what God has put into space.

Activity

If the weather is nice, go outside and look up into the sky. What color is the sky?

If you go out at night, you will see something different. What color is the sky? Do you see any stars? The place where the stars stay is called space. Sometimes we call it outer space.

CAUTION: Never look directly at the sun. If you do, you may become blind. Remember: **DO NOT** look at the sun!



What is Matter?

As you study about God's creation, you will use this book. Do you know from what material this book was made? Books are made from wood. Do you know where wood comes from? Wood comes from trees. Where do the trees come from? They came from God who made them by the power of His word.

God did not create the trees on the first day, but He created **matter** on Day One. Trees are made of matter. Matter is anything that takes up space. This means that anything you can touch or feel is made of matter.

From the first verse in the Bible, we learned that God made three important things. Can you name those three things? God made *time, space, and matter*.

Activity

What you need:

objects (feather, pen, dime, etc.); ruler or tape measure; food scale from the kitchen

What to do:

Take each of your objects and measure how long or wide they are. Then take the scale and weigh each object. What is the biggest thing you measured? Which one weighs the most? Is the biggest object the same as the heaviest one? Why or why not? Each object you measured and weighed is made of matter.



What was the earth like in the beginning?

*The earth was without form, and void;
and darkness was on the face of the deep.*

Genesis 1:2

WITHOUT FORM

First, the Bible tells us that the earth was “without form.” This means the earth had no shape. Can you think of something that does not have any form or shape?

Water is something that does not have shape. If you fill a glass with water, the water takes the shape of the glass. If you pour the water into a bowl, it takes the shape of the bowl.

The earth was just like water on the first day of creation; and “the earth was without form.” Imagine, on the first day of creation, that the earth was like a big ocean of water silently floating in space.



Activity

Fill a glass with water. What shape does the water take? Pour the water into a pitcher, pan, bowl, etc. What shape does the water take? In the beginning, Earth was just like water—it had no shape.



VOID

The Bible also tells us that the earth was “void.” This means that the surface of the earth was empty. There were no plants, animals, or people. God created matter on the first day, but He did not make the land, plants, sun, stars, animals, or people until later in the week.

DARKNESS

Finally, the Bible tells us that “darkness was on the face of the deep.” There was no light to see what was on the earth. The “face of the deep” means the surface of the waters that covered the earth.

The earth was covered with water. We know this because the last part of verse two says, “the Spirit of God moved on the face of the waters.”

How is the earth different today compared to the first day of creation? Today we know the earth looks like a very large ball. It is covered by land and water—but mostly water. The land is filled with all kinds of plants, animals, and people. The earth is also filled with the light of the sun during the day. At night the heavens shine on the earth with the light of the moon and stars.

How is the earth the same now as it was then? If you said it is filled with water, you are right. The earth was covered with water on the first day, and now the surface of the earth is one part land and three parts water.

The Spirit of God, Giver of Life

Pretend that you have a lump of clay in your hands. Does the clay move by itself? Now pretend that you are pushing your fingers into the clay. You can form the clay into a round ball. This is what happened in Genesis 1:2.

God had created time, space, and matter, but there was no life or motion in the world. Then “the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.” This means God the Spirit brought life or energy to all of creation. (See also 2 Corinthians 3:6).



What is Energy?

On Day One, the Spirit gave **energy** to the world. Do you know what energy is? Energy is power or the ability to do work. What happens when you jump up and down? You are using energy which helps you to jump high, run fast, or work hard around the house.

The Spirit used energy to form the earth into a round ball and start the ball spinning. Did you know that the earth is not standing still? Do you feel the earth moving? No, we cannot; but it is spinning very fast. The earth spins around once each day.



Activity



Here's how to set up this experiment quickly and easily. If you don't have a globe, you could even use a ball to represent the earth.

If you have a flashlight and a globe, you can do this activity. Put a sticker on the globe near to where you live. Place the globe on a table at one end and the flashlight on a stack of books at the other end. Turn off the lights and turn on the flashlight.

Shine the flashlight on the globe and pretend that it is sunlight. As you slowly spin the globe you will see your sticker moving around too. Every turn of the globe equals one full day or 24 hours. When is your sticker in the nighttime? When is your sticker in the daytime?



The earth turns around **ONCE** every 24 hours.



God Created the Light

On Day One, God decided to create light. Why do you think God created the light? He created the light so that we can see. God did not create the sun on the first day of creation, but He did create light.

At night when it is dark outside, you turn on the lights before you start to work or play. In the same way, God turned on the light for us to see. Light helps us to see. Without light we cannot see at all.

When you turn on the light in a dark room, where does the darkness go? That is what happened on the first day of creation, the darkness was chased away by the light.



