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and a People**

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God Creates the World

Genesis
1:1–2:3

The Characters

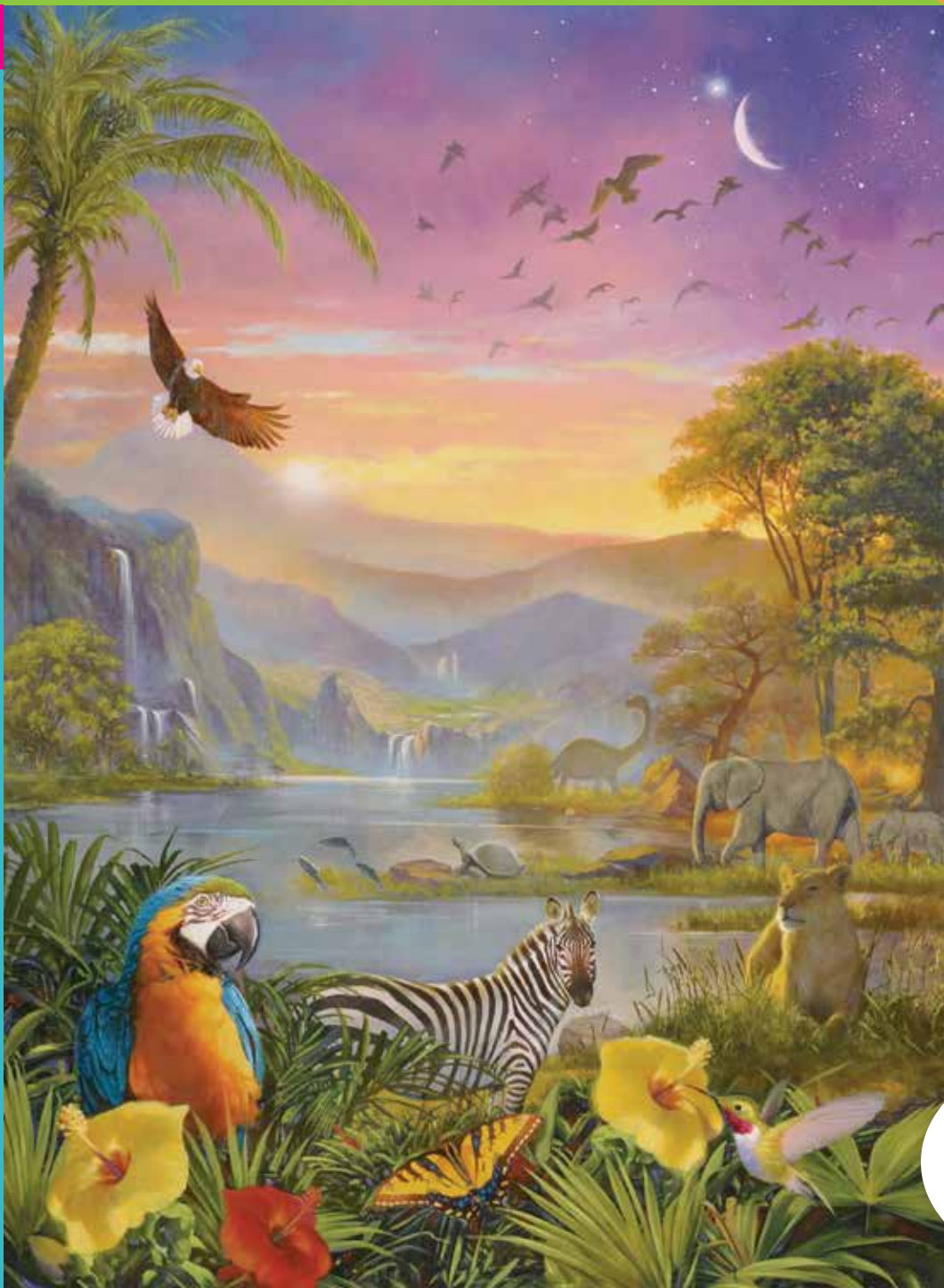
God

The Setting

The world

Bible Memory Verse

God saw everything that He had made, and behold, it was very good. Genesis 1:31



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I wonder . . . how powerful are God's words?

Name: _____

Review

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|-------|-----|--------|------------------|-------|------|---------|-----|
| Light | Sky | Plants | Sun, Moon, Stars | Birds | Fish | Animals | Man |
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Long ago, God created the world by the power of His Word. He

made on the first day. Then on the second day, God made .

On the third day, God spoke and there were . The fourth day,

God added to the sky. He created and on the

fifth day. On the sixth day, God's words created many wonderful .

That day was also special because God formed to rule over all

the creatures. Everything God made was good! It was perfect! So God rested on the seventh day.



God saw everything that He had made, and behold, it was very good. Genesis 1:31

The True Story

In the beginning, there was nothing but God. He said four words: "Let there be light." And there was light. * God saw that the light was good. God called the light "day," and the darkness "night." There was evening and there was morning, the first day.

