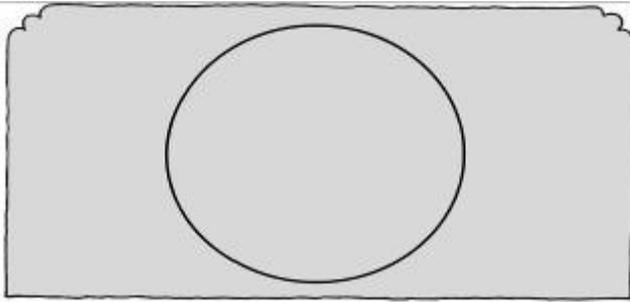


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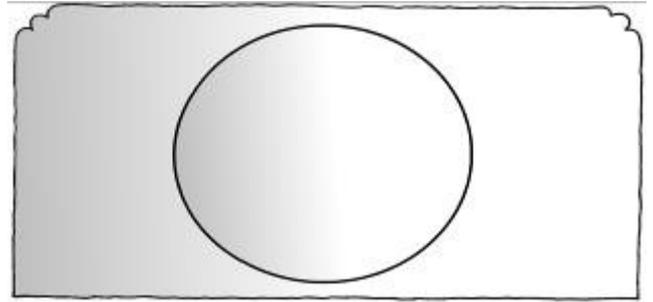
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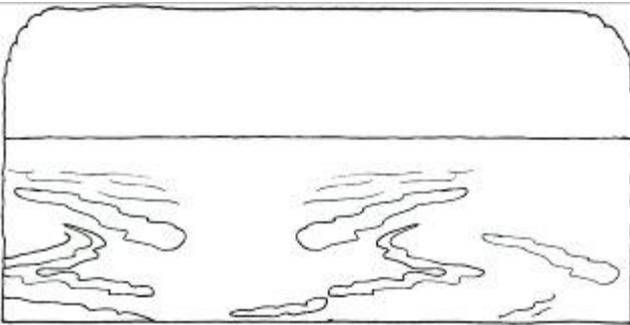
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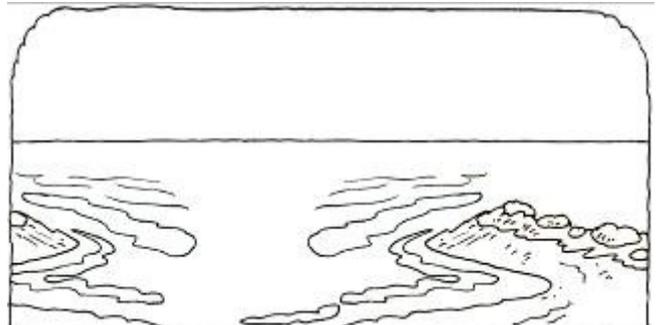
**Genesis 1. The first words in the Bible tell us that God made the heaven and the earth. The earth was covered with deep water. Nothing lived there at all and it was totally dark.**



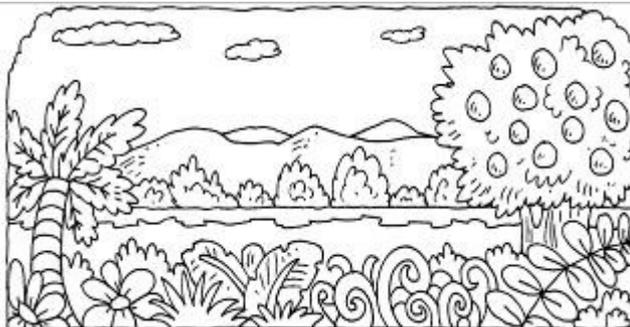
**God said, "Let there be light," and light shone through the darkness over the earth. God called the light "Day" and the darkness he called "Night." This was the first day.**



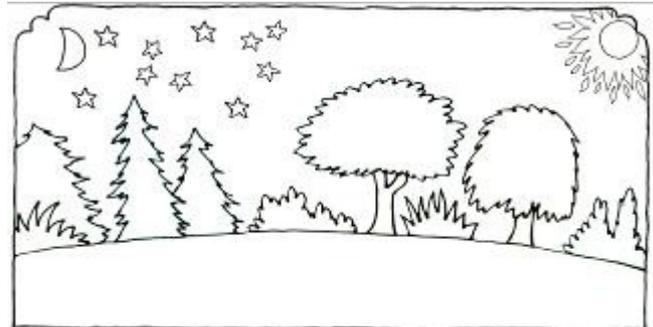
**God made a space between the water that was above the earth and the water below. God called the space sky. This was the second day.**



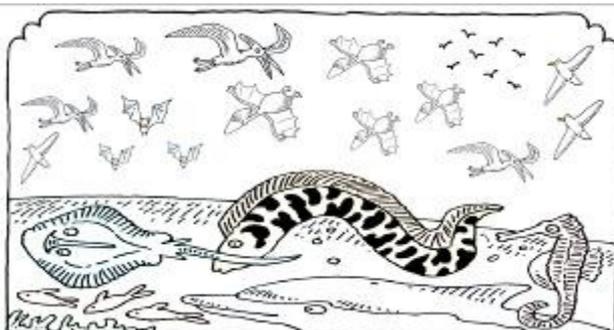
**God said, "Let the water under the sky be in one place and let the dry ground appear," and it did. He called the dry ground "land" and the water "sea". God saw it was good.**



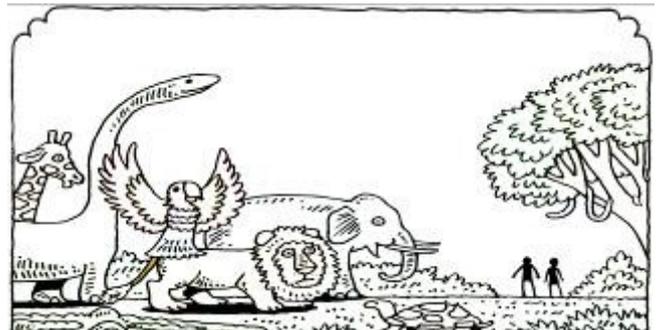
**And God said "Let the land produce many kinds of trees and plants which have fruit and seeds, so they can reproduce. This was the third day.**



**On the fourth day God made the sun to warm the earth and at night the moon and stars showed the time, seasons and years.**



**Then God made the fish and the birds. "Let the sea be full of sea creatures and the forest and sky be filled with many different kinds of birds," God said on day five.**



**On day six God filled the earth with animals. Each species had babies like themselves. God made male and female humans to reflect himself. And on the seventh day God rested**