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Teacher's Guide



THE EARLY WORLD: PART I

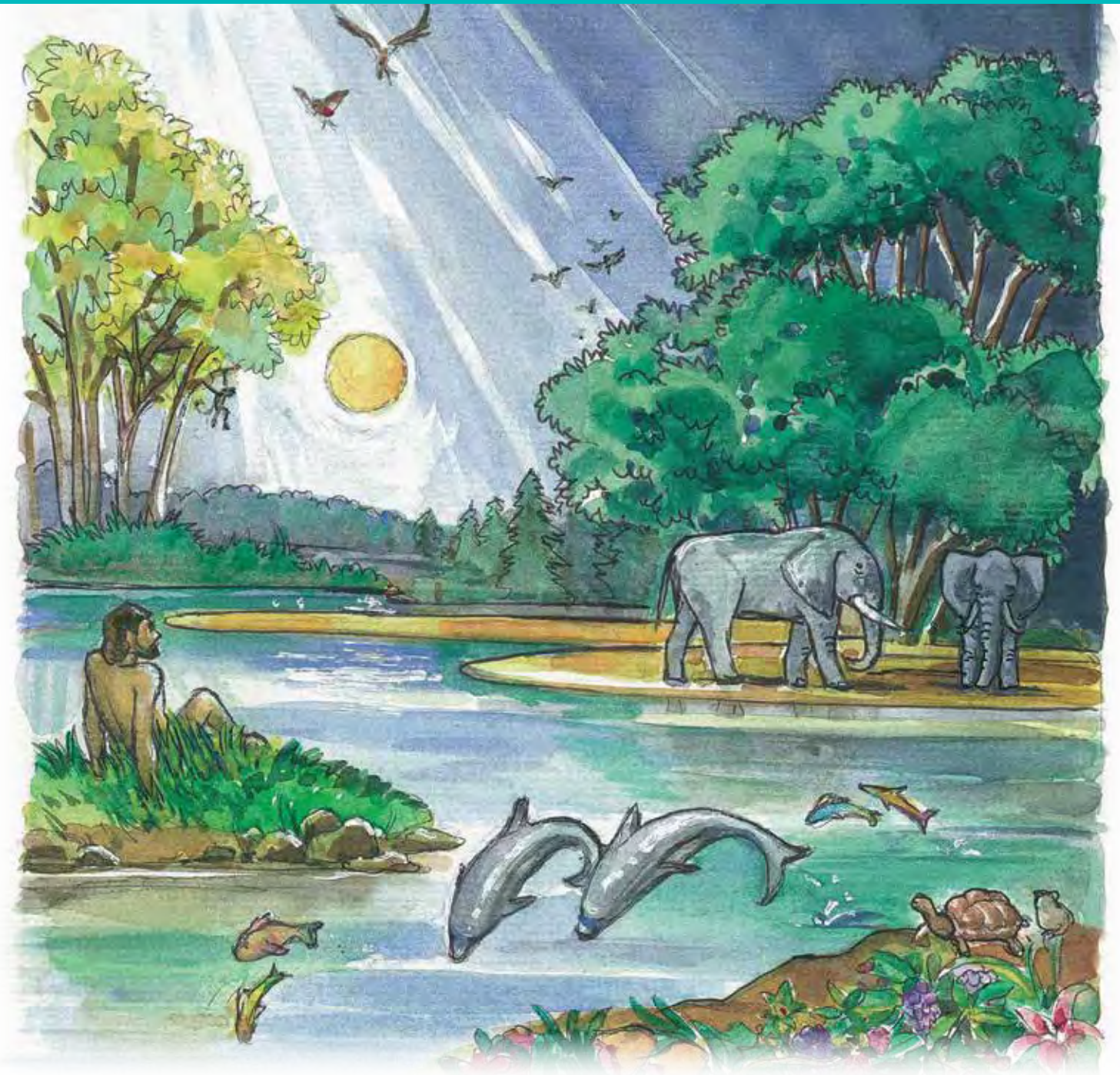
“SO GOD CREATED MAN IN HIS OWN IMAGE ...
MALE AND FEMALE HE CREATED THEM.”

—Genesis 1:27

Bible Reading Checklist

- GENESIS 1 The creation of the world
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Lesson Two



God Creates Our First Parents

Genesis

Welcome & Opening Prayer (5 minutes)

Greet students, take attendance, and pray the opening prayer.

L: In the Early World, you created the heavens and earth and tested Adam and Eve in the Garden.

R: Help us to always choose the life that you offer.

Review (5 minutes)

Review Lesson One (Finding the Story in Scripture, the Holy Bible, the *Catechism*, covenants).

OPENING ACTIVITY

(10 minutes)

B I A **Creation Crossword** *(found in the Student Workbook)*

Tell the Story (15 minutes)

Using your Storybook, read Chapter Two: God Creates Our First Parents, or have students take turns reading aloud, including the “What do you think?” questions.

Going Deeper Discussion Questions:

1. Why do you think God created everything before he created us? *(He wanted to make a place that was suitable for us.)*
2. Why did God create us? *(He wanted a relationship with us.)*
3. What happened in the Garden of Eden that affects us today? *(Sin came into the world, and so we needed to be saved. Jesus Christ will come into the world to pay the penalty for sin.)*

SEARCH-THE-STORY ACTIVITY

(20 minutes to review)

B I A Have students read the Bible passages from the Lesson Two Bible Reading Checklist and answer the Search the Story questions *(found in the Student Workbook)*. This may be done prior to class if assigned as homework.

Snack (10 minutes)

Cut up apples and other fruits (or packaged fruit snacks)

Display the fruits in a beautiful manner, showing the sweet goodness inside.

Explanation: Look at all the good things that God has given us. This is what it might have been like for Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden. They were told not to eat the fruit from the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil, but look at the many other things they were able to eat! Sometimes we forget that so much goodness and blessings are revealed in this story because we focus too hard on the one item they couldn't eat.

Application Questions: What are you blessed with in your family, at school, or in your community? Do you thank God for those blessings in prayer each night or morning? Why, or why not?

Optional Play (30 to 60 minutes)

The Story of Creation (*found in the GPS Plays*)

CLOSING ACTIVITY

(10 minutes)

B Color the Creation (*found in the Student Workbook*)

I A Label the Days of Creation (*found in the Student Workbook*)

Review and Dismissal (5 minutes)

- Review theme: “God Creates Our First Parents.”
- Lesson Three Search the Story questions may be assigned as homework.
- Read or recite Key Verse **Genesis 1:27**.
- Close with the Our Father or pray spontaneously for the students' prayer intentions.

EXTRA ACTIVITY

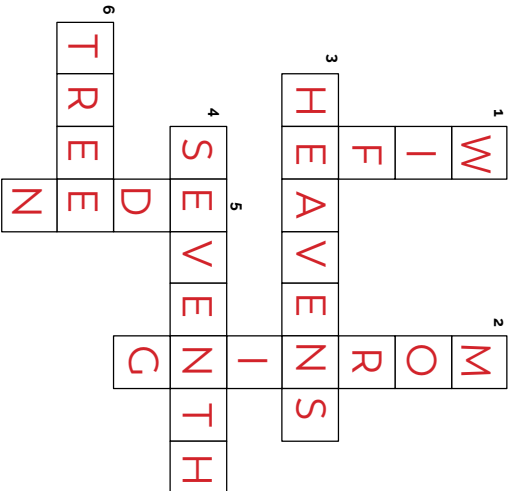
(up to 10 minutes)

B I A Resisting temptation game (*not found in the Student Workbook*) – Have one child stand at the front of the classroom and try to make the others laugh. The object is for the children not to laugh.

OPENING ACTIVITY

Creation Crossword

Genesis 1-2



ACROSS

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DOWN

- 1 Therefore a man and his **WIFE** become one flesh (Genesis 2:24).
- 2 First part of the day (Genesis 1:5) **MORNING**.
- 5 God placed man in the Garden of **EDEN** (Genesis 2:15).

B

SEARCH-THE-STORY ACTIVITY

Fill in the Blanks

Early World - Part I: Genesis 1-3

Fill in the blank and circle the correct picture to complete the sentence.

- 1. In the beginning, God created the heavens and the **earth** (Genesis 1:1).



- 2. Adam and Eve were not supposed to eat from the **Tree** of the Knowledge of Good and Evil (Genesis 2:17).



- 3. God made leather **garments** for the man and his wife to cover them (Genesis 3:21).



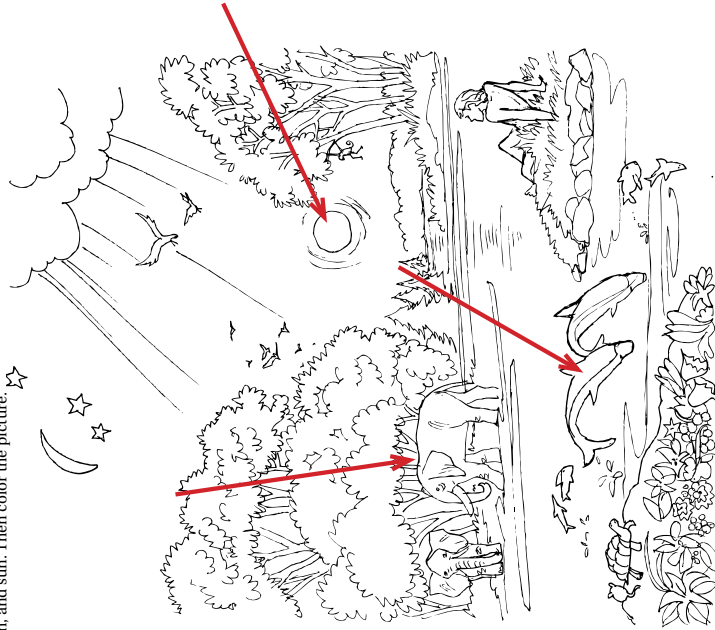
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CLOSING ACTIVITY

Color the Creation

Genesis 1 and 2

God created the heavens and the earth. He made things on different days. Look at the picture. Try to find some of the things God created. Draw arrows pointing to the elephants, fish, and sun. Then color the picture.



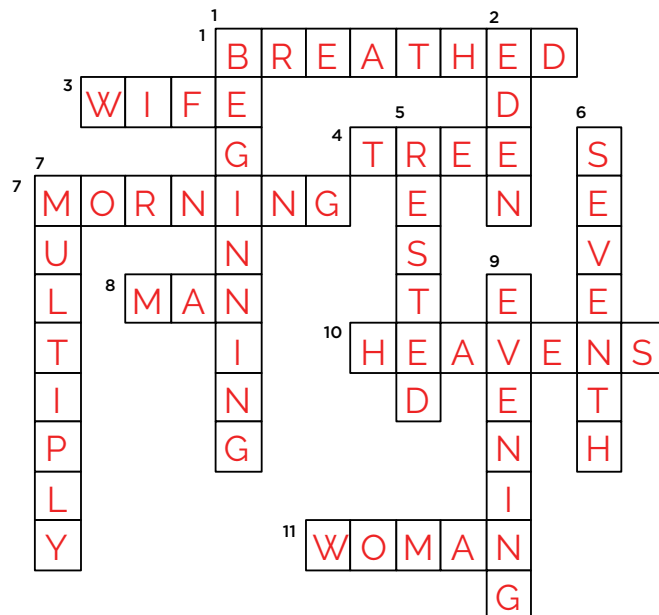
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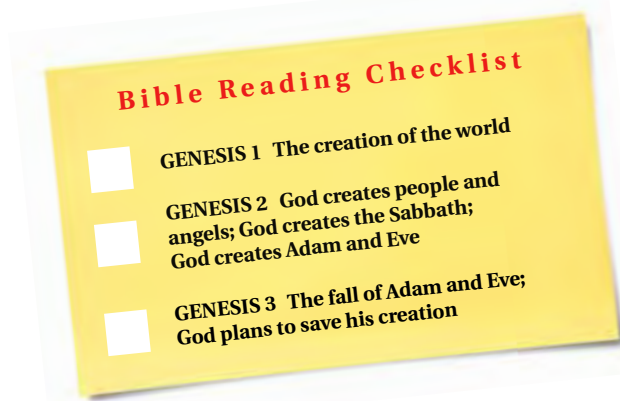
Across

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- 3 Therefore a man and his **WIFE** became one flesh (Genesis 2:24).
- 4 The man was not to eat from the **TREE** of the Knowledge of Good and Evil (Genesis 2:17).
- 7 First part of the day (Genesis 1:5): **MORNING**
- 8 God created **MAN** on the sixth day (Genesis 1:27).
- 10 God created the **HEAVENS** and the earth (Genesis 1:1).
- 11 The perfect complement, or companion, to man (Genesis 2:23): **WOMAN**

Down

- 1 In the **BEGINNING**, God created the heavens and earth (Genesis 1:1).
- 2 God placed man in the Garden of **EDEN** (Genesis 2:15).
- 5 When God finished the work of creation, he **RESTED** (Genesis 2:3). 6 The day God rested (Genesis 2:2): **SEVENTH**
- 7 In math, the opposite of divide (Genesis 1:28): **MULTIPLY**
- 9 Almost nighttime (Genesis 1:5): **EVENING**

SEARCH-THE-STORY ACTIVITY



Fill in the Blanks

Early World - Part I: Genesis 1-3

1. The first story of Creation repeats this phrase every time something is created (Genesis 1:3, 6, 9, 11, 14, 20, 24).
2. After God created a new part of the world, he observed this (Genesis 1:4, 10, 12, 18, 21, 25, 31):
3. What did God do on the seventh day? (Genesis 2:2).
4. What material did God use to make man? (Genesis 2:7).
5. What is the name of the garden God planted for the man to live? (Genesis 2:8).
6. What was the man supposed to do in the garden? (Genesis 2:15).
7. What was the name of the tree from which the man was not supposed to eat? (Genesis 2:17).
8. What did the man and woman do with the fruit of the tree? (Genesis 3:6).
9. After their eyes were opened, what did the man and woman do when they heard the Lord in the garden? (Genesis 3:8).
10. After God sent the man and the woman out of the garden, why did he send an angel to the Tree of Life? (Genesis 3:24).

