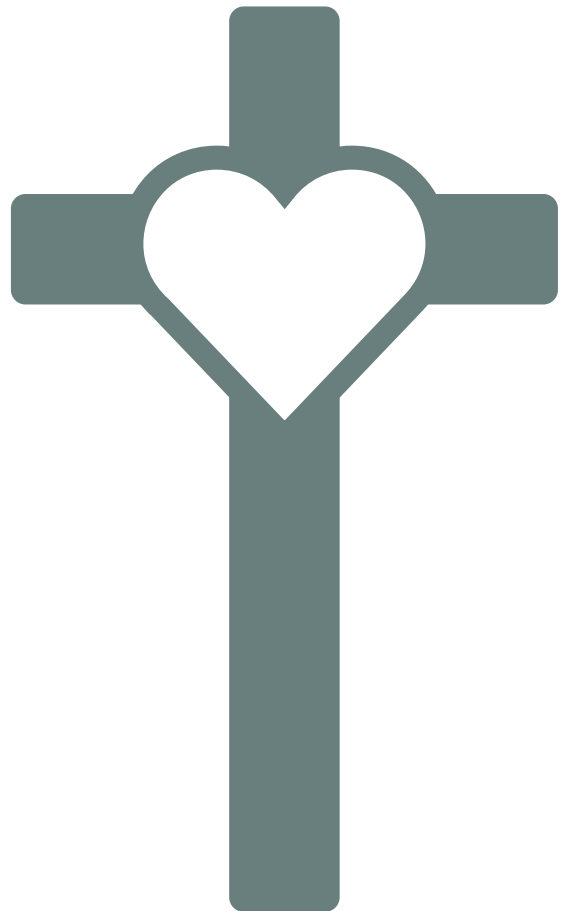


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GOD CREATES AND GIVES LIFE

Genesis 1–2

UNIT 1 | LESSON 1

In the Beginning . . . Three Times?

You may have read the creation account before. Today, we’re going to read it in three ways: a broad summary, a careful account, and some additional details.

THE BROAD SUMMARY

Read **Genesis 1:1**.

What did you learn from this account of creation? Why is it so important?

A CAREFUL ACCOUNT

Read **Genesis 1:2–2:3**.

The Bible tells us what happened during each day. There was evening. There was morning. Why does so much detail matter? What does it tell you about God?

ADDITIONAL DETAILS

Read **Genesis 2:4–25**.

The Bible takes time to talk about Adam and Eve. What does God say about Adam without Eve? What does the Bible say about them living in the Garden of Eden?

COVENANT CONNECTION



In the beginning . . . God created. God who? The triune God! Christians believe that all three persons of the Trinity were always around. Genesis 1:2 talks about the Spirit. Where was Jesus? John 1:1 makes it clear: “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.” Jesus, the Word made flesh, was present in the Word of God. “Let there be . . .” That Word of God, which created things as the Father spoke, was Jesus. It’s hard to understand, but it’s wonderful to realize that Jesus, the one who came to redeem the world and who promises to restore it, was there from the very beginning.

Perfection Scavenger Hunt

Skim back through Genesis 1–2. What was different before sin entered the world? Write down some of your findings in the magnifying glasses below.



A Perfect World . . . Restored

When Jesus gave John a vision of Jesus' second coming, John wrote, "Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more" (Revelation 21:1).

Jesus promises to come back again and bring all believers to live with Him. He also promises to make all things new: a new heaven and a new earth. What does that look like? We don't really know! But we know that there will be no sin, no tears, no pain, no sickness . . .

How will you be different in the new creation? What do you look forward to seeing or doing?



By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible. *Hebrews 11:3*