

A New World

Genesis 1; 2; Patriarchs and Prophets, pp. 44-51

When you help your mom make a cake, you check to be sure that you have all the ingredients. God decided that He wanted to create a new world—our world. Before He began, He made plans for every bird and plant and flower. Let's find out more.

God had a plan to create a world. He wanted this world to be beautiful and full of creatures that would walk, fly, crawl, swim, and talk.

God found a dark, empty, watery spot in the universe. He said, "Let there be light." And light appeared. God called the light day and the darkness night. The light was morning. The dark was night. Together these were the first day.

But everything was still watery—not good for walking, flying, or crawling. So God spoke again, "Water, separate yourself." The water divided into two parts. But only the lower part was wet. The upper part was dry and light and blue. God called the upper part sky. It was the second day.

Next God decided to make a place where creatures could walk and crawl. He said, "Water, come together. Make room for dry ground." God called the ground land. He called the water that was left seas. He looked at the land and said, "Produce plants and trees for food and shelter." This happened on the third day.

Then God was ready to make lights. He said, "Lights, hang yourselves in the sky." And

lights appeared.

A big one, the sun, marked the day. A smaller one, the moon, marked the night. Together with smaller lights, the stars, they would mark the seasons and years. With these day markers in place, God ended the fourth day.



Now the earth was ready for some of the creatures God had planned. "Sea creatures, the water is ready for you. Birds, the air is ready for you," said God. And fish and birds appeared. God blessed them saying, "Fill the seas. Fill the air." And they did that on the fifth day.

The Message

We worship God when we thank Him for creating our world.

Memory Verse

“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth”

(Genesis 1:1, NIV).

The next day, God said, “I am ready to make animals.” And He did. But He wasn’t finished yet. “Let us make man in our image,” He said.

Then God did something different. He knelt on the ground. He gathered up some of it, like clay, and He began to shape it. He formed it into a creature with two legs, two arms, a body, and a head. Then he leaned over and breathed into the face of the creature. And the creature opened its eyes and sat up. It was a man!

God called the man Adam. He showed Adam everything He had just made. “This is for you, Adam. Take care of it.”

Adam soon noticed that the creatures came in pairs; each had a partner—except him. Now God was ready to finish the last part of His plan. He put Adam to sleep. While Adam was sleeping, God removed one of Adam’s ribs. Then God again knelt on

the ground. He took Adam’s rib and made a partner for him. When Adam saw his partner, he exclaimed, “You are my perfect partner!” He called her Eve. And that was the end of the sixth day. The next day God looked at all the good things He had made. And He and Adam and Eve and all the other creatures rested and enjoyed

their new home. It was the seventh day, the wonderful day we call Sabbath. God’s new world was complete.



S A B B A T H

DO Take a nature walk with your family. Play a game in which you start off by saying, "I see something that God made." Give clues. The person who guesses what you describe chooses the next object. Read your lesson together, then thank God for the wonderful things He made.

S U N D A Y

DO For family worship read and discuss Genesis 1:1-3. Close your eyes and imagine what life would be like if it were dark all the time! List things that you could not do if there were no light.

DO We rest at night, but some creatures are active then. Find out about an animal where you live that comes out at night. Thank God for animals that like to go out in the dark.

M O N D A Y

READ With your family read and discuss Genesis 1:6-8. Say a prayer of thanks for water.

DRAW Draw some fish shapes on a piece of paper. Write one word of the memory verse on each fish. Cut out the fish and mix up the words. Practice saying your memory verse as you put the fish in the right order.

T U E S D A Y

DO Find a pretty leaf. Take a sheet of paper and place it on top of the leaf. Use a crayon to rub over the leaf. Watch the shape of the leaf appear on your paper.

DO Look up Ecclesiastes 3:11 and write it above your leaf rubbing.

SING Share the leaf rubbing with your family during worship and tell them how much God loves them. Sing "All Things Bright and Beautiful" (*Sing for Joy*, No. 51) together. Then thank God for trees and plants.

W E D N E S D A Y

SHARE If possible, for worship go outside with your family after dark and look at the stars. How many constellations (stars grouped together in a certain way) can you identify? Draw some constellations on paper. Use a book to learn more about them.

READ Read and discuss Psalm 8:3, 9; Psalm 19:1; Psalm 136:1, 7, 9. Then thank and praise God for creating the sun, moon, and stars.

The Jewish Talmud calls the first book of the Bible "Book of Creation of the World."



T H U R S D A Y

READ With your family read and discuss Genesis 1:20-23 to discover what else God created on the fifth day.

DO Find out how fish breathe. Why can't they live on land?

DO Take a glass and stuff a dry cloth or paper towel into the bottom. Fill a basin with water and, holding the glass upside down without tilting it, put it all the way under the water. Quickly pull it out and feel the paper towel. Is it wet? Why not? Repeat, but this time tilt the glass slightly. What happened? Why do you think the towel got wet?

PRAY Thank God for the things He created on the fifth day.

F R I D A Y

ASK Plan a quiz for your family worship tonight. Ask your family to describe the plan God followed in creating our world.

ASK Ask each person in the family to describe what they like best in Creation.

SING Sing "Every Flower That Grows" (*Sing for Joy*, No. 55) or another song about Creation.

READ Read Genesis 1 through 2:3 together. Then thank God for all He made.

Creation

PUZZLE

Directions: We worship God when we thank Him for creating our world. Draw a line from each day of Creation to the picture that most closely represents that day's activities.



Day One
Day Two
Day Three
Day Four
Day Five
Day Six
Day Seven