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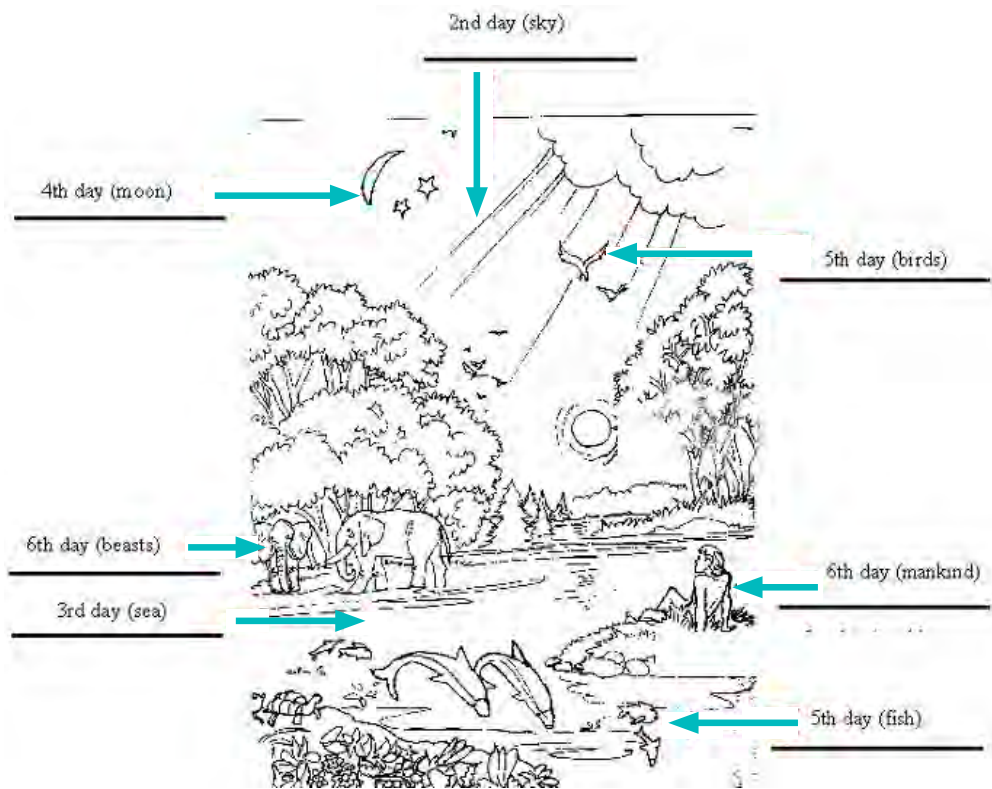
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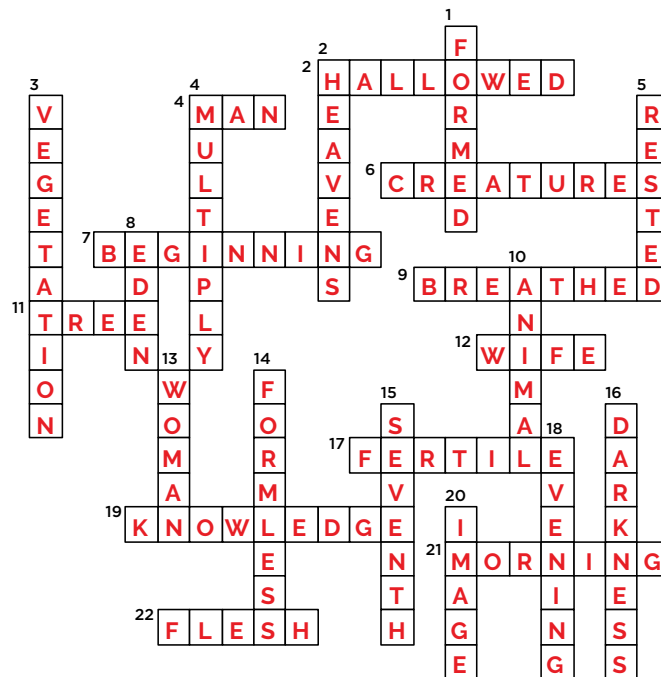
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7th Day – day of rest or day of the covenant (Genesis 2:2)

OPENING ACTIVITY

Creation Crossword

Genesis 1–2



ACROSS

2. Holy, set apart, made special (Genesis 2:3):
4. God created _____ on the sixth day (Genesis 1:27).
6. Beings that have been made by God (Genesis 1:24):
7. In the _____, God created heaven and earth (Genesis 1:1).
9. God _____ the breath of life into man (Genesis 2:7).
11. The man was not to eat from the _____ of the Knowledge of Good and Evil (Genesis 2:17).
12. Therefore a man and his _____ become one flesh (Genesis 2:24).
17. Producing many children (Genesis 1:28):
19. Having awareness of something; information (Genesis 2:17):
21. First part of the day (Genesis 1:5):
22. The physical nature of a human being, not the spirit (Genesis 2:23):

DOWN

1. God _____ man and animals out of the ground (Genesis 2:7).
2. God created the _____ and the earth (Genesis 1:1).
3. Plants, trees, flowers, etc. (Genesis 1:11):
4. In math, the opposite of divide (Genesis 1:28):
5. When God finished the work of creation, he _____ (Genesis 2:3).
8. God placed man in the Garden of _____ (Genesis 2:15).
10. _____, vegetable, or mineral (from Genesis 1:25):
13. The perfect complement, or companion, to man (Genesis 2:23):
14. Without form (Genesis 1:2):
15. The day God rested (Genesis 2:2):
16. State of being without light (Genesis 1:2):
18. Almost nighttime (Genesis 1:5):
20. A likeness of, or semblance to, another (Genesis 1:27):



SEARCH-THE-STORY ACTIVITY

Name the Time Period: Early World Name the Narrative Book(s) of the Bible: Genesis

Pray this psalm before reading and answering your questions: **Psalm 8:1-5**

"O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is thy name in all the earth! Thou whose glory above the heavens is chanted . . . When I look at thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars which thou hast established; what is man that thou art mindful of him, and the son of man that thou dost care for him? Yet thou hast made him little less than God, and dost crown him with glory and honor."

Look up this verse in your Bible and memorize it:

Key Verse: Genesis 1:27: "So God created man in his own image . . . male and female he created them."

Bible Reading Checklist

Genesis 1	The Creation of the world
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1. What did God create in the beginning? (Genesis 1:1)

"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth" (Genesis 1:1). Other responses might include light, sky, dry land, the sea, plants, stars, sun, moon, birds, fish, animals, people, etc.

2. Whom did God create man and woman to be like? What did he tell the male and female to do? (Genesis 1:27-28)

God created them to be like him, in his image. He told them to be fruitful and have many children (multiply) and to take care of the earth he created.

3. What did God do on the seventh day? How do we do this in our life? (Genesis 2:2)

God rested on the seventh day, and he set it apart as a holy and blessed day. The Lord's Day, Sunday, is the day that Christians set apart as a holy day to celebrate Mass and to rest from unnecessary work.



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SEARCH-THE-STORY ACTIVITY

4. What was the name of the tree from which Adam was not supposed to eat, and where was it located? (Genesis 2:9 and 2:17)

Adam and the woman were not supposed to eat from the "Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil" (Genesis 2:9) that he had put in the middle of the garden. God wanted them to trust and obey him so that they could live in friendship with him. "Man is dependent on his Creator and subject to the laws of creation" (CCC 396).

5. What did the serpent tell the woman about the fruit of the tree? (Genesis 3:4-5)

The serpent told the woman that she would certainly not die, but that the moment they ate of the fruit, their eyes would open and they would be like gods who know what is good and what is bad.

6. What did Adam and the woman do with the fruit of the tree? (Genesis 3:6)

Adam and the woman ate the fruit of the tree that God had told them not to eat. At that point, they had stopped trusting God and decided to disobey him. This was the very first time that human beings sinned (see CCC 400).

7. What did they realize after they ate it? (Genesis 3:7)

After they ate the fruit, their eyes were opened, and they realized they were naked. They "sewed fig leaves together" to cover themselves (Genesis 3:7). When we realize we have disobeyed God, it can be as humbling as having no clothes on.

8. What will happen to the serpent because of what he did? (Genesis 3:14-15)

As part of his curse on the serpent, God says that one day its head will be bruised by the seed of the woman. To say its head will be bruised means it will be dealt a fatal blow. A "seed" is a descendant. This seed is Jesus, who will conquer the serpent (Satan) and death. This is the first mention of salvation in the Bible (see CCC 410).

9. What did God make for the man and his wife? (Genesis 3:21)

God made leather garments, or clothing made from animal skins, for Adam and Eve to wear. The animals had to be killed in order to cover up Adam and Eve's sin of disobeying God.

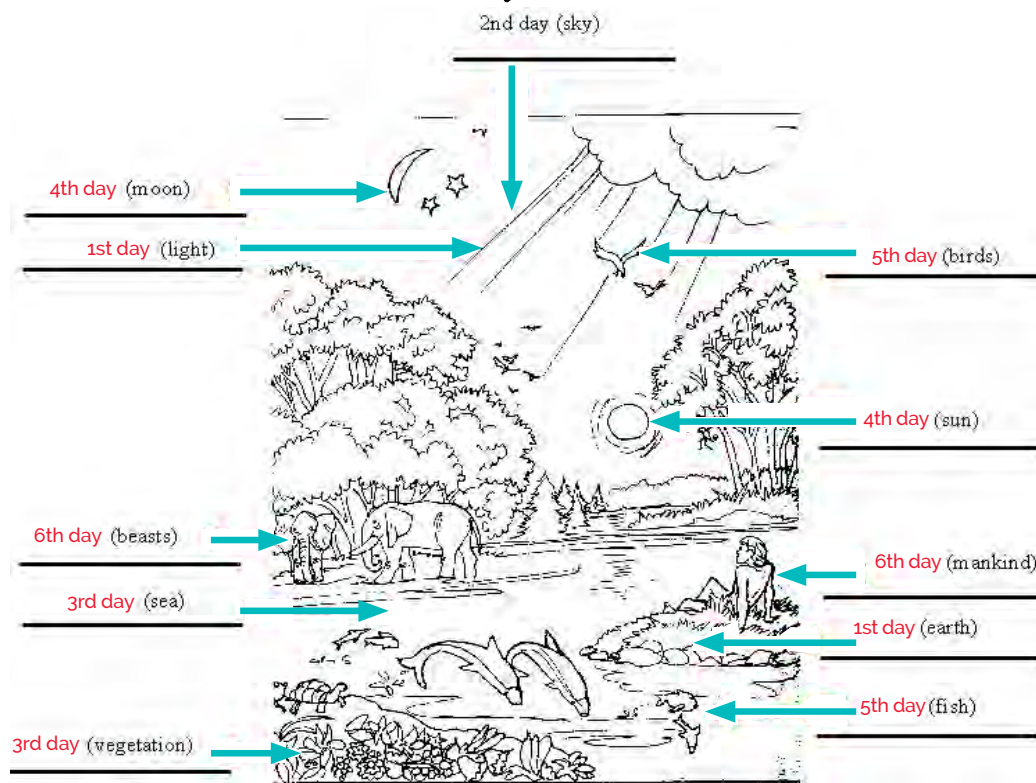
10. The theme for our lesson is "God creates our first parents." Why did the man (Adam) call his wife "Eve"? (Genesis 3:20)

The name "Eve" is like the Hebrew word for "living," so he named her Eve because she would be the mother of everyone living. Adam was her husband, so the two of them are our first parents. They are the first married couple, made to complement each other with their different bodies, male and female.

