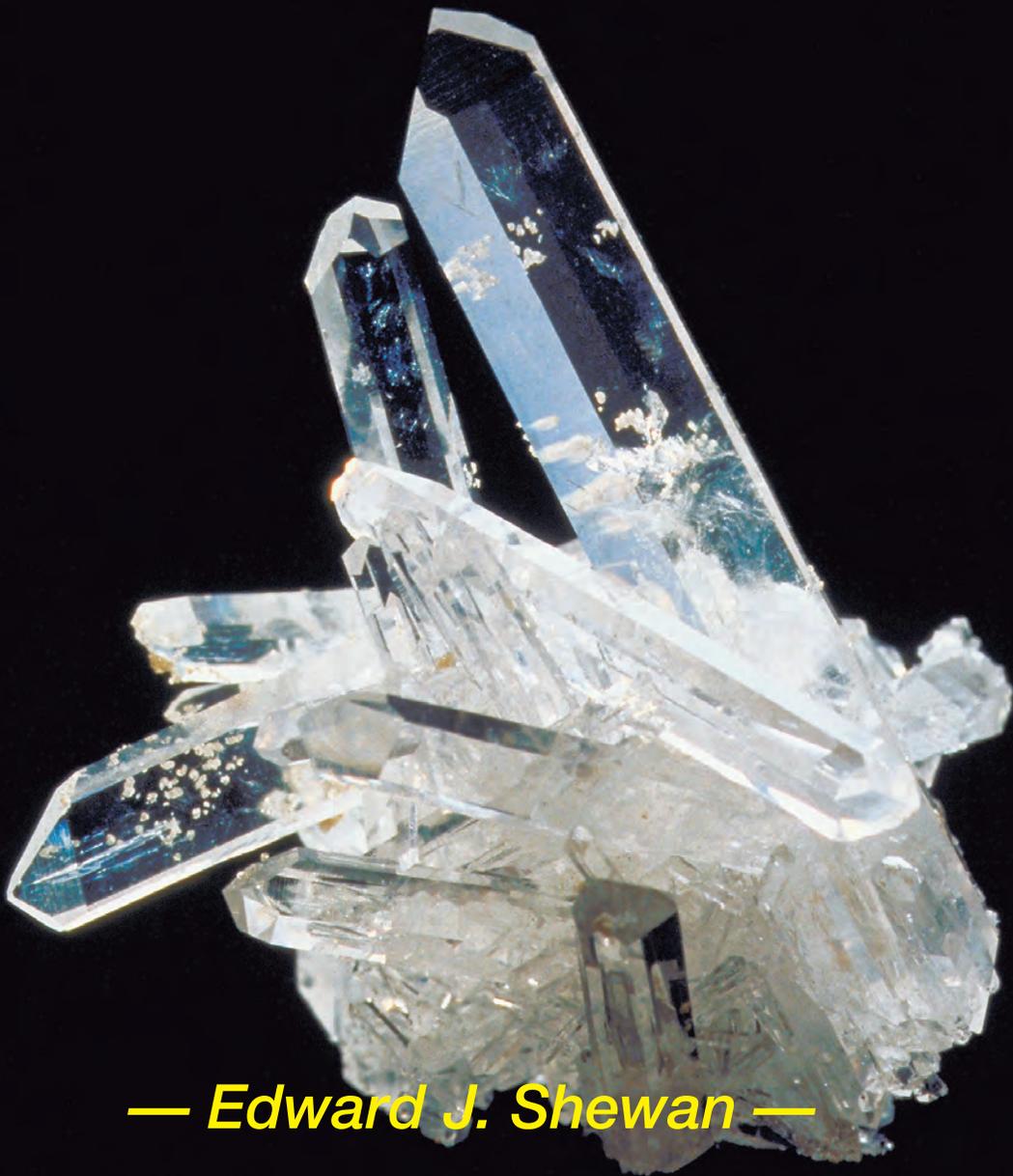


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— PREFACE —

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, God the Father. 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 (Proverbs 1:7). 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 —

The Heavens and the Earth



*In
the
beginning*

*God created the heavens
and the earth.*

GENESIS 1:1



God Created the Heavens and the Earth

“God created the heavens and the earth.” This means that there is “one God and Father of all” (Ephesians 4:6) who created everything.

God created everything in six days. The first chapter of the Bible tells us what He made on each day of creation. This book will teach you many things about what God made on each of these six days.