What is Light?

God created a special kind of energy on the first day. This energy is called **light**. Energy is power or the ability to do work, and light is a special kind of power. Light is energy or power that moves through space. But how does light move?

Have you ever been near an ocean or lake on a windy day? The water moves up and down. When the wind pushes against the surface of the water, the water makes waves. This is how light moves too.

Activity

What you need:

bowl of water; eyedropper or toothpick; red food coloring

What to do:

Fill a bowl halfway with water. Let the water sit until it is completely still. Then with an eyedropper, drop one drop of water in the very middle of the bowl. If you do not have an eyedropper, use a toothpick; touch the water in the middle of the bowl with the end of the toothpick.

What happens? The water begins to move up and down from the center of the bowl to the sides. This is how light moves.

Try this again with a drop of red food coloring. What happens? You can see the red waves move straight to the sides of the bowl.



How God Created Light

“Then God said,
‘Let there be light’;
and there was light”
(Genesis 1:3).

God spoke and the light appeared!
We should praise God because He is great.
The power of His voice made things
appear that did not exist before.

The Word of God,
who is the Son of God, is powerful.
The Bible also teaches that God is light
(1 John 1:5b).

God not only created light,
but He is the Light of the world
(John 1:9, 8:12).



Jesus is the Light of the World

John 8:12 says, "Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, 'I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life.'" What kind of light was Jesus speaking about?

If you like camping, you know that you need a flashlight to see at night. People who do not know about Jesus Christ are like campers who do not have flashlights. They cannot see in the darkness because of their sin. Jesus came to give spiritual light and wisdom to His chosen or elect children. Anyone who is given the grace to see Jesus as Lord and Savior may begin to walk in the light of God's Word and receive the gift of forgiveness and eternal life.

BECOMING A NEW CREATION

The Bible says, "Therefore, if any man is in Christ, he is a new creature; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new" (2 Corinthians 5:17). If you trust in Christ, you become a new creation by the power of the Holy Spirit. (Read Ephesians 2:8-9.)

When Peter was preaching, he told the people: "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit" (Acts 2: 38). If you confess your sins and believe that Jesus died and rose again, you will be saved.

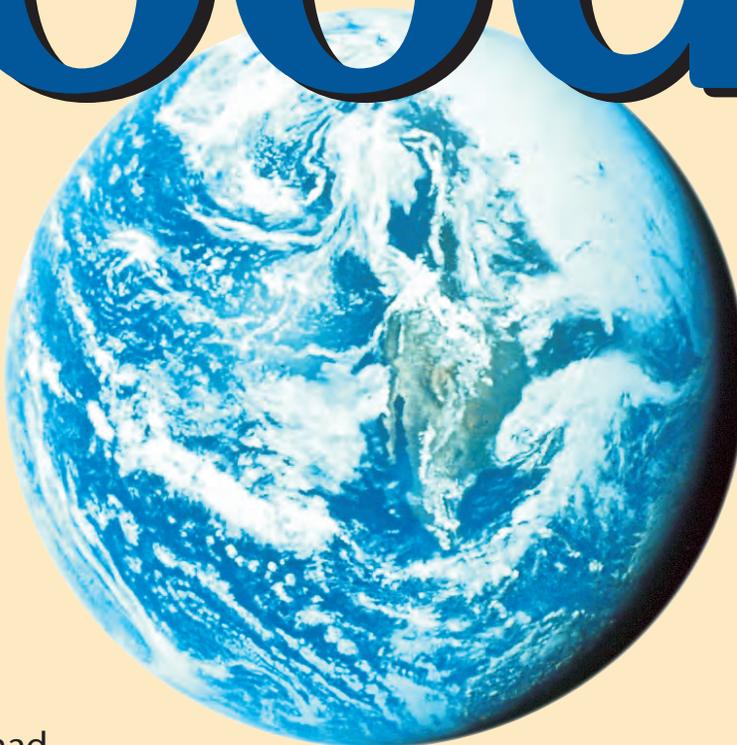


God Saw That It Was Good

Have you ever done something that pleases God? You might say that it is good. God has made many things that are good—one of which is the light. God looked at what He had made and said, “It is good.”

God judged what He had made and saw that it was good. This means that it was not evil. When God divided the light from the darkness, He gave us a picture of good being separated from evil.

The Bible says that God is good, therefore, He will teach sinners the way they should go (Psalm 25:8). Since God is good, we should seek to do all things that please Him.



God Divided the Light from the Darkness

When God created light, He did not remove all the darkness. God only separated the darkness from the light. Why did God do this?