A

CLOSING ACTIVITY

Label the Days of Creation



Instructions: Using your Bible to help you, fill in the blanks below with the things that are created each day. Then use each of those words to label each thing in the picture with the day of the week on which it was created. One of them (the sky on the 2nd day) is filled in for you.

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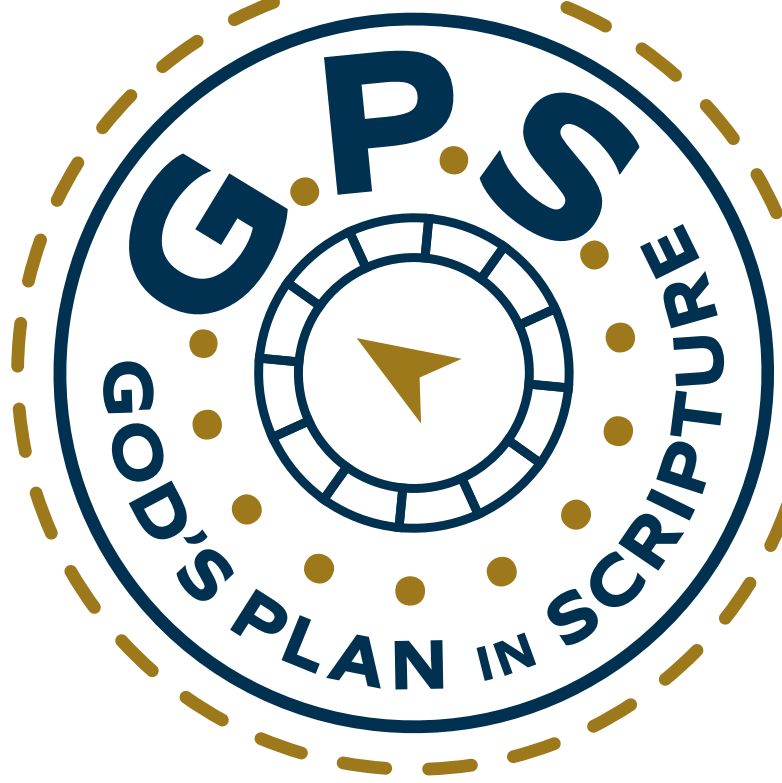
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Storybook

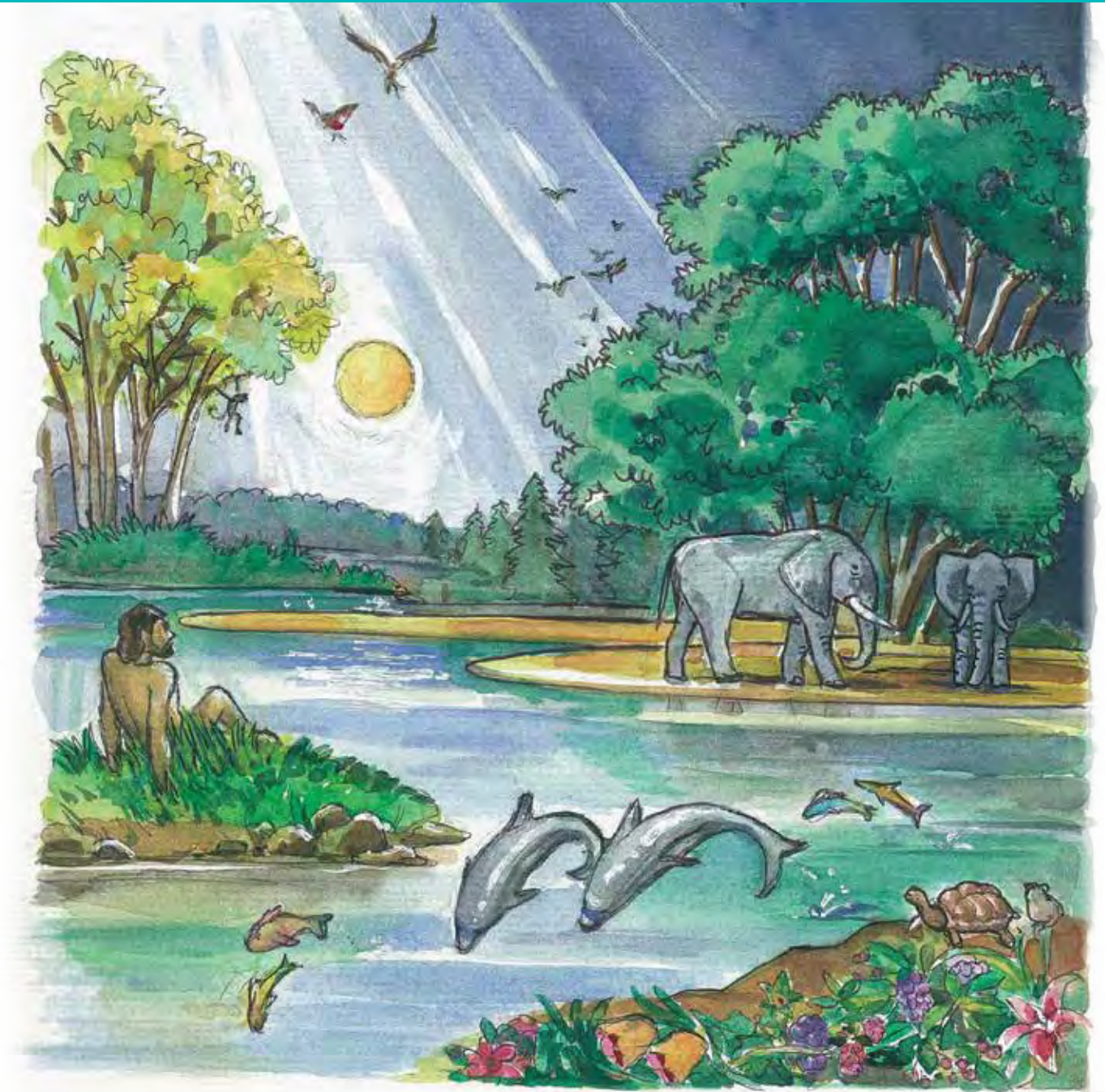


THE EARLY WORLD: Part I

“SO GOD CREATED MAN IN HIS OWN IMAGE ...
MALE AND FEMALE HE CREATED THEM.”

—Genesis 1:27

Chapter Two



God Creates Our First Parents

Genesis

The story of salvation begins before time, as God creates everything out of love. In the Early World, Adam and Eve, our first parents, were created as one holy couple. When Adam and Eve sinned by disobeying God, our relationship with God was broken. But God's love for Adam and Eve, and for all of us, is so great that he offers his mercy and a promise of salvation. God's salvation will come to us through Jesus, a descendant of Adam and Eve. God will always love us, and he invites us to love him in return.

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The Creation of the World

Genesis 1:1–25

God has always existed. God is three equal Persons who share one divine nature. Another name for God is “The Holy Trinity.” The three persons in the Holy **Trinity** are the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. God had no beginning, has always existed, and will be forever (see CCC 290-292). In his great creativity, God created time, and he made our world out of nothing (see CCC 338).

The book of Genesis begins with two stories of creation. Both stories show that everything God created is good and that he loves what he created. He will always take care of his creation. The first story describes

Creation this way: *“In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.”*

On the first day, God separated light from darkness. He said, *“Let there be light!”* and there was light. On the second day, he made the sky.

On the third day, God separated the land from the seas. On the fourth day, he put the sun, the moon, and the stars in the sky.

On the fifth day, he filled the seas with fish and the sky with birds. Then, on the sixth day, God created all the land animals.

God Creates People and Angels

Genesis 1:26

On the sixth day, God also created human beings. He created human beings in his own image and likeness, male and female. Notice that every time God created something, he said, “This is good.” But when God created people, he said, “This is *very* good.”

God also made angels, the “hosts of heaven” (see CCC 326-327, 332; Isaiah 45:12; Psalm 103:19-21; Luke 2:9-15). Angels are spirits who can talk to God and to people. They are special messengers who go wherever God sends them, from heaven to earth and back again.

God Creates the Sabbath

Genesis 2:1-3

God worked for six days to create everything. Finally, on the seventh day, God rested. He blessed the day of rest and made it holy. We call this day the **Sabbath**. On that special day we worship God and rest in his work. God created everything, including you and me. He wants us to be here! God created the earth over a period of time. The Bible calls it the six days of Creation. In his great creativity, God made time, and he made our world out of nothing. A carpenter uses hammers and nails to build things out of wood. A painter uses a canvas and paintbrush to create beautiful pictures. But God didn’t need any tools or

THE FALLEN ANGEL

One angel decided that he wanted to be greater than God. He wanted everyone to worship him instead of God, so he was cast out of heaven and came down to earth. That angel’s name was Lucifer, and he is also called the devil or Satan. He hates God, and he tries to get people to hate God as well. We will read soon about how he appeared as a serpent to the very first people God made. It is because of him that we, too, are often tempted to turn away from God. We do not have to be afraid because God promises to protect and strengthen us against these temptations (see CCC 391-392).

SABBATH

The seventh day of creation, when God rested. Catholics honor the sabbath on Sunday, “The Lord’s Day.”

ingredients to make the heavens and the earth. God spoke the words “Let there be,” and everything came into being! God used his words to make the heavens and the earth (see CCC 102; John 1:1). His Word is powerful!

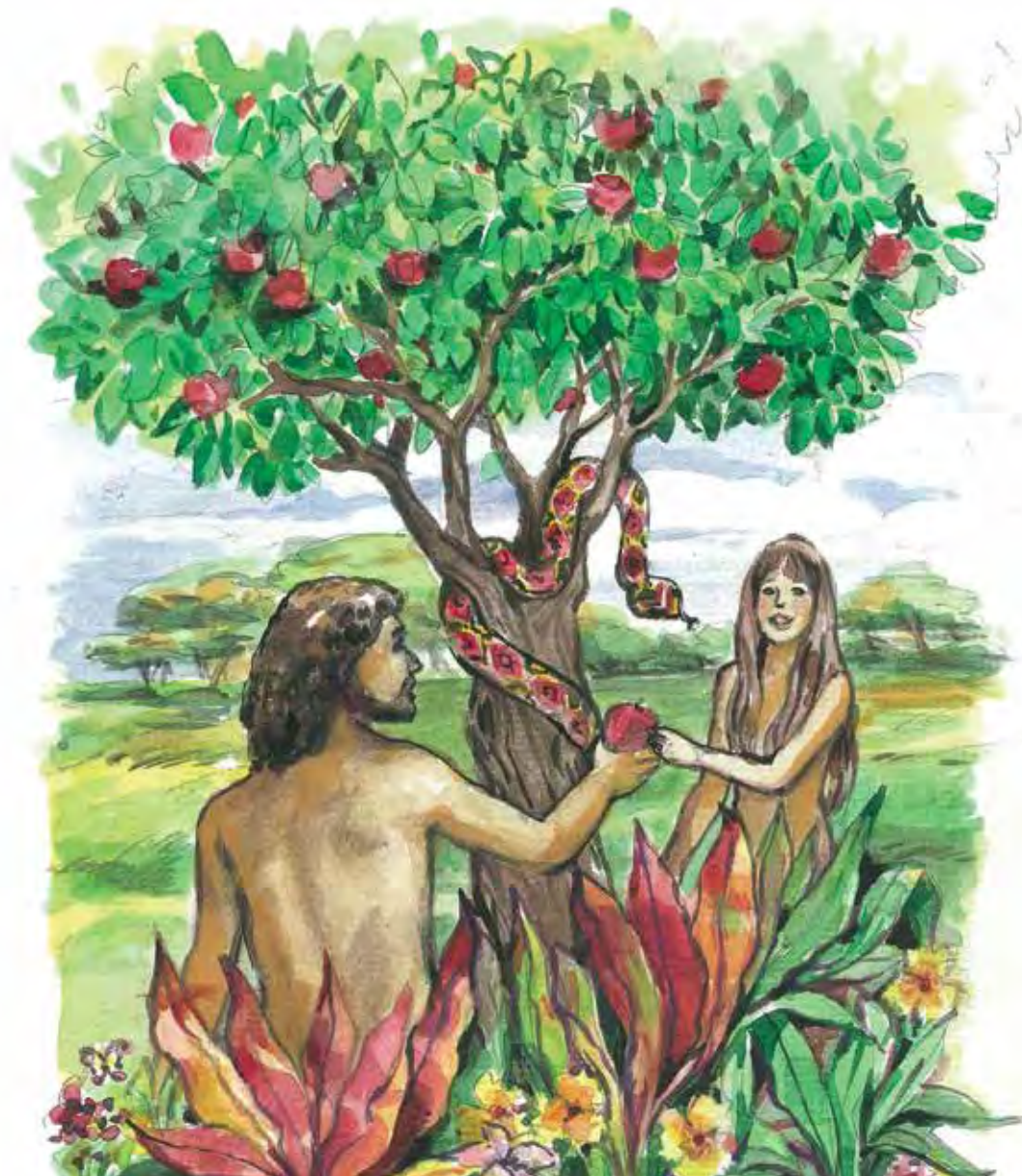
COVENANT An agreement between God and one or more people

God Creates Adam and Eve

Genesis 2:4-25

In the second Creation story, after God created the heavens and earth, he made the first human being—a man named Adam. He formed Adam out of the dust of the earth. He “breathed” into him to make him come alive.