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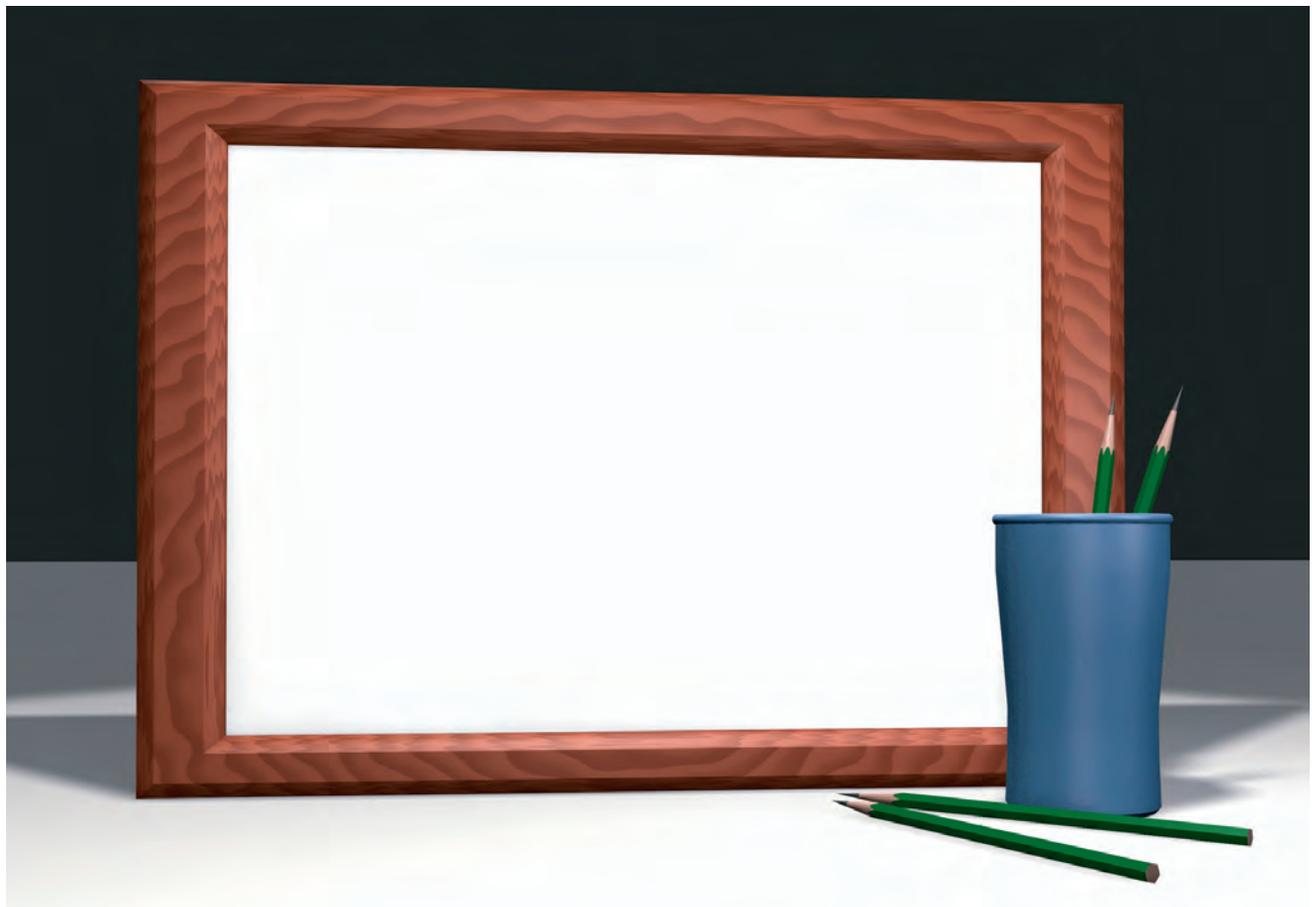
How Did God Create the Heavens and the Earth?

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. Hebrews 11:3

The Lord spoke and created everything in the heavens and the earth. He made the worlds out of **nothing**. Can you make something from nothing? No, you need paper and crayons to make a picture. You need paint and a brush to make a painting.

The Bible tells us that God made the worlds only by His word. He created the heavens and the earth out of nothing. And He did all of this in six days! This is why God alone is the great Creator.

Draw or paint a picture in the picture frame below.





