

Story Time - Read the story to the children

Lesson 1: CREATION

GENESIS 1:1 - 2:25

In the beginning God created heaven and earth. The earth was formless and empty, and darkness covered the deep water. The Spirit of God was hovering over the water. Then God said, "Let there be light!" So there was light. God saw the light was good. So God separated the light from the darkness. God named the light day, and the darkness he named night. There was evening, then morning-the first day. Then God said, "Let there be a horizon in the middle of the water in order to separate the water." So God made the horizon and separated the water above and below the horizon. And so it was. God named what was above the horizon sky. There was evening, then morning-a second day. Then God said, "Let the water under the sky come together in one area, and let the dry land appear." And so it was. God named the dry land earth. The water which came together he named sea. God saw that it was good. Then God said, "Let the earth produce vegetation: plants bearing seeds, each according to its own type, and fruit trees bearing fruit with seeds, each according to its own type." And so it was. The earth produced vegetation: plants bearing seeds, each according to its own type, and trees bearing fruit with seeds, each according to its own type. God saw that they were good. There was evening, then morning-a third day. Then God said, "Let there be lights in the sky to separate the day from the night. They will be signs and will mark religious festivals, days, and years. They will be lights in the sky to shine on the earth." And so it was. God made the two bright lights: the larger light to rule the day and the smaller light to rule the night. He also made the stars. God put them in the sky to give light to the earth, to dominate the day and the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. God saw that it was good. There was evening, then morning-a fourth day. Then God said, "Let the water swarm with swimming creatures, and let birds fly through the sky over the earth." So God created the large sea creatures, every type of creature that swims around in the water and every type of flying bird. God saw that they were good. God blessed them and said, "Be fertile, increase in number, fill the sea, and let there be many birds on the earth." There was evening, then morning-a fifth day. Then God said, "Let the earth produce every type of living creature: every type of domestic animal, crawling animal, and wild animal." And so it was. God made every type of wild animal, every type of domestic animal, and every type of creature that crawls on

