

Bible LESSON 1

Do you know who made the world and everything in it, like the birds and trees and sunshine? It was God, wasn't it? God shows us lots of love by giving us such neat things. God also gave us a book that tells us about the world and about people who are special friends of God.

Do you know what this book is? It's the Bible.

The stories in these lessons are taken from God's book, the Bible. I hope you will enjoy the stories and learn some new things about God and about how he wants us to do things, like be kind to a brother or sister, or help your mother or father. God says we can pray to him and he will hear our prayers.



Can you learn a Bible verse? It's "WE LOVE HIM BECAUSE HE FIRST LOVED US." (I John 4:19). God loved the people he made - we can show love for him by doing what he tells us, praying to him and taking care of others. Say your verse over several times and then have mom or dad put a check mark here when you've learned it



The very first story in the Bible tells how the earth started. Long, long ago God made the heavens and he made the earth. Then he had seven time periods that he called "days" - on each of these "days" God created something special. Let's see what he made on the first day.

The earth was just a big, dark, empty planet, covered with water. There was nothing there and it was very dark. Shut your eyes very tight and cover them with your hands. Make it very dark...now slowly remove your hands and open your eyes. Isn't it great to be able to have light to see?

On the first day God made light and he divided the dark and called it "night" and the light he called "day". Then God saw the night and day and said "that's very good" and that was the first day.



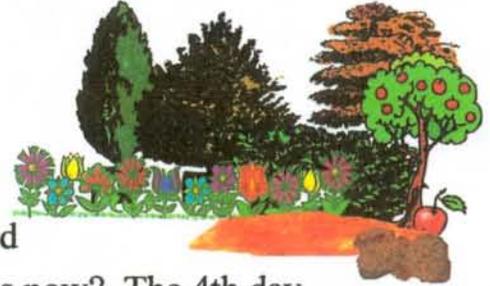
What do you think God made on the second day?

On the second day God made the "sky" (the sky is sometimes called heavens or firmament in the Bible). The beautiful blue sky is made of the air we breathe. The sky divided the water in the clouds from the water that covered the earth. Air is very important because no plant or animal or person can breathe or grow without air to breathe.



Now God had day and night and air to breathe but everything was covered with water. What do you think he needs next?

On the third day God created land. Out of the water came mountains and sand and dirt and rocks. There was still lots of water around the land and there were even streams and lakes and creeks on the land. In that same time period, (the third day) little green shoots began to push against the dirt and grow. Grass and bushes and flowers and trees grew on the land. Pretty cool, huh? So on the third day God created dry land and plants of every kind (how many different kinds of plants can you name)?



Now that there are trees and grass and flowers and berries and fruit ... but plants have to have sunlight to grow. There is a light of sorts that God made on the first day ... but now God needs to make brighter light that can give life! What day is this now? The 4th day.

On the fourth day God brought made the sun for the daytime to give the plants life and give a special warm light for the earth. For the night, God made the moon and stars to brighten up the night sky. Isn't it great when it's a sunny day and we can feel warm when we sit in the sun? It's a happy feeling to be in the sunshine!



When it's dark at night, it's also a happy feeling to see the moon and look at all the hundreds and



hundreds of sparkling stars, isn't it? Have you ever found the Big Dipper in the night sky?

Now there are many beautiful things on the earth - but it's so quiet. There is no movement, no sound. What do you think the land and sky and water needs now?

On the 5th day God made hundreds and hundreds of things! Birds of every kind and shape and color to fly in the sky and live in the trees and eat the berries. In the water God made hundreds of fish of every size and shape and color, from great huge whales to little tiny minnows. Now there is lots of movement and sounds on the earth and in the water.



We have fish and birds but what about the rest of the animals, the earth needs kittens and dogs and lions and giraffes too, doesn't it? And who will take care of the animals and plow the ground and water the plants?

On the 6th day God made all of the different kinds of animals, big ones like elephants and little tiny ones like ladybugs and everything in between. Then God took some dust from the ground and formed a man. God put his own breath into the clay man...and the man came alive! God named the man Adam. Adam loved the animals and gave names to them, but he was very lonely there was no one to talk to or laugh with and no one to help him do things. So God caused Adam to go into a deep sleep, and God performed an operation. From a rib in Adam's side, God made a woman to be Adam's wife and Adam named her Eve. She would walk beside Adam and be his friend and helper and the mother of his children. Adam was very happy with all the wonderful things God had done. Now God's creation was complete. God looked at all of it and he said it was "very good!"