What Was the Earth Like?

The earth was without form. *Genesis 1:2a*

No SHAPE

The Bible tells us the earth was “without form.” This means the earth had no shape. Can you think of something that does not have shape? Water is something that does not have shape.

Activity

Fill a jar with water. The water takes the shape of the jar. If you pour the jar of water into a bowl, it takes the shape of the bowl. Try filling other things that have different shapes. What does the water do?

The earth was like water that was not put into a jar or bowl. It was only floating in space. Because the water was not put into something, it was like a blob of water floating in the heavens.



Something To Color:
What is the earth like now?

Color the picture of the earth below. This is what it looks like now—a ball that is covered with land and water.

Color the water blue and the land green or brown.

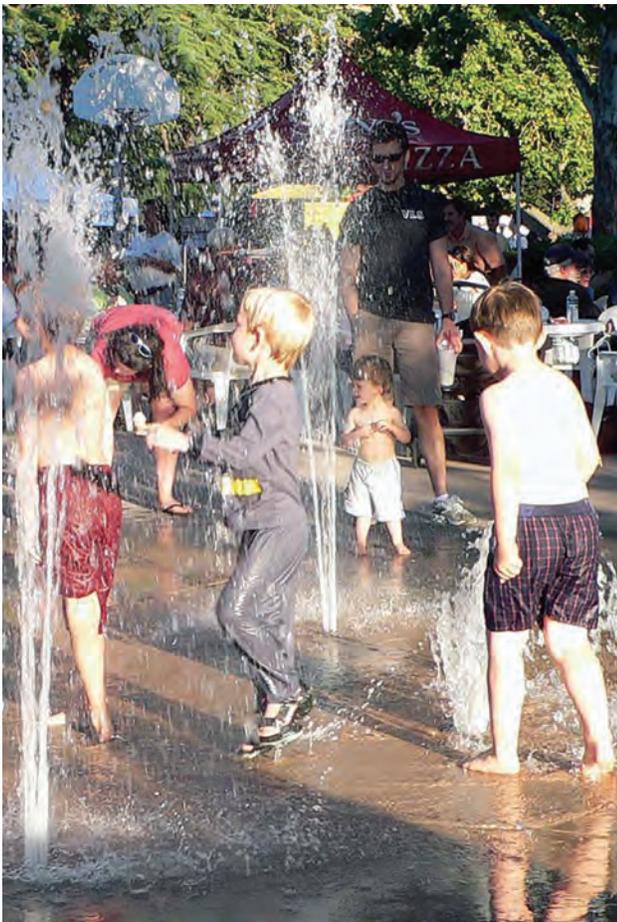




Who Gave Life to the Earth?

And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. Genesis 1:2b

The Bible tells us that the Spirit of God was “**hovering**” over the top of the waters. Hovering means to move slowly over something, like a hummingbird hovers over a flower. This is how the Spirit of God brought life to the earth.



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The Spirit of God brought life to all of creation. Second Corinthians 3:6 says that the Spirit gives life. He helps you to live and work. The Spirit also helps you run, jump, and play.

God Created *Light*

Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. *Genesis 1:3*

On Day One, God created light. Why do you think God made the light? He created the light so that we can see.

God created the light, and the darkness disappeared. Did God make the sun on the first day of creation? No, but He did create light. Without light, we cannot see at all.