God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make a helper for him.” When Adam was fast asleep, God took one of the ribs from Adam’s side, and he formed the first woman out of it.



Adam saw her and said, “Finally there is someone like me!”

She was named Eve, and she became Adam’s wife.

God made people to be more like him than anything else in the world. The two Creation stories show us that everything God created is good and that he loves what he created.

God made Adam and Eve in his image. All people are created, both body and soul, in God’s image. God wants us to live forever with him in heaven. We are also special because we can know who God is. We can love him and obey him. God gives us free will, which means we can choose whether or not to love (see CCC 1704).

The Fall of Adam and Eve

Genesis 3:1-7

God gave Adam and Eve a beautiful garden called Eden. God met with them and instructed them to take care of the garden and the animals. He gave them fruit to eat from every tree except one. That one was called the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil.

Satan came into the garden in the form of a serpent, a large snakelike creature. The serpent came to Eve and tempted her. He asked, “*Did God say you cannot eat the fruit of any tree in this garden?*”

Eve answered, “We can eat from any tree except the one in the middle of the garden. If we eat from that one, we will die.”



I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages ...

TRINITY

God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit are three distinct Persons who possess in common one single divine nature.

The serpent replied with a sinister lie: “*You won’t die! God knows that if you eat of it your eyes will be opened and you will be like him, knowing good and evil.*”

So Eve took the fruit, tasted it, and gave it to Adam, who also ate it. After they ate the fruit, their eyes were opened, and they were ashamed. They realized that they had disobeyed God and had “fallen” into sin.

God called to them, but they were afraid now, and they hid from him. This is how sin and death entered the world, because they disobeyed God. Their sin is called **original sin**.

THE FIRST COVENANT: ONE HOLY COUPLE

Adam and Eve are the first couple who are united in marriage. God makes a covenant to bless the world through their union. The day of rest on the Sabbath was given to Adam and Eve as a time to rest and spend time with God.

God's Plan to Save His Creation



Genesis 3:8-24

As a loving Father, God asked Adam and Eve, “What have you done?” Adam and Eve told him what had happened.

God punished the serpent. God said, “Because you have done this, you will crawl on your belly forever. One day a descendant of the woman will crush your head.” This promise from God is the beginning of the good news that God would one day redeem people from sin.

As for Adam and Eve, God gave them animal skins to wear so they would not be naked. God designed a way for male and female to work with him to create babies so that within a woman's **womb** new life can begin. God taught Adam how to grow food for them to eat.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY



A husband and wife are united to each other and become “one flesh.” They receive God's grace to love each other.

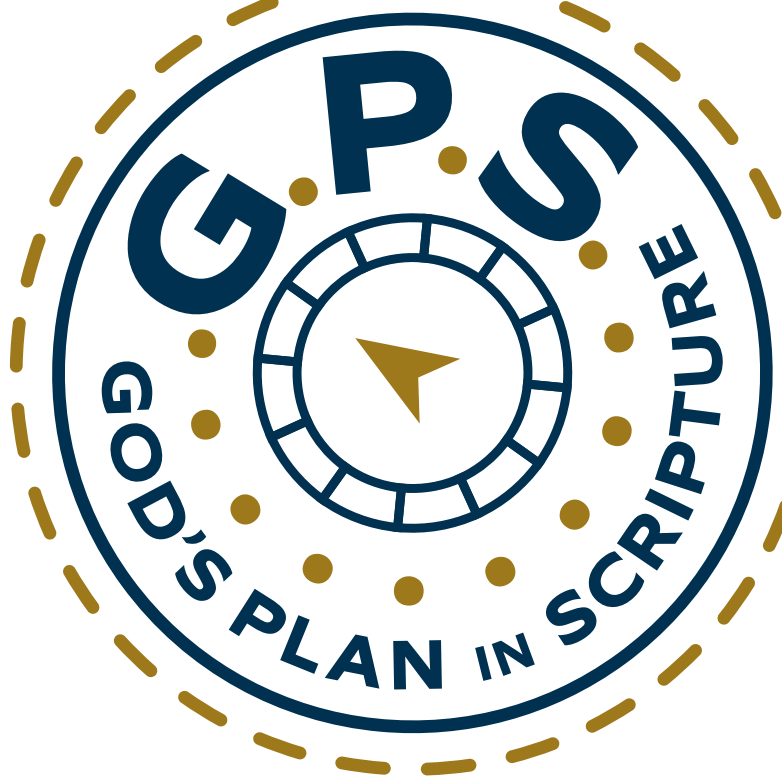
Because of their sin, their bodies would grow old and die. God said, “You will return to the ground. You were made from dust, and you will return to dust.”

There was another important tree in the Garden of Eden called the Tree of Life. After Adam and Eve sinned, God did not want them to eat from the Tree of Life. If they ate from that tree, they would live forever knowing good and evil. As an act of mercy, God made them leave the garden, and he put a fiery angel near the tree to guard it.

The good news is that God had a loving plan. His plan would make it possible for people to once again be able to live in his presence for eternity. God gave a promise (see Genesis 3:15) to our first parents, Adam and Eve, that someday one of their descendants would defeat the Serpent, Satan. That descendant, as we will see, is Jesus, the Savior of the world. It is Jesus who conquers sin and death to bring us all back to God the Father who created each one of us.

What do you think?

1. How do you keep the Sabbath day holy?
2. In what ways are Adam and Eve like us? In what ways are they different?
3. How do you know that God loves you by observing the world around you?



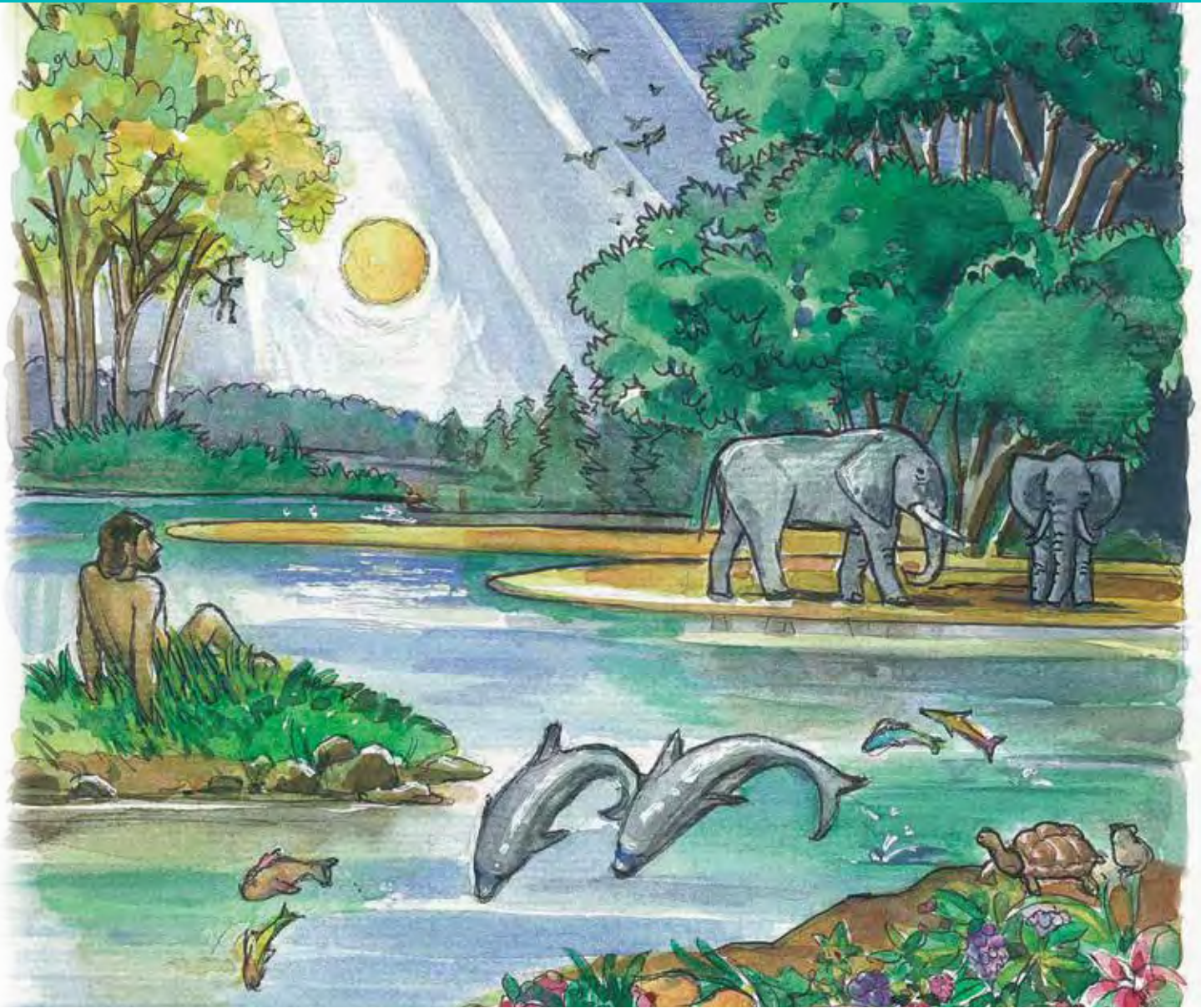
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Beginner Workbook

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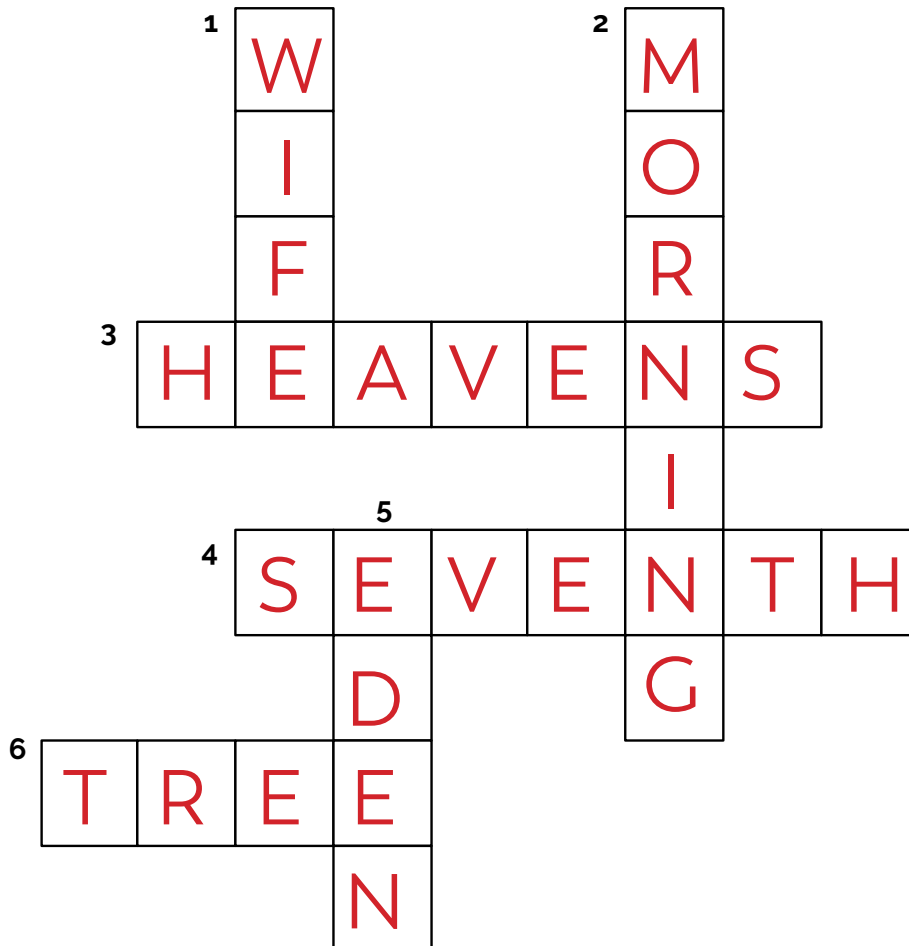
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SEARCH-THE-STORY ACTIVITY