God gave Adam and Eve a special garden in a place called

Eden. Adam and Eve were to take care of the plants and animals in the garden. They were to have children and take care of the beautiful earth God had created.

On the 7th day God rested. Do you think God gets tired and needs to rest? No, the creator of the world doesn't get tired. God made the 7th day a very special day for US! It's supposed to be a day when men and women and boys and girls don't work and don't go to school. It's to be a special day to read the Bible, think about God, maybe take a walk or drive to see the beauty of God's creation. A day to say "thank you" to God. God knew we need a time to rest and think about the important things in life.

What do you do on your days of rest? I hope you have a little time to think about God, maybe hear a Bible story and do something special for your family or friends. That would please God.

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1. What book tells us about God?
2. Name some things you could do to show God you love him
3. What is your memory verse about loving him?
4. What did God make on the first day when there was nothing but darkness on earth?
5. What did God make on the second day that was a pretty blue? Why was this important?
6. What came out of the water on the third day? What grew on it?
7. What things were made on the 4th day for the daytime and night time?
8. God made two different kinds of things (and he made a lot of them) on the 5th day - what were they?
9. What did God create on the 6th day?
10. What was the last thing God made before he rested?
11. How was Eve made? Out of dust or out of something else?
12. Was God tired and that's why he set the 7th day as a day of rest?
13. When God was done with everything and looked all around at what he had made, what did he say about it?

The pictures below are all mixed up. Without looking at the lesson pages, can you draw a line from the correct picture to the day when God created it?

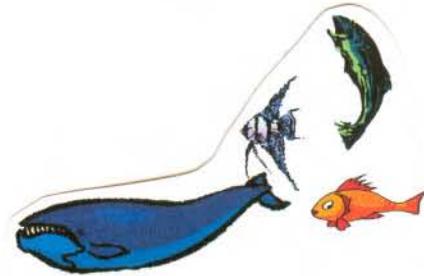
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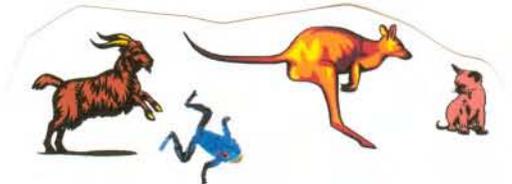
Fourth Day



Fifth Day



Sixth Day



What did God do on the Seventh Day? _____

COLOR THE PICTURE OF THE CHILDREN
HELPING OTHERS



Draw and color some more flowers in the garden

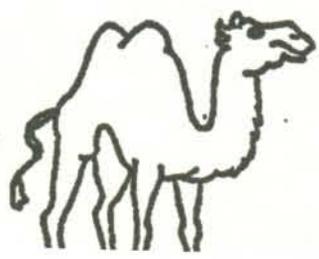
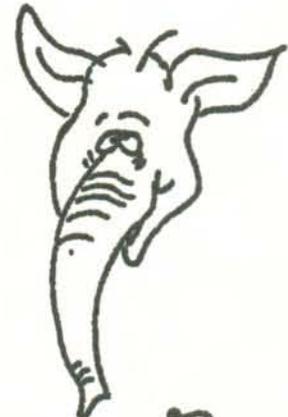
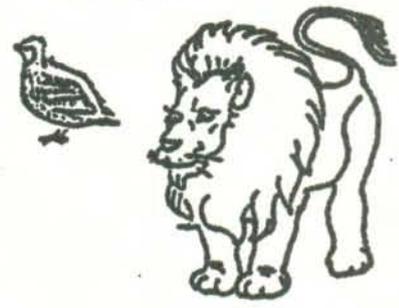
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IN THE LIST OF ANIMALS BELOW YOU ARE TO PUT EACH INTO THE CORRECT ACROSS SQUARES. THERE ARE MORE THAN 130 ANIMALS LISTED IN THE BIBLE.

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Leopard
Cattle
Sheep
fish
peacock
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