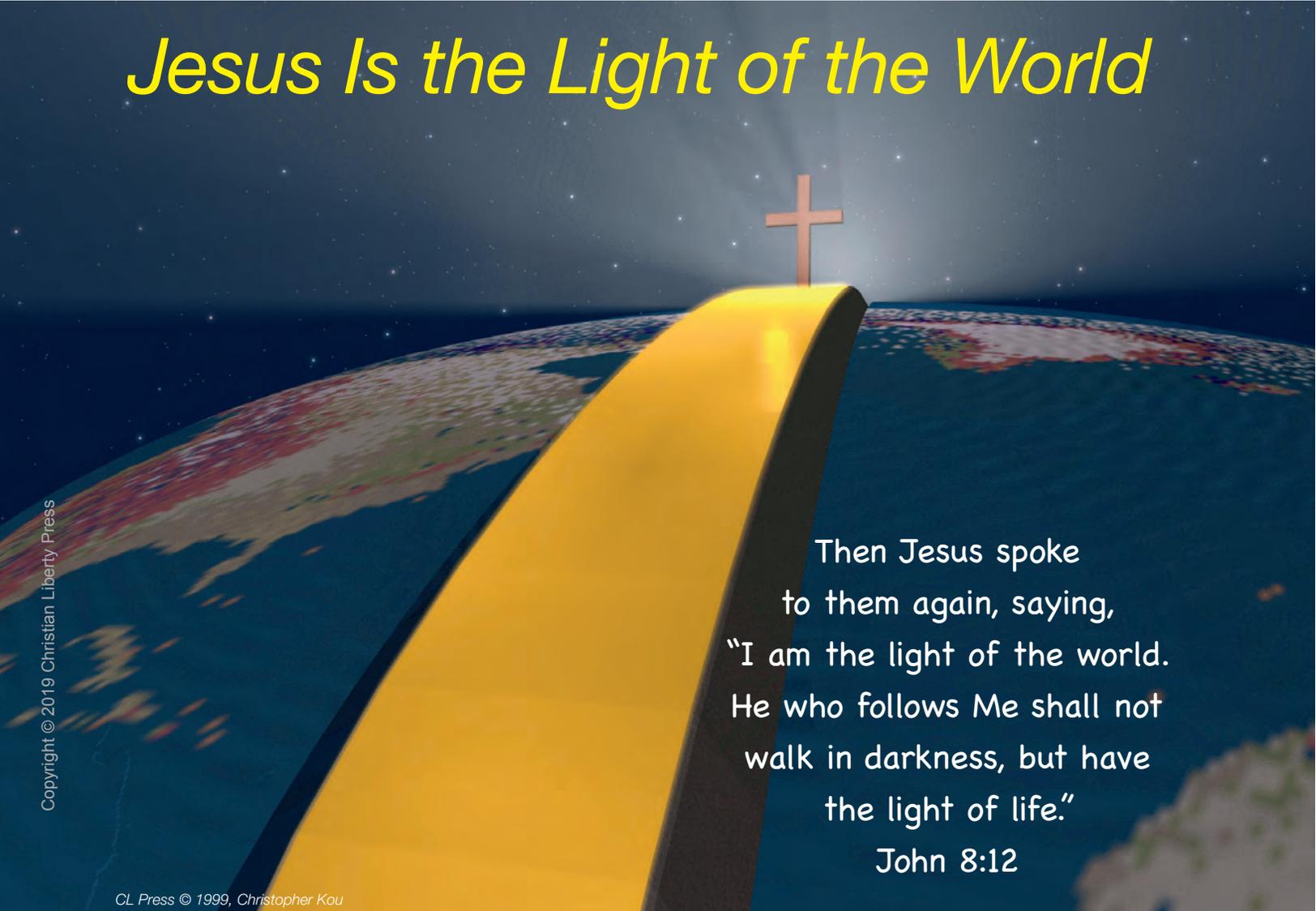


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The Bible teaches that God is light (1 John 1:5b). God not only created light, but He is the Light of the world (John 1:9, 8:12).



Jesus Is the Light of the World



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.”
John 8:12

People who do not know Jesus live in darkness. They cannot see in the darkness because of their sin. They need Jesus to lead them.

Jesus came to free His children from the power of sin and death. Jesus destroyed the power of darkness by dying on the cross to pay for the sins of His people. When God’s children believe the good news of Christ’s perfect life, death, and resurrection, they become new creations (2 Corinthians 5:17).

If you trust in Christ, you will also become a new creation (Ephesians 2:8-9). If you confess your sins and believe that Jesus died and rose again, you will be saved (Acts 2:38).

Light and Darkness

God divided the light from the darkness. Genesis 1:4b

When God created light, He divided the darkness from the light. God called the light “Day,” and the darkness “Night.”

God knew we needed the light in the daytime to do our work. He also knew we needed the darkness in the nighttime so we could rest. Did you know that children need at least eight hours of sleep each night?

Something to Color:

What do you do during the day?
What do you do at night?

Color the pictures.





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Looking Back

Questions

1. Who created the heavens and the earth?
2. How did God create the world?
3. Who gave life to the world?
4. How many days did God take to create everything?
5. What was the earth like in the beginning?

Fill in the Blank

1. The Spirit of God was _____ over the face of the earth.
2. Then God said, “Let there be _____”; and there was light.
3. God called the light _____.
4. God called the darkness _____.
5. _____ is the Light of the world.