On the second day, God said, "Let there be an area between the water on earth and the water in the sky." And it was so. God called the space "the heavens." *

On the third day, God said, "Let dry land appear." God called the dry land "earth," and the water became seas, lakes, oceans, rivers, and ponds. God created even more that day. He said, "Let the earth sprout plants and fruit trees. And God liked what He had created. It was good. *

It was now the fourth day, and God said, "Let there be lights in the heavens to separate day from night. Let there be seasons, days, and years." God made two of the lights special. The bigger light, the sun, was for day. The smaller light and the stars were for night. And God saw that it was good. *

On the fifth day, God said, "Let the waters be full of living creatures, and let birds fly in the sky." God liked what He created. It was all good. *

On the sixth day, God said the earth should bring forth all kinds of living creatures. Now God made a person. He made man in His image and wanted him to rule over everything He had made. *

On the seventh day, God finished His work and rested. He blessed the seventh day and made it holy.

As you read the story on the left, pause when you come to an *. Then, look at the pictures.

And God said . . .

*Day 1. Let there be light.



*Day 2. Let there be a layer of air that separates the water above from the water below.



*Day 3. Let the earth have plants and trees with seeds.



*Day 4. Let there be lights.



*Day 5. Let there be fish and birds.



*Day 6. Let the earth bring forth living animals. I will make man in My image.

Look It Up

Genesis 1:1-2

In the beginning, what was the earth like?

Genesis 2:1-3

What was God's "work" in verse 3? What did He do?

Family Time

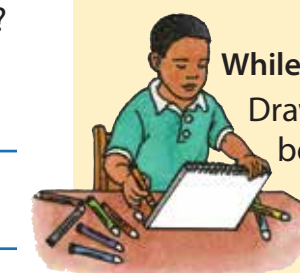
While Eating

Tell your children there are theories of evolution that are used to explain the beginning of the world. Assure them that Genesis chapter 1 is true.

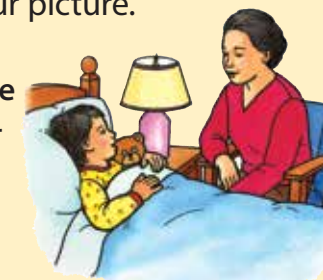


While Drawing

Draw a picture of a beautiful park or your favorite animal. Write the Bible Memory Verse on your picture.



Before Bedtime
Thank God for His creation.