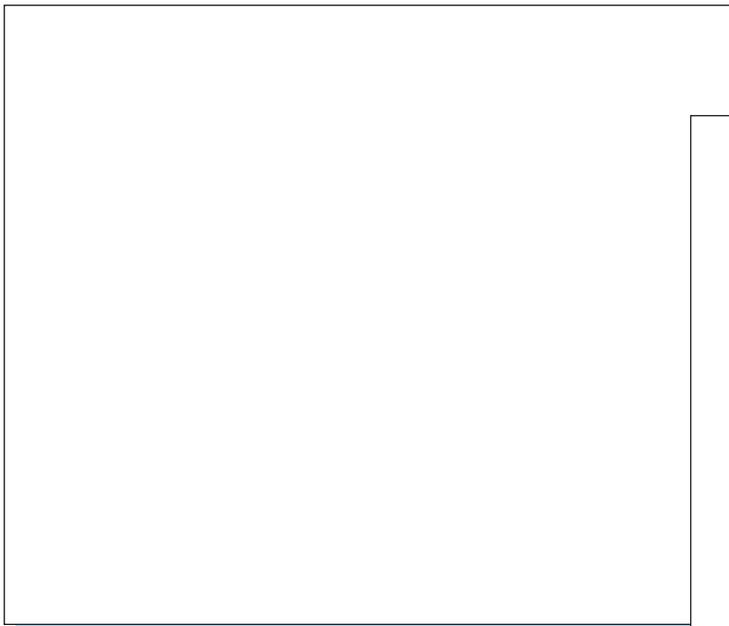
God chose to divide the daytime from the nighttime. Since God names the things that He creates, He decided to call the light Day, and the darkness Night. God knew we needed the light in the daytime to do our work, and the darkness in the nighttime so we could rest.

What do you do during the day that you cannot do at night? The light was created by God for us to work. The darkness was made for us to rest.

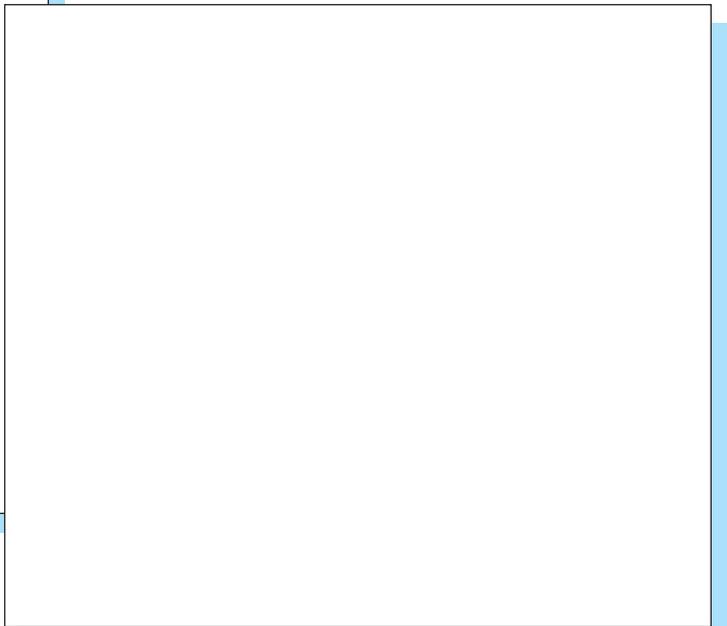
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ACTIVITY

Draw pictures in these squares, showing what you do in the day and at night.



What I do in the daytime



What I do at night



Evening and Morning— THE FIRST DAY

“So the evening and the morning were the first day.”
This sentence is used at the end of each of the six days of creation. Only the number of the day changes. God did not create anything in the evening.

This shows that God worked during the day, and rested at night. Of course, God doesn't need to rest like us. In fact, God never rests (Psalm 121:4), but He stopped working.

Each day has a time when it is light, and a time when it is dark. This means that the earth was spinning on the first day. Do you remember the globe activity? Each turn of the globe equals 24 hours.



Looking Back

Questions

1. Who created the heavens and the earth?
2. Out of what did God create the world?
3. God is One, but He is how many persons?
4. Who gave life and energy to the world?
5. How many days did God take to create the world?
6. Why did God make you?
7. What was the earth like in the beginning?
8. Why did God create the light?
9. What is power or the ability to work?
10. God divided the light from what?



Matching

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|------------------|--------------------|
| in the beginning | energy |
| earth | space |
| Jesus | matter |
| the heavens | time |
| light | Light of the World |

Fill in the blank

1. God created the _____ and the _____.
2. _____ made you and everything else for His own glory.
3. Then God said, "Let there be _____"; and there was _____.
4. Light is _____ or power that moves through _____.
5. And God called the light _____, and the darkness He called _____.

