



BIBLE LESSON # 1

Genesis 1

Do you know how we got the flowers and the kittens and the tall trees and buzzy bees? They were made by God. God lives far, far away in heaven and nobody can see him, but we know about him because he has a wonderful book that tells about him. This book is called the Bible. Do your parents have a Bible? Well, this little book will be your Bible book and it will tell you stories about God and some of the stories that are in the big Bible.

Now, put your hands over you eyes and hold them there very tightly. What do you see? It's very dark, isn't it? This is what everything looked like before God began to make the earth and the animals. Everything was very, very dark. So one day God said, "Let's make light and we will have daytime and nighttime." Now, take your hands down. You can see lots of things when it is light, can't you? God was happy to have a time for sleeping at night and a time to play and work and do important things in the daytime.

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Next God made air to breathe and clouds in the sky and God made rain clouds in the sky and water all over the earth. More water than you could ever swim in! There was water everywhere!



So God said to His angel helpers, "Let's make some dry land." God left some water for rivers and lakes and oceans, but he had some nice dry land, too. Now God needed something on the dry land...what do you think he put on it? God made grass and flowers and apple trees and strawberries and carrots all grow on the land. The land looked very beautiful and it was useful now.



What do you think God made next? He created a bright yellow sun to shine in the day time. The sunshine helps plants to grow and makes everything pretty. But it was awfully dark at night time, so God made some lights for the night time, too. He made a shiney moon and lots and lots of stars to shine at night time. Do you sometimes go outside at night and look at the moon and the stars in the sky? They are pretty, aren't they?



What do you think God made next? Now He wanted things to grow in the air and in the water. What do you think would fly in the air? You're right! All kinds of pretty birds; big pelicans and tiny humming birds, blue birds and red birds and black birds of all different sizes.



God also made lots and lots of fish to swim in the ocean and in the lakes and ponds. Great big whales and tiny, wiggly, minnows. God saw that all the fish and birds he made were very pretty and very useful. He said they were "Very Good!"



There were still some things missing to make a perfect earth. Now God created all kinds of animals! He made lions and bears and puppies and frogs. He made big elephants and tiny kittys and cows and butterflies.



Then the very last thing God made was a man named Adam and a woman named Eve. They were to take care of the earth and have children to grow and fill the earth with people who would love God. God called all he had made "Very Good!"

God brought all the animals to Adam, one by one and Adam gave each of them a name. He named the animal with a long trunk and tusks an Elephant. He named the bird that crowed and woke him up in the morning, a rooster, and he named the animal that had antlers, a deer.

God made a beautiful garden for Adam and Eve to live in, so they wouldn't have weeds to pull or thorn or thistles to bother them. Adam and Eve loved their beautiful home in the garden.

Can you learn a memory verse? The first verse in God's book tells us how everything was created. Do you know what is God's book? God's book is called the Bible, and it tells all about the earth and what people need to do to follow God's ways and please Him.

The first verse in the Bible is

"IN THE BEGINNING, GOD CREATED THE HEAVENS AND THE EARTH."

Say this verse over and over until you've learned it, and you will know the very beginning of the Bible!

Question Page

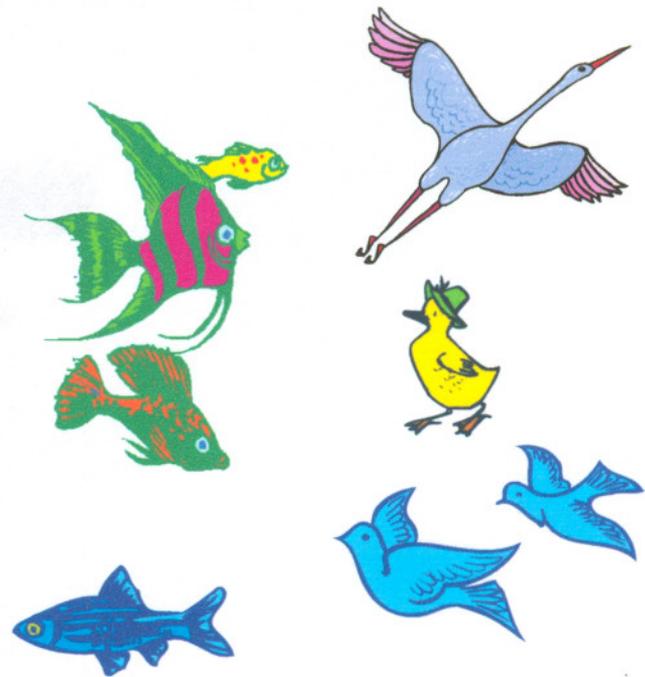
Can you answer some questions about our lesson?

1. Who made the heaven and the earth?
2. What was all over the earth right at first? Was it dirt or was it water?
3. What did God create to fly in the air?
4. What kinds of things swam in the water?
5. Can you name some of the animals that God made?
6. When it was all dark at night what did God put in the sky?
7. What very bright round thing did God put in the sky in the daytime?
8. What was the name of the very first man and woman that God made?
9. Who named all the animals on earth?
10. When God looked at everything He made, did he say - it was okay, or it was Very Good?

Can you draw a picture of some of the animals God made and color them in the space below?

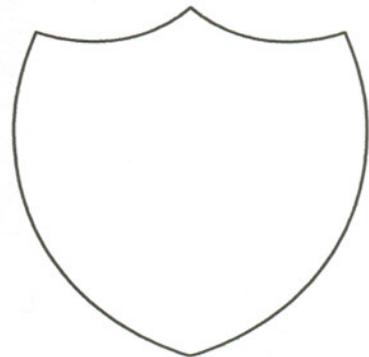
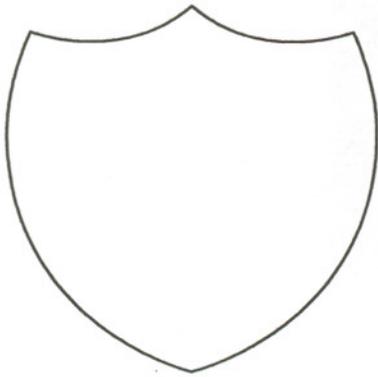
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God made birds to fly in the sky and he made fish to swim in the sea. Match the fish and birds on one side of the paper with the matching ones on the other side by drawing a line between them.

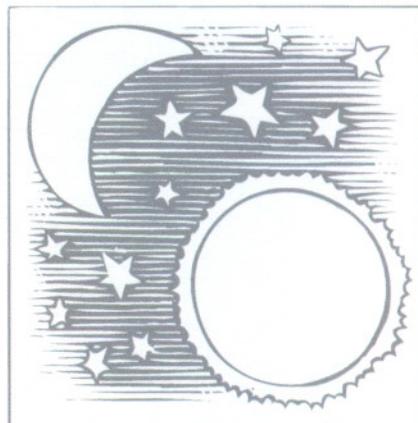


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God made mothers and fathers who love their little children. Draw eyes and nose and a smile on the shapes below to make happy parents, then give them some hair and color it.



God makes animals and flowers and the sun and moon. Color them and then circle the food the horse would like to eat. Which would you like to eat?



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Draw a tree by taking a pencil and drawing around your hand and fingers - then take a green crayon and make some circles and squiggles around the fingers and you will have a pretty tree like the kind God made.