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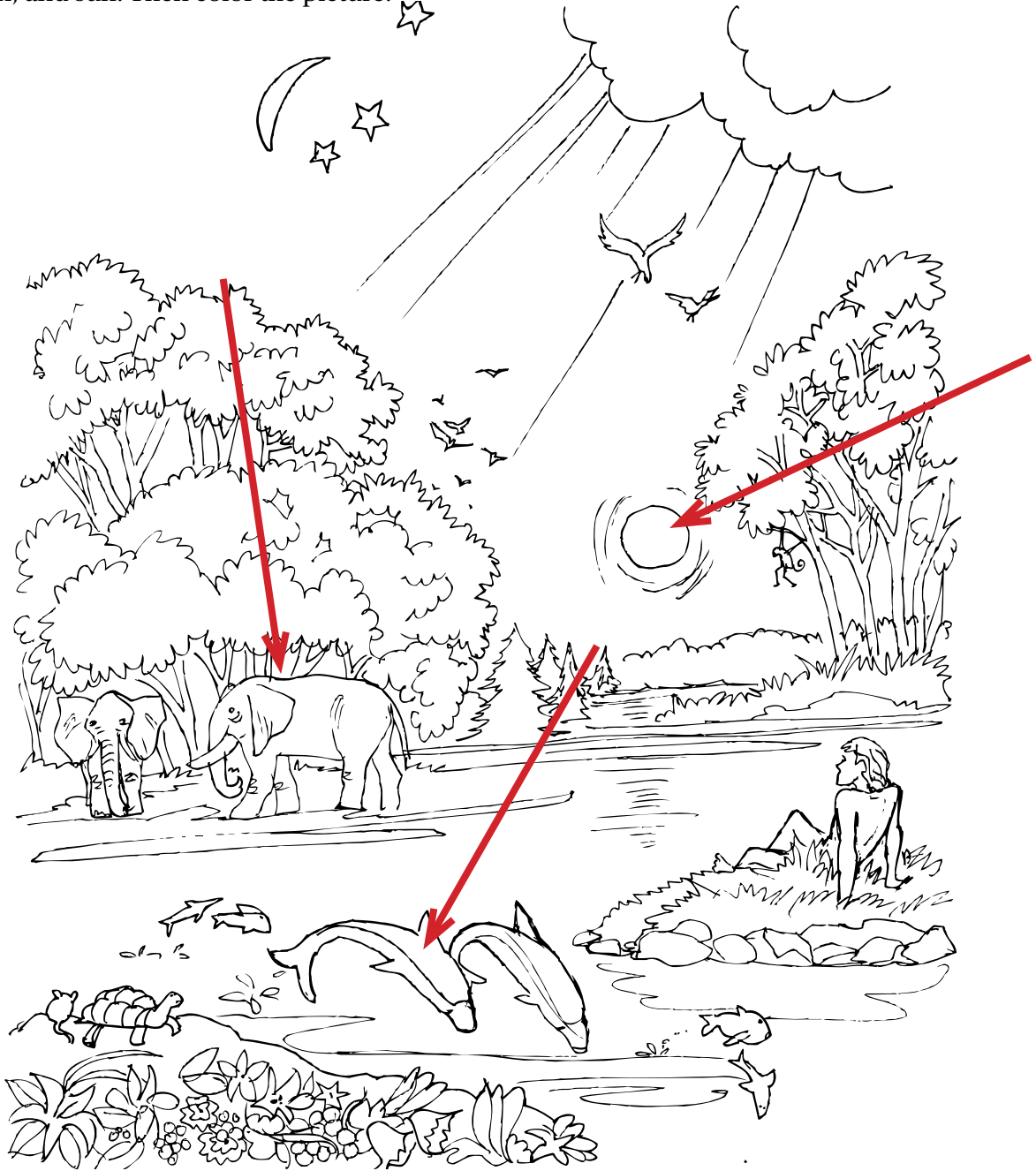


CLOSING ACTIVITY

Color the Creation

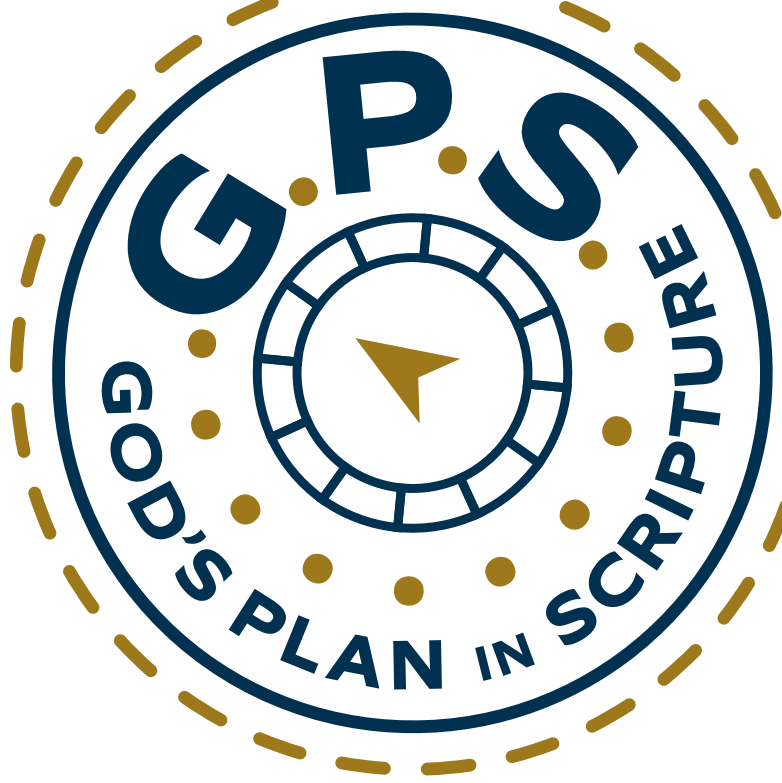
Genesis 1 and 2

God created the heavens and the earth. He made things on different days. Look at the picture. Try to find some of the things God created. Draw arrows pointing to the elephants, fish, and sun. Then color the picture.



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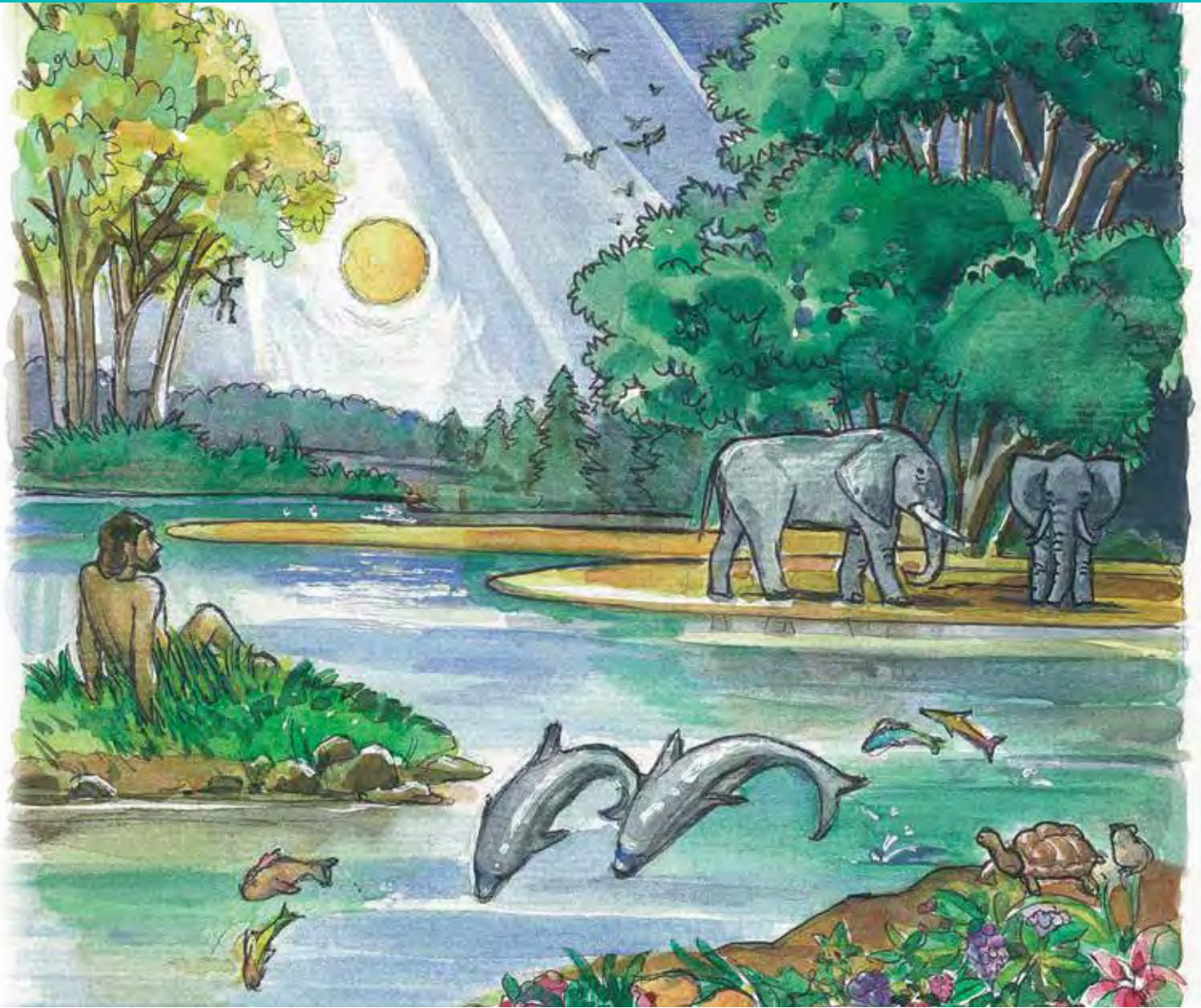
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THE EARLY WORLD Part I



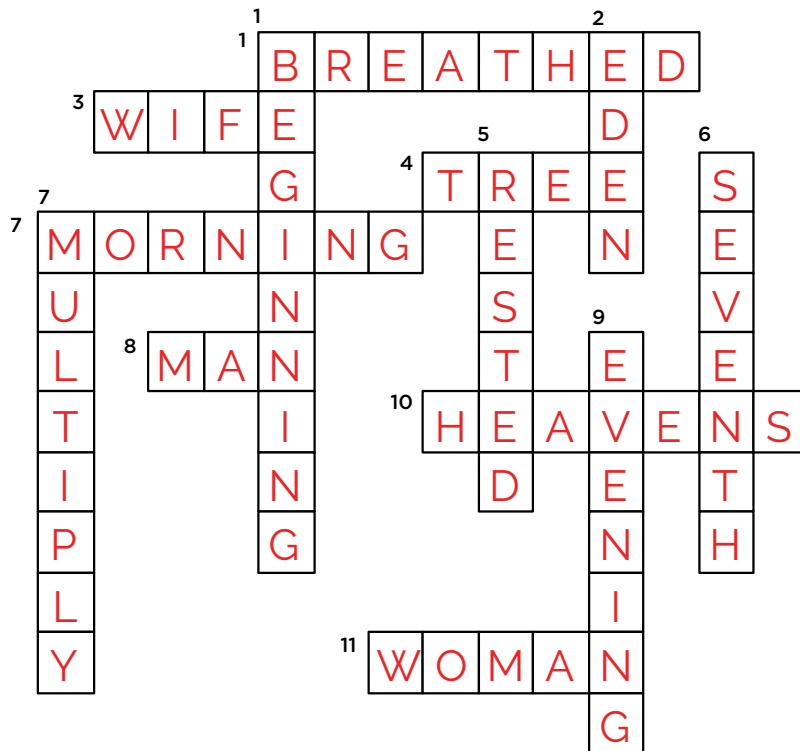
God Creates Our First Parents

Genesis

OPENING ACTIVITY

Creation Crossword

Genesis 1–2



Across

- 1 God **BREATHED** the breath of life into man (Genesis 2:7).
- 3 Therefore a man and his **WIFE** became one flesh (Genesis 2:24).
- 4 The man was not to eat from the **TREE** of the Knowledge of Good and Evil (Genesis 2:17).
- 7 First part of the day (Genesis 1:5): **MORNING**
- 8 God created **MAN** on the sixth day (Genesis 1:27).
- 10 God created the **HEAVENS** and the earth (Genesis 1:1).
- 11 The perfect complement, or companion, to man (Genesis 2:23): **WOMAN**

Down

- 1 In the **BEGINNING**, God created the heavens and earth (Genesis 1:1).
- 2 God placed man in the Garden of **EDEN** (Genesis 2:15).
- 5 When God finished the work of creation, he **RESTED** (Genesis 2:3). 6 The day God rested (Genesis 2:2): **SEVENTH**
- 7 In math, the opposite of divide (Genesis 1:28): **MULTIPLY**
- 9 Almost nighttime (Genesis 1:5): **EVENING**

SEARCH-THE-STORY ACTIVITY

Bible Reading Checklist

- GENESIS 1 The creation of the world
- GENESIS 2 God creates people and angels; God creates the Sabbath; God creates Adam and Eve
- GENESIS 3 The fall of Adam and Eve; God plans to save his creation

Fill in the Blanks

Early World - Part I: Genesis 1-3

1. The first story of Creation repeats this phrase every time something is created (Genesis 1:3, 6, 9, 11, 14, 20, 24).
2. After God created a new part of the world, he observed this (Genesis 1:4, 10, 12, 18, 21, 25, 31):
3. What did God do on the seventh day? (Genesis 2:2).
4. What material did God use to make man? (Genesis 2:7).
5. What is the name of the garden God planted for the man to live? (Genesis 2:8).
6. What was the man supposed to do in the garden? (Genesis 2:15).
7. What was the name of the tree from which the man was not supposed to eat? (Genesis 2:17).
8. What did the man and woman do with the fruit of the tree? (Genesis 3:6).
9. After their eyes were opened, what did the man and woman do when they heard the Lord in the garden? (Genesis 3:8).
10. After God sent the man and the woman out of the garden, why did he send an angel to the Tree of Life? (Genesis 3:24).

