

The true story of how God made the world

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(Bible quotes from the International Children's Bible)

Did you know that a long, long time ago there was nothing? No trees, no people, no buildings, not even sound or smell? Darkness was everywhere. That is what it was like before God decided to make our world. God created our whole world in six days. He made something different on each of the six days and then on the seventh day God was finished and rested. But, first, let's go back to the very beginning!

Let's look at the very first verse in our Bibles. "In the beginning God created the sky and the earth. The earth was empty and had no form. Darkness covered the ocean, and God's Spirit was moving over the water." Genesis 1:1-2

(Day 1)

Bible Verses: "Then God said, 'Let there be light!' And there was light. God saw that the light was good. So he divided the light from the darkness. God named the light 'day' and the darkness "night." Evening passed, and morning came. This was the first day." Genesis 1:3-5

So God simply spoke and light appeared. And this was not just sunlight. After all, the sun had not even been created yet. Can you make light just by saying, "Let there be light"? No, but God can.

(Day 2)

Bible Verses: "Then God said, 'Let there be something to divide the water in two!' So God made the air to divide the water in two. Some of the water was above the air, and some of the water was below it. God named the air 'sky'. Evening passed, and morning came. This was the second day." Genesis 1:6-8

Water was everywhere. On the second day of creation God separated the water above the earth from the water on the earth, placing the sky between the two. For the first time ever, the earth would have experienced an atmosphere and things like clouds, wind, waves and evaporation.

(Day 3)

Bible Verses: "Then God said, 'Let the water under the sky be gathered together so the dry land will appear.' And it happened. God named the dry land "earth." He named the water that was gathered together "seas." God saw that this was good. Then God said, 'Let the earth produce plants. Some plants will make grain for seeds. Others will make fruit with seeds in it. Every seed will produce more of its own kind of plant.' And it happened. The earth produced plants. Some plants had grain for seeds. The trees made fruit with seeds in it. Each seed grew its own kind of plant. God saw that all this was good. Evening passed, and morning came. This was the third day." Genesis 1:9-13

Now there were mountains, valleys, boulders, springs, rivers, waterfalls, caves, beaches, gravel, clay, sand. And because there were plants the earth, for the first time, contained roots, stems, leaves, grass, pollen, bark, vines, fruits, vegetables, flowers and more. The plants needed sunlight, so in the next 24 hours God planned to make the sunlight for them. Otherwise they would die.

(Day 4)

Bible Verses: "So God made the two large lights. He made the brighter light to rule the day. He made the smaller light to rule the night. He also made the stars. God put all these in the sky to shine on the earth. They are to rule over the day and over the night. He put them there to separate the light from the darkness. God saw that all these things were good. Evening passed, and morning came. This was the fourth day." Genesis 1:16-19

With the sun came light, heat and warmth, UV rays, sunrises, sunsets, dawn, dusk and even eclipses. God knew that the earth would need the sun to survive.

And then there was the beauty of the night sky for the first time. Sometimes the moon is full and round and sometimes it is shaped like a crescent. When the moon appears very thin some people even call it a "toe-nail moon". Of course, the stars are amazing because they are bright and sparkly and even appear to twinkle in the sky.

(Day 5)

Bible Verses: "Then God said, 'Let the water be filled with living things. And let birds fly in the air above the earth.' So God created the large sea animals. He created every living thing that moves in the sea. The sea is filled with these living things. Each one produces more of its own kind. God also made every bird that flies. And each bird produces more of its own kind. God saw that this was good. God blessed them and said, 'Have many young ones and grow in number. Fill the water of the seas, and let the birds grow in number on the earth.' Evening passed, and morning came. This was the fifth day." Genesis 1:20-23

In the sea there are fish, swimming mammals such as whales and dolphins as well as sponges, jellyfish, clams, oysters, sea urchins, sea cucumbers, starfish, sea lilies, lobsters, worms, snails, and many more. And on this day God created all sorts of birds to fill the skies. When God created birds, he created feathers, beaks, wings and claws.

(Day 6- Animals)

Bible Verses: Then [on the sixth day] God said, "Let the earth be filled with animals. And let each produce more of its own kind. Let there be tame animals and small crawling animals and wild animals. And let each produce more of its kind." And it happened.

So God made the wild animals, the tame animals and all the small crawling animals to produce more of their own kind. God saw that this was good. Genesis 1:24-25

Think of all of the animals that live on the ground (wild animals and tame animals): amphibians, reptiles, mammals and even some birds that do not fly. God is amazing because every single kind of animal was his idea and his creation.

(Day 6- People)

Bible Verses: Then God said, "Let us make human beings in our image and likeness. And let them rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky. Let them rule over the tame animals, over all the earth and over all the small crawling animals on the earth." Genesis 1:26-27

Then the Lord God took dust from the ground and formed man from it. The Lord breathed the breath of life into the man's nose. And the man became a living person. Genesis 2:7

On the same day God made the animals he made a man. The man was called "Adam". Adam was different from the animals because, when God breathed life into Adam, God gave him a soul. Adam's soul gave him the ability to think, love and worship. Adam could make choices. Adam could talk to God. Adam was a special creation.

God brought all of animals before Adam and gave him the honour of naming them. But Adam knew that he was different from the animals. God did not want Adam to be lonely.

Bible Verses: So the Lord God caused the man to sleep very deeply. While the man was asleep, God took one of the ribs from the man's body. Then God closed the man's skin at the place where he took the rib. The Lord God used the rib from the man to make a woman. Then the Lord brought the woman to the man. Genesis 2:21-22

Adam was so happy when he woke up and saw the woman. Now he was not alone. He called the woman "Eve". The creation of mankind was now complete. Adam and Eve were beautiful and pure. They experienced no shame or need to cover up with clothes.

(Day 7)

Bible Verses: So the sky, the earth and all that filled them were finished. By the seventh day God finished the work he had been doing. So on the seventh day he rested from all his work. God blessed the seventh day and made it a holy day. He made it holy because on that day he rested. He rested from all the work he had done in creating the world. Genesis 2:1-3

God was not resting because he was tired. God rested because he was finished with some very important work! He was satisfied that he had done a very good job. And God had told Adam and Eve that they also had a job to do. They were to take care of the garden.

How about you? How do you take care of the beautiful earth that God made?