God Creates Adam and Eve

Genesis
1:26–2:25

The Characters

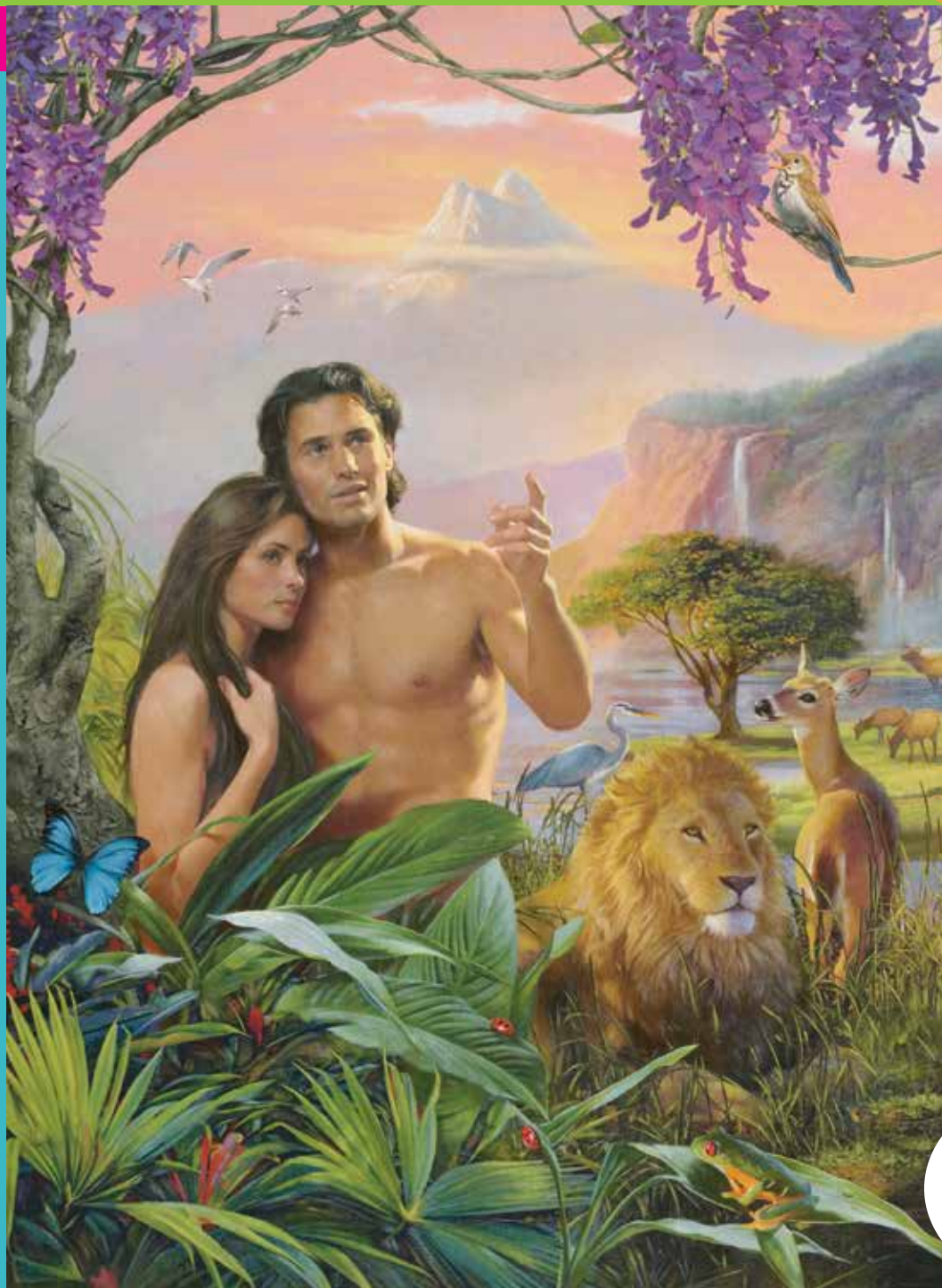
God
Adam
Eve

The Setting

Garden of Eden

Bible Memory Verse

I praise You, for
I am fearfully
and wonderfully
made.
Psalm 139:14



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What special job did God give people?

Name: _____

Read the questions and fill in the
blanks with the answers.

Review

1. Who created everything men and women need to live on the earth?
2. Who took dirt from the ground, shaped it into a man, and breathed life into the man?
3. Who placed man in the Garden of Eden and gave him dominion over all things?
4. Who put Adam into a deep sleep and used Adam's rib to create a woman, Eve, to be a wife for Adam?
5. Who made man to be perfect and holy?
6. When the first people, and all people after that, sinned, who made a special plan to save people from the punishment of sin?
7. Who sent His very own Son, Jesus, to suffer and die on the cross for you?

1.	_____
2.	_____
3.	_____
4.	_____
5.	_____
6.	_____
7.	_____



I praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Psalm 139:14

The True Story

Before God created man and woman, He made everything they would need to live on earth. He created dark and light; a sky to separate the waters above from the waters below. He created soil as well as trees and other plants. He created the sun, moon, and stars; fish and birds; and all the animals.

God made man too. He formed man from the dirt of the ground, breathed the breath of life into the man, and he came alive.

God created Adam and placed him in a beautiful home called the Garden of Eden. The garden had two special trees: the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. It also had flowing rivers. *

God gave Adam a special job to have dominion over all creation. That meant Adam would rule over everything. * Adam even named all the animals, but he was alone.

God knew that it wasn't good for Adam to be alone. So God made a suitable helper for him. He had Adam fall into a deep sleep and then took a rib from Adam's side. God used the rib to form a woman, and she came alive. The woman's name was Eve, and she was a wife for Adam.

God made Adam and Eve in His image or likeness. That doesn't mean they looked like God or had His power. It means they were perfect and holy. They were without sin. *

Through Jesus, God makes us holy. He provides all things for our good. He makes us rulers over the earth and everything in it.

Sadly, since Adam and Eve sinned, we are all sinners. We aren't perfect, and we don't always rule wisely over creation. But our God offers us forgiveness because of the sacrifice of His Son. In mercy, God continues His gift giving. He grants us exactly what we need for this life and our life with Him in heaven.

As you read the story on the left, pause when you come to an *. Then, look at the pictures.

* A river flowed out of Eden. The Bible says the river watered the garden. It also divided and became four rivers.



* Adam had a big, fun job. He named the animals of the field and the birds of the air.



* In the Bible, God says being alone is "not good," so God formed His perfect creation for Adam and brought her to him.

Genesis 2:8-10

List what was in the Garden of Eden.

Genesis 2:23

What did Adam call "bone of my bones" and "flesh of my flesh"?

Family Time

While Eating

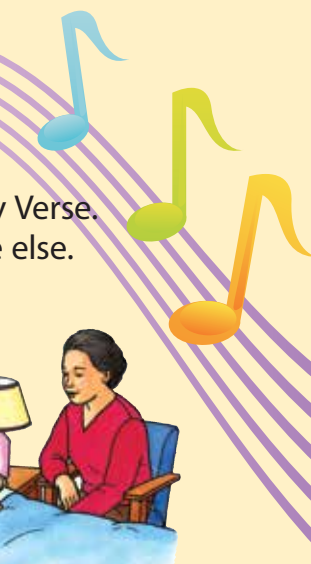
Discuss God's plan for marriage as written in Genesis 2:24.

"Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh."



Sing Together

Make up a melody and sing the words of the Bible Memory Verse. Teach it to someone else.



Before Bedtime

Thank God for five good things He provided you with today.



Lily's Day