God said

it was good

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The Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil

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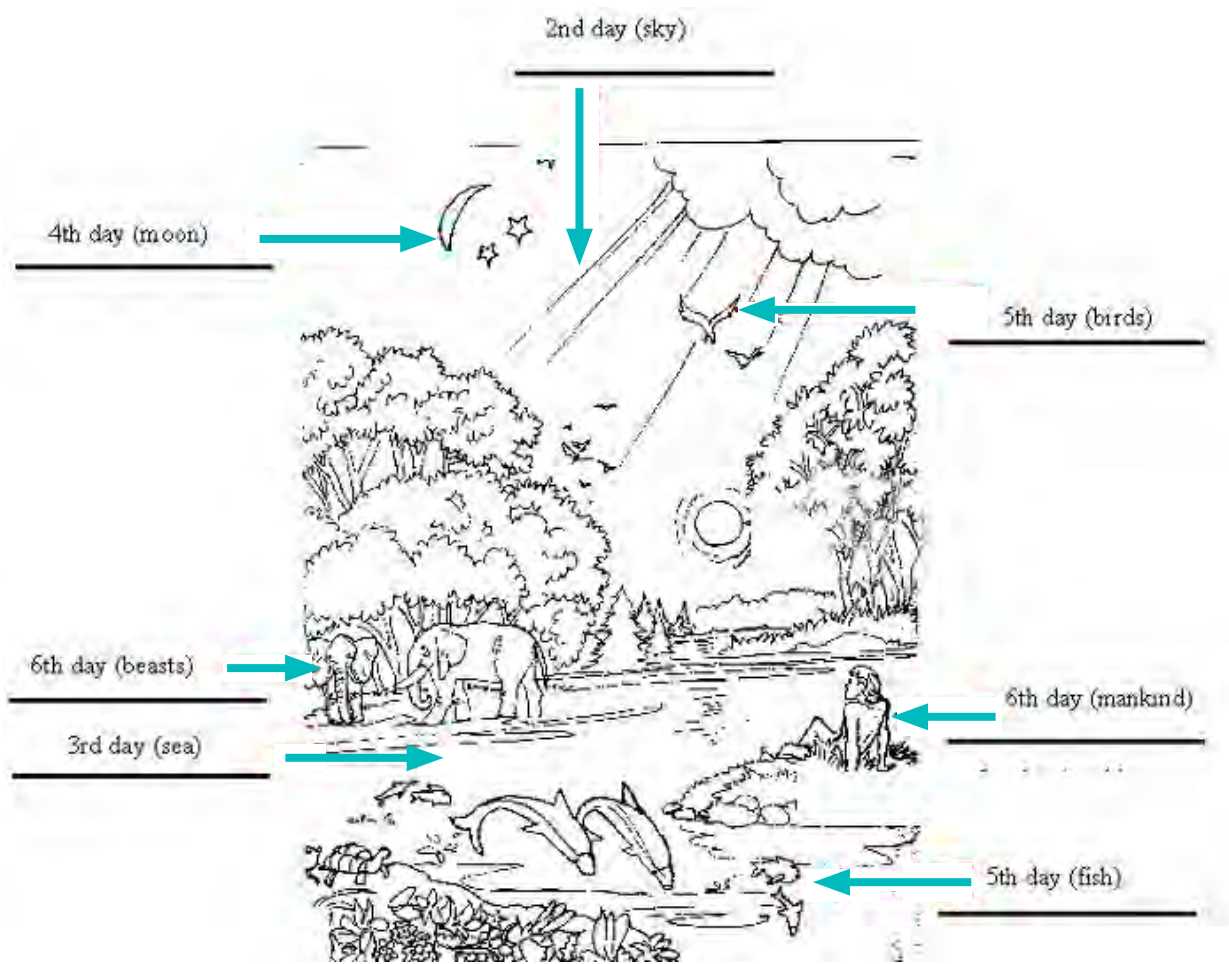
to guard it

Word Bank

it was good The Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil
 God said ground ate it rested to guard it
 care for it/keep it Eden hid

CLOSING ACTIVITY

Label the Days of Creation



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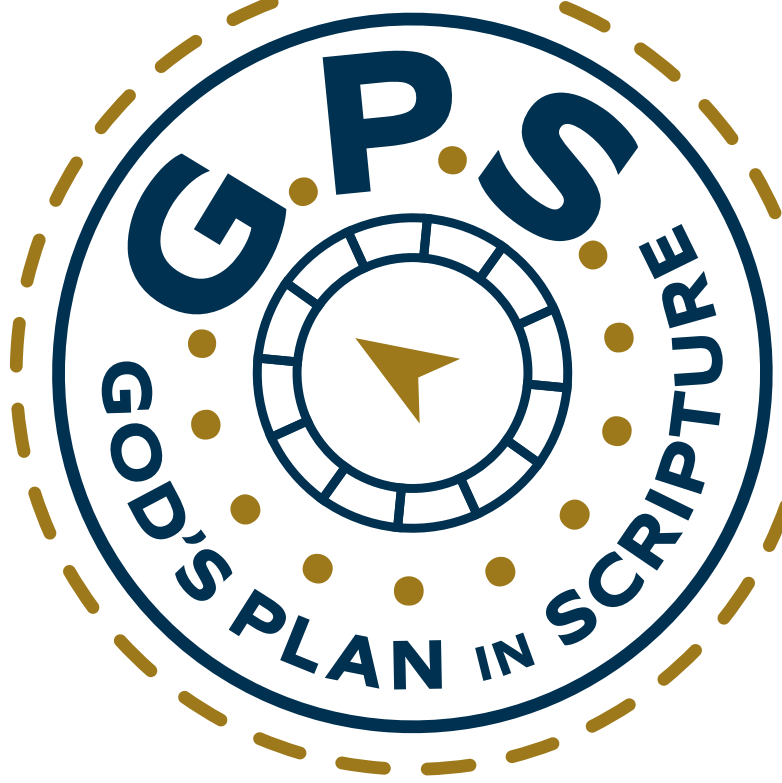
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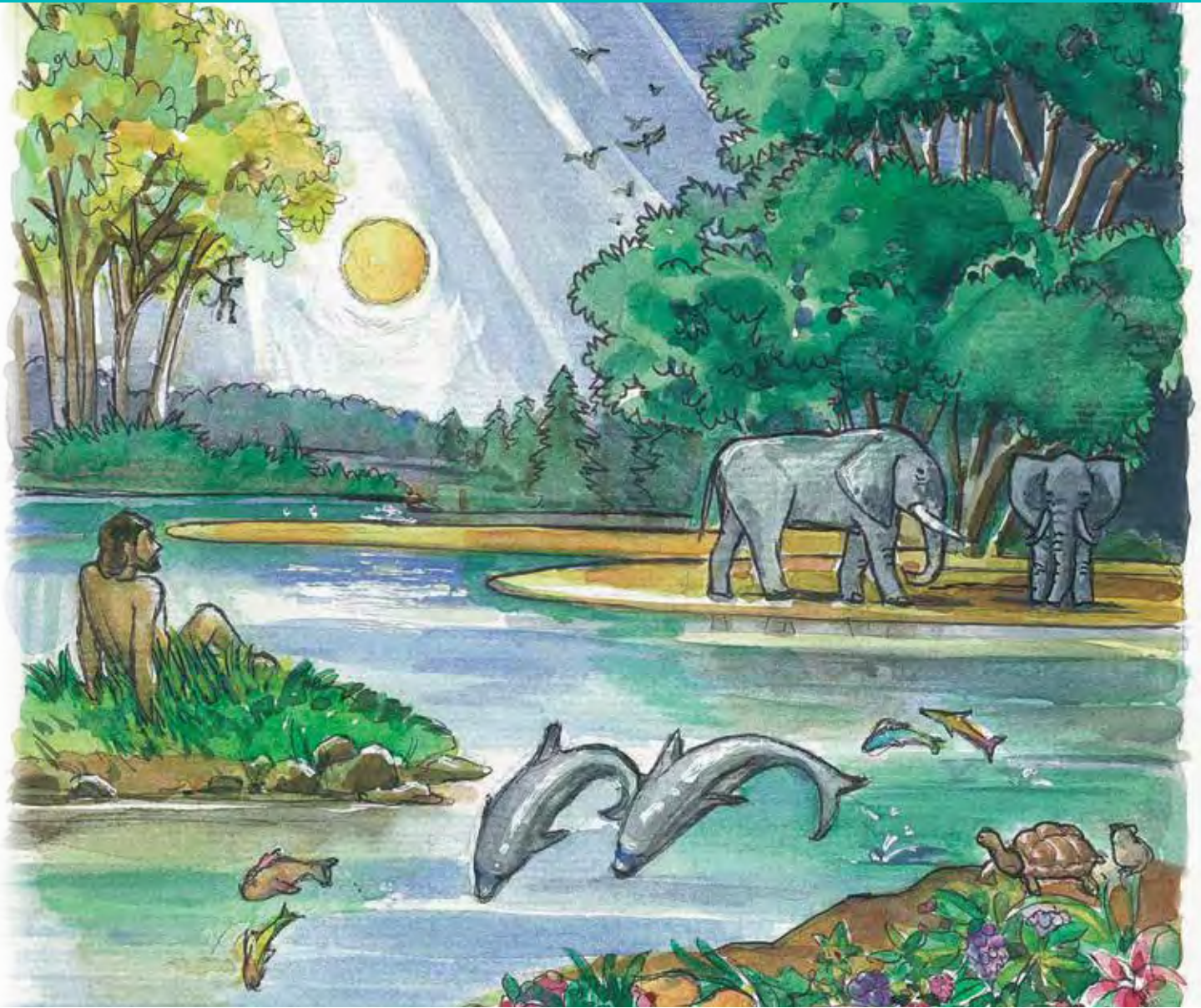
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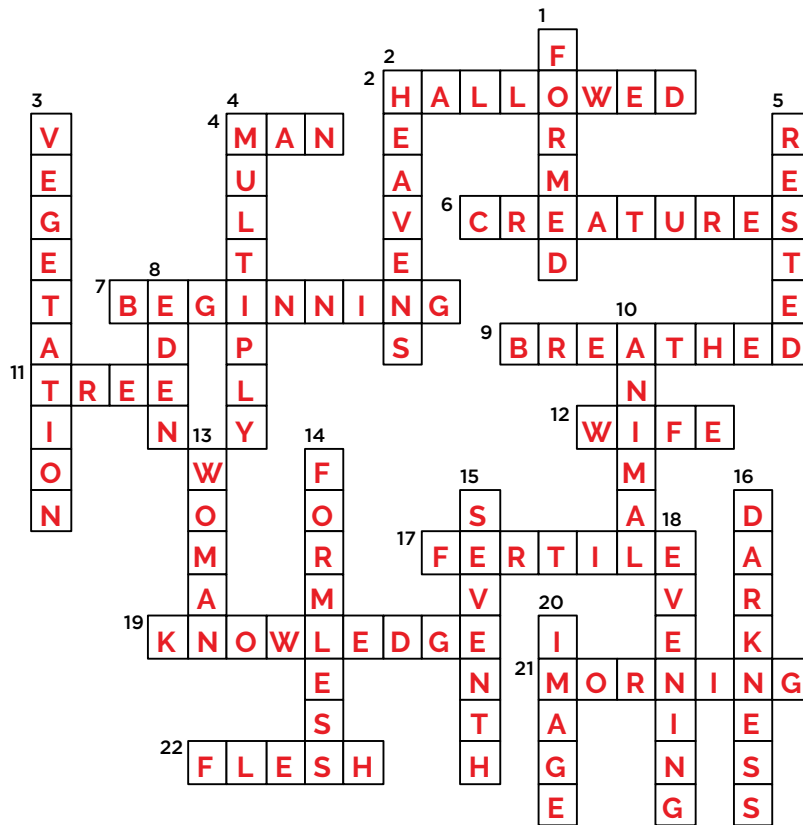
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Creation Crossword

Genesis 1–2



ACROSS

2. Holy, set apart, made special (Genesis 2:3):
4. God created _____ on the sixth day (Genesis 1:27).
6. Beings that have been made by God (Genesis 1:24):
7. In the _____, God created heaven and earth (Genesis 1:1).
9. God _____ the breath of life into man (Genesis 2:7).
11. The man was not to eat from the _____ of the Knowledge of Good and Evil (Genesis 2:17).
12. Therefore a man and his _____ become one flesh (Genesis 2:24).
17. Producing many children (Genesis 1:28):
19. Having awareness of something; information (Genesis 2:17):
21. First part of the day (Genesis 1:5):
22. The physical nature of a human being, not the spirit (Genesis 2:23):

DOWN

1. God _____ man and animals out of the ground (Genesis 2:7).
2. God created the _____ and the earth (Genesis 1:1).
3. Plants, trees, flowers, etc. (Genesis 1:11):
4. In math, the opposite of divide (Genesis 1:28):
5. When God finished the work of creation, he _____ (Genesis 2:3).
8. God placed man in the Garden of _____ (Genesis 2:15).
10. _____, vegetable, or mineral (from Genesis 1:25):
13. The perfect complement, or companion, to man (Genesis 2:23):
14. Without form (Genesis 1:2):
15. The day God rested (Genesis 2:2):
16. State of being without light (Genesis 1:2):
18. Almost nighttime (Genesis 1:5):
20. A likeness of, or semblance to, another (Genesis 1:27):

SEARCH-THE-STORY ACTIVITY

Name the Time Period: Early World Name the Narrative Book(s) of the Bible: Genesis

Pray this psalm before reading and answering your questions: **Psalm 8:1-5**

“O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is thy name in all the earth! Thou whose glory above the heavens is chanted . . . When I look at thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars which thou hast established; what is man that thou art mindful of him, and the son of man that thou dost care for him? Yet thou hast made him little less than God, and dost crown him with glory and honor.”

