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DAY 1

The Heavens and the Earth

A large, glowing crescent moon is the central focus, set against a deep, dark blue-black background. In the upper left, a thin, curved horizon of the Earth is visible, showing blue oceans and white clouds. The overall scene evokes a sense of vastness and the beginning of creation.

*In
the
beginning*

*God created the heavens
and the earth.*

Genesis 1:1



God Created the Heavens and the Earth

The first verse in the Bible tells us, "In the beginning 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 these six days.



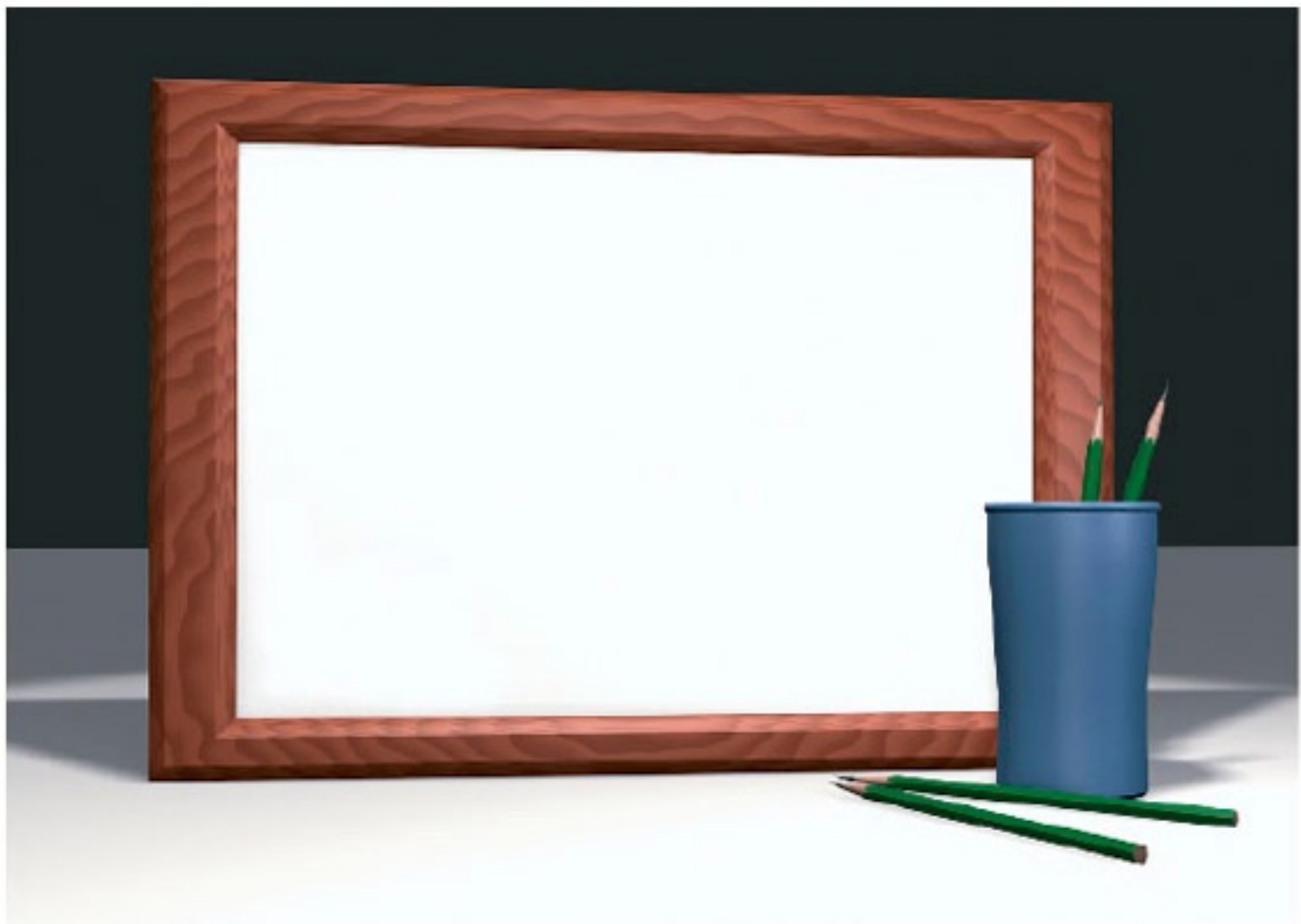
How Did God Create the Heavens and the Earth?

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 1:2 b

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.



The Spirit of God brought life to all of creation.

2 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.



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.





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?
6. Why did God create the light?
7. How much sleep do children need each night?

Fill in the blank

1. _____ created the heavens and the earth.
2. The _____ of God hovered over the face of the waters.
3. Then God said, "Let there be _____"; and there was light.
4. God called the light _____.
5. God called the darkness _____.
6. _____ is the Light of the world.