Look up this verse in your Bible and memorize it:

Key Verse: Genesis 1:27: “So God created man in his own image . . . male and female he created them.”

Bible Reading Checklist

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Genesis 2	God creates people and angels; God creates the Sabbath; God creates Adam and Eve
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1. What did God create in the beginning? (Genesis 1:1)

“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth” (Genesis 1:1). Other responses might include light, sky, dry land, the sea, plants, stars, sun, moon, birds, fish, animals, people, etc.

2. Whom did God create man and woman to be like? What did he tell the male and female to do? (Genesis 1:27-28)

God created them to be like him, in his image. He told them to be fruitful and have many children (multiply) and to take care of the earth he created.

3. What did God do on the seventh day? How do we do this in our life? (Genesis 2:2)

God rested on the seventh day, and he set it apart as a holy and blessed day. The Lord’s Day, Sunday, is the day that Christians set apart as a holy day to celebrate Mass and to rest from unnecessary work.

SEARCH-THE-STORY ACTIVITY

4. What was the name of the tree from which Adam was not supposed to eat, and where was it located? (Genesis 2:9 and 2:17)

Adam and the woman were not supposed to eat from the "Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil" (Genesis 2:9) that he had put in the middle of the garden. God wanted them to trust and obey him so that they could live in friendship with him. "Man is dependent on his Creator and subject to the laws of creation" (CCC 396).

5. What did the serpent tell the woman about the fruit of the tree? (Genesis 3:4-5)

The serpent told the woman that she would certainly not die, but that the moment they ate of the fruit, their eyes would open and they would be like gods who know what is good and what is bad.

6. What did Adam and the woman do with the fruit of the tree? (Genesis 3:6)

Adam and the woman ate the fruit of the tree that God had told them not to eat. At that point, they had stopped trusting God and decided to disobey him. This was the very first time that human beings sinned (see CCC 400).

7. What did they realize after they ate it? (Genesis 3:7)

After they ate the fruit, their eyes were opened, and they realized they were naked. They "sewed fig leaves together" to cover themselves (Genesis 3:7). When we realize we have disobeyed God, it can be as humbling as having no clothes on.

8. What will happen to the serpent because of what he did? (Genesis 3:14-15)

As part of his curse on the serpent, God says that one day its head will be bruised by the seed of the woman. To say its head will be bruised means it will be dealt a fatal blow. A "seed" is a descendant. This seed is Jesus, who will conquer the serpent (Satan) and death. This is the first mention of salvation in the Bible (see CCC 410).

9. What did God make for the man and his wife? (Genesis 3:21)

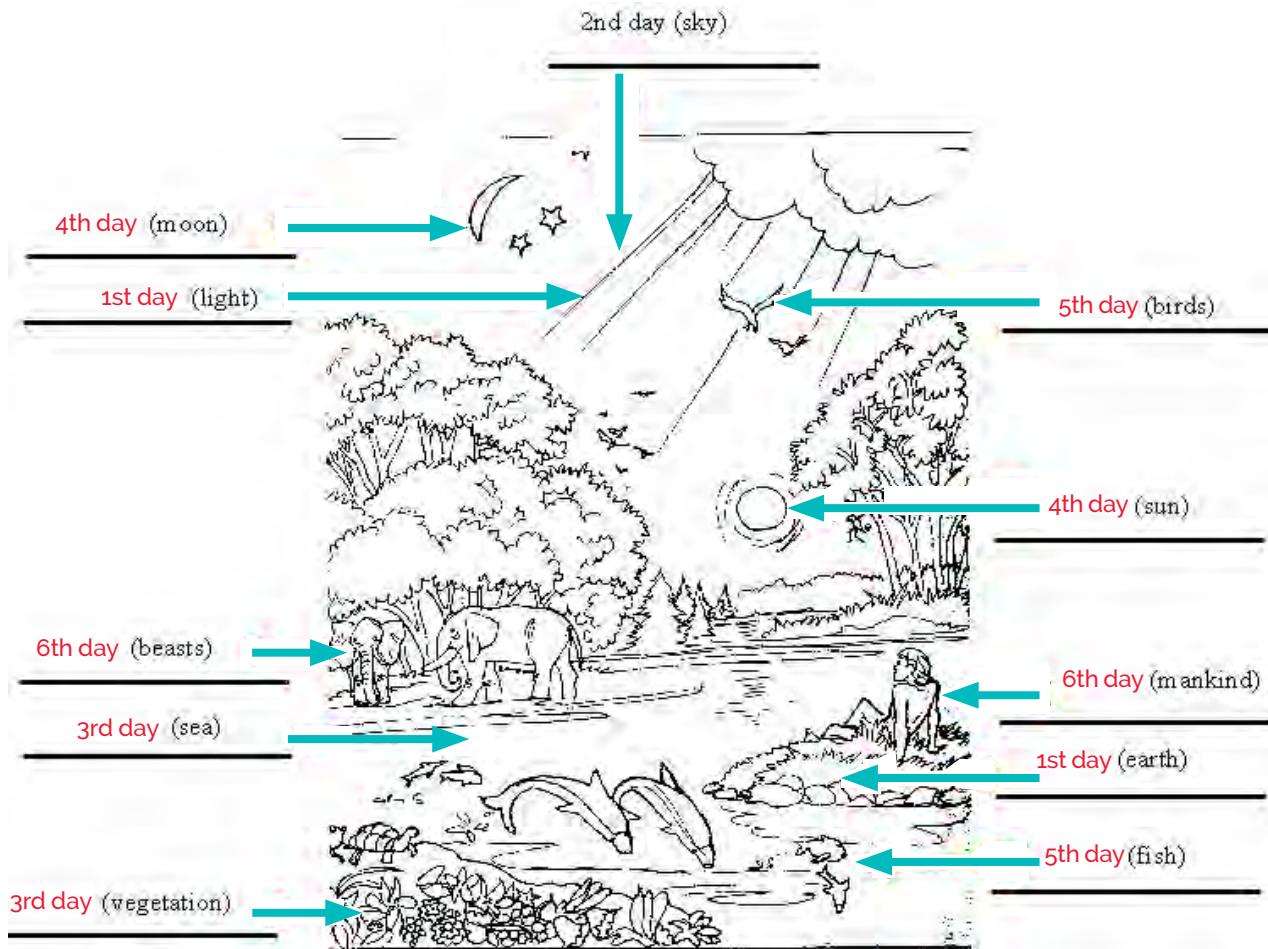
God made leather garments, or clothing made from animal skins, for Adam and Eve to wear. The animals had to be killed in order to cover up Adam and Eve's sin of disobeying God.

10. The theme for our lesson is "God creates our first parents." Why did the man (Adam) call his wife "Eve"? (Genesis 3:20)

The name "Eve" is like the Hebrew word for "living," so he named her Eve because she would be the mother of everyone living. Adam was her husband, so the two of them are our first parents. They are the first married couple, made to complement each other with their different bodies, male and female.

CLOSING ACTIVITY

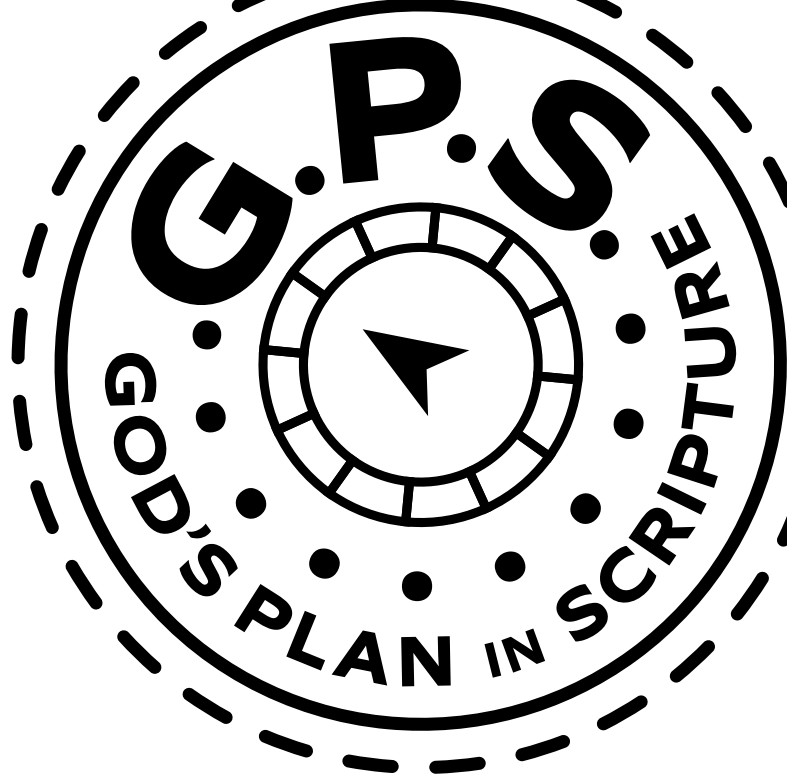
Label the Days of Creation



Instructions: Using your Bible to help you, fill in the blanks below with the things that are created each day. Then use each of those words to label each thing in the picture with the day of the week on which it was created. One of them (the sky on the 2nd day) is filled in for you.

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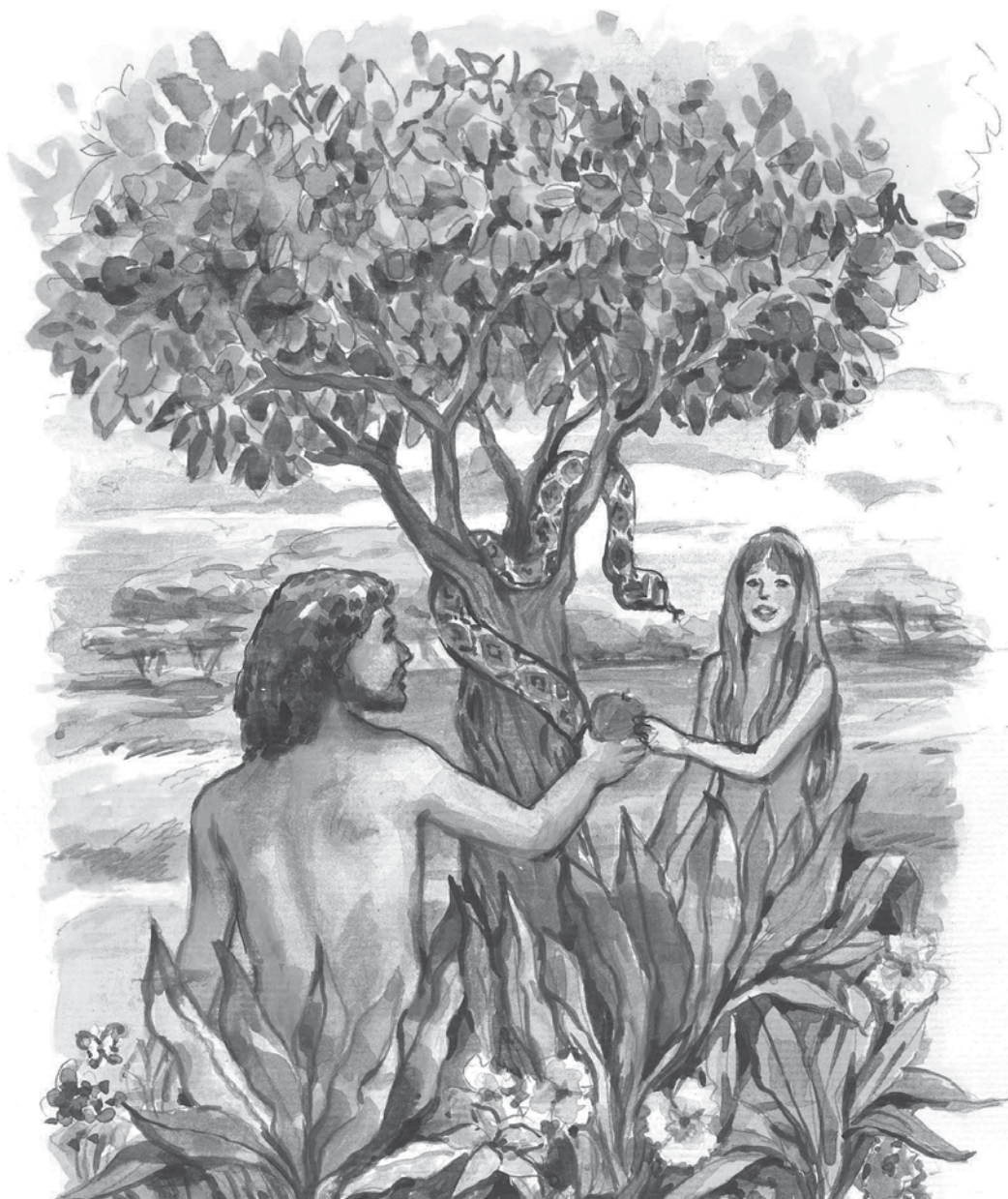
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*"God looked at everything he had made, and he found it very good."
(Genesis 1:31)*

Background References

Genesis 1–3
CCC 369, 410–411

Cast

Narrator
God
1st Actor: Day and ensemble
2nd Actor: Sky and ensemble
3rd Actor: Globe/Earth and Sea, Vegetation, and ensemble
4th Actor: Sun, Moon, Stars, Snake, and ensemble
5th Actor: Fish & Birds and ensemble
6th Actor: Animals and ensemble
Adam
Eve

Props

Sign or representation for day
Sign or representation for sky
Globe and/or jar of soil and blue cloth
Plants and fruit
Sign or representation of sun, moon, and stars
Sign or representation of fish and birds
Sign or representation of animals
Stuffed snake or a long sock that can represent a snake
Apple

Scene One: The Story of Creation

*Setting: The beginning of the universe in the mind of God.
At rise 1ST, 2ND, 3RD, 4TH, 5TH, and 6TH ACTORS, ADAM and EVE are
lying in a heap on the floor, representing chaos. The lights in the
performance space should be turned off, if possible.*

NARRATOR and GOD enter.

NARRATOR

In the beginning, when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless wasteland, and darkness covered the abyss, while a mighty wind swept over the waters. Then God said:

GOD

Let there be light!

1ST ACTOR holding "Day" stands up and apart from the rest of the actors.

GOD

I will call you "day" and separate you from "night." This is good!

1ST ACTOR

Yes! This is good!

NARRATOR

Evening came and morning followed – the first day. Then God said:

GOD

Let there be a dome in the middle of the waters to separate one body of water from the other.

2ND ACTOR holding the sky stands up.

I will call you "the sky." This is good!

1ST ACTOR and 2ND ACTOR

Yes! This is good!

NARRATOR

Evening came and morning followed – the second day. Then God said:

GOD

Let the water under the sky be gathered into a single basin so that the dry land may appear.

3RD ACTOR holding a globe stands up, or if multiple actors are available, one actor stands to hold a bag or jar of soil, and two actors stand to hold two ends of a blue cloth that they move to represent moving water.

I will call the dry land "the earth," and I will call the basin of water "the sea." This is good!

1ST, 2ND, and 3RD ACTORS

Yes! This is good!

GOD

Let the earth bring forth vegetation—every kind of plant that bears seed and every kind of fruit tree on earth that bears fruit with its seed in it. This is all good!

If available, an additional actor stands to hold plants and fruit.

1ST, 2ND, and 3RD ACTORS

Yes! This is all good!

NARRATOR

Evening came, and morning followed – the third day. Then God said:

GOD

Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate day from the night.

4TH ACTOR(S) stands holding sun, moon, & stars

Let them mark the fixed times, the days and the years, and serve as luminaries in the dome of the sky to shed light upon the earth.

NARRATOR

God made the two great lights, the greater one to govern the day and the lesser one to govern the night, and he made the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to shed light upon the earth, to govern the day and the night, and to separate the light from the darkness.

GOD

This is good!

1ST, 2ND, 3RD, and 4TH ACTORS

Yes! This is good!

NARRATOR

Evening came, and morning followed – the fourth day. Then God said:

GOD

Let the water teem with an abundance of living creatures, and on the earth, let birds fly beneath the dome of the sky.

5TH ACTOR stands with fish and birds.

NARRATOR

And so it happened. God created the great sea monsters and all kinds of swimming creatures with which the water teems and all kinds of winged birds.

GOD

This is good!

1ST, 2ND, 3RD, 4TH, and 5TH ACTORS

Yes! This is good!

GOD

(to all the standing ACTORS)

I bless you – be fertile, multiply, and fill the water of the seas; and let the birds multiply on the earth.

NARRATOR

Evening came, and morning followed – the fifth day. Then God said:

GOD

Let the earth bring forth all kinds of living creatures—cattle, creeping things, and wild animals of all kinds.

6TH ACTOR stands with representation of animals.

NARRATOR

And so it happened. God made all kinds of wild animals, all kinds of cattle, and all kinds of creeping things of the earth.

GOD

This is good!

1ST, 2ND, 3RD, 4TH, 5TH, and 6TH ACTORS

Yes! This is good!

GOD

Now, let us create man in our image, after our likeness.

ADAM and EVE stand.

Let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, the cattle, and over all the wild animals and all the creatures that crawl on the ground.

*At GOD'S words above, all the other creatures
and vegetation sit around ADAM and EVE.*

I bless you! Be fertile and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it. Have dominion over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, and all the living things that move on the earth.

See, I give you every seed-bearing plant all over the earth and every tree that has seed-bearing fruit on it to be your food; and to all the animals and the living creatures that crawl on the ground, I give all the green plants for food.

This is very good!

ALL

This is GREAT!

NARRATOR

This is how the heavens and the earth and their entire array were completed:

*As each actor speaks the following lines, he or she should stand
in the order of his/her creation.*

1ST ACTOR

On the first day, God created day and night!

2ND ACTOR

On the second day, God created the sky!

3RD ACTOR

On the third day, God created the earth, the sea, and the plants!

4TH ACTOR

On the fourth day, God created the sun, moon, and stars!

5TH ACTOR

On the fifth day, God created the fish and birds!

6TH ACTOR

On the sixth day, God created all living creatures!

ADAM and EVE

And also on the sixth day, God created human beings in his image!

NARRATOR

Since God was finished with the work he had been doing, he rested on the seventh day from all the work he had undertaken. So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the work he had done in creation.

GOD goes to a corner of the stage, sits back with his hands behind his head, and closes his eyes.

Scene Two: Choice in the Garden of Eden

Setting: The Garden of Eden

1ST, 2ND, 3RD, 4TH, 5TH, and 6TH ACTORS, ADAM and EVE are on stage. GOD continues to rest in a corner of the stage.

1ST ACTOR

(to ADAM and EVE)

Congratulations! Wow! You're created!

EVE

Thank you!

2ND ACTOR

Hey, so you're really created in the image of God?

ADAM

Yes, in his likeness!

3RD ACTOR

The two of you look great together! Like a holy couple!

ADAM

Thanks!

EVE

Well, I guess we're set apart for something special.

4TH ACTOR

Set apart? You were created on the sixth day, the same day as the cattle, the rhinos, the frogs, and the cockroaches! What's the big deal?

ADAM

I don't think we're meant for the sixth day.

5TH ACTOR

What else would you be meant for?

ADAM

I'm not really sure, but it feels right when I'm closer to God ... there's harmony with him on the seventh day, but I feel like he's expecting something from me.

6TH ACTOR

Isn't it perfect right here?!? Aren't you in paradise?

EVE

The garden is delightful! It's Eden. Adam has been settled here to till and keep the garden.

1ST ACTOR

"Keep the garden?" Do you mean it's all his?

2ND ACTOR

Or do you mean "keep it" as in guard it?

3RD ACTOR

Guard it against what?

ADAM

I don't know. I'm not really sure.

4TH ACTOR

Hey, is it true that you can eat whatever you want?

EVE

Yes, basically. We just can't eat from the tree in the middle of the garden, the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil, or we will die.

5TH ACTOR

You don't really believe that, do you?

ADAM

Why would God lie?

1ST ACTOR

We didn't say he lied ... you just haven't thought about this from all the angles. Adam, we need to talk ...

ACTORS 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, and ADAM exit the stage quietly discussing the question, leaving EVE and the 4TH ACTOR alone Center Stage.

4TH ACTOR

Hey, Eve, you don't believe what God said, do you?

EVE

About what?

4TH ACTOR

About not eating from the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil.

EVE

(reciting)

"We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; it is only about the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden that God said, 'you shall not eat it or even touch it, lest you die.'"²

4TH ACTOR

(slowly pulling a stuffed snake or a long sock from out of a sleeve or from a coat pocket and winding it around his arm, or perhaps his collar, using it like a puppet)

Oh, Eve, you won't die. You can choose to do whatever you want, can't you?

EVE

Well ... God did give me freedom to choose, but why shouldn't I do what he says?

4TH ACTOR

God knows that when you eat the fruit, you will be like gods who know good and bad, like gods know. *(takes an apple out of his pocket.)* This apple is from the tree in the middle of the garden. Isn't it beautiful?

EVE

Gosh, it sure is!

² (see Genesis 3:2)

4TH ACTOR

Don't you think it will taste delicious? And an apple a day is so-o-o-o healthy!

EVE

How bad could it be?? One bite couldn't hurt.

EVE takes the apple and takes a bite. As soon as she takes the apple, 4TH ACTOR leaves the stage to one side. ADAM enters from the other direction.

ADAM

Hey, Eve! Where'd you get the apple? The only ones I've found this week had bruises.

EVE

Now Adam, don't say anything until you've listened to the whole story because it's not as bad as it looks.

ADAM

What looks bad? That apple looks good!

(He grabs it and takes a bite.)

EVE

It's from the tree in the middle of the garden...

ADAM

What?!?

EVE

The snake gave it to me ...

GOD "wakes up" from his rest, stands, and stretches.

ADAM

Snake?!? What snake? I knew I was supposed to be on guard against something!

EVE

Calm down! Everything's OK! See? I took a bite, and you took a bite, and nothing's happened!

GOD enters the stage looking for ADAM and EVE.

GOD

20 Adam! Eve! Where are you?

ADAM

Eve! It's God! He'll know we ate from the tree in the middle of the garden. Take the core!

(tosses the core to EVE)

EVE

You take the core!

(tosses it back)

ADAM

I don't want it!

he tosses the core toward EVE and it falls on the floor between them

GOD

My children! I've been looking for you.

(sees the core and picks it up)

You ate from the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil? Why?

ADAM

Eve gave me the apple, so I ate it.

GOD

(turning to EVE)

Eve, why did you do such a thing?

EVE

The snake tricked me, so I ate it.

GOD

Snake! Come here!

4TH ACTOR, as the SNAKE, re-enters the stage.

GOD

(to the SNAKE)

Because you have done this, you shall be banned from all the other animals and from all the wild creatures; on your belly shall you crawl, and dirt shall you eat all the days of your life. I will put hatred between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will strike at your head, while you strike at his heel.³

³ Genesis 3:14-19

GOD

(to EVE)

You will have pain in childbirth, yet you will long for your husband.

(to ADAM)

Because you listened to your wife and ate from the tree of which I had forbidden you to eat, cursed is the ground because of you! In toil shall you eat what you harvest all the days of your life. Thorns and thistles shall it bring forth to you as you eat of the plants of the field. By the sweat of your face shall you get bread to eat until you die. For you are dust, and unto dust you shall return.

Adam and Eve, you must leave the Garden of Eden and go to the east. The Tree of Life in the garden will be guarded by an angel with a fiery sword.

GOD exits. ADAM and EVE leave the Garden.

EVE

(after walking a distance)

Adam, I am so sorry about the apple.

ADAM

Eve, I'm sorry I didn't protect us. I didn't know it could hurt this much to be separated from God.

EVE

Adam, there's hope. Did you hear God? He had Good News. We'll have offspring ... there will be a child. Someday the snake will be crushed.

ADAM

You're right. We'll look for the Good News and for a way to make things right with God. We don't have the garden anymore, but we still have God.

EVE

We did what we wanted to do and said "no" to what God wanted, but someday, I know there will be someone who will say yes to God, and the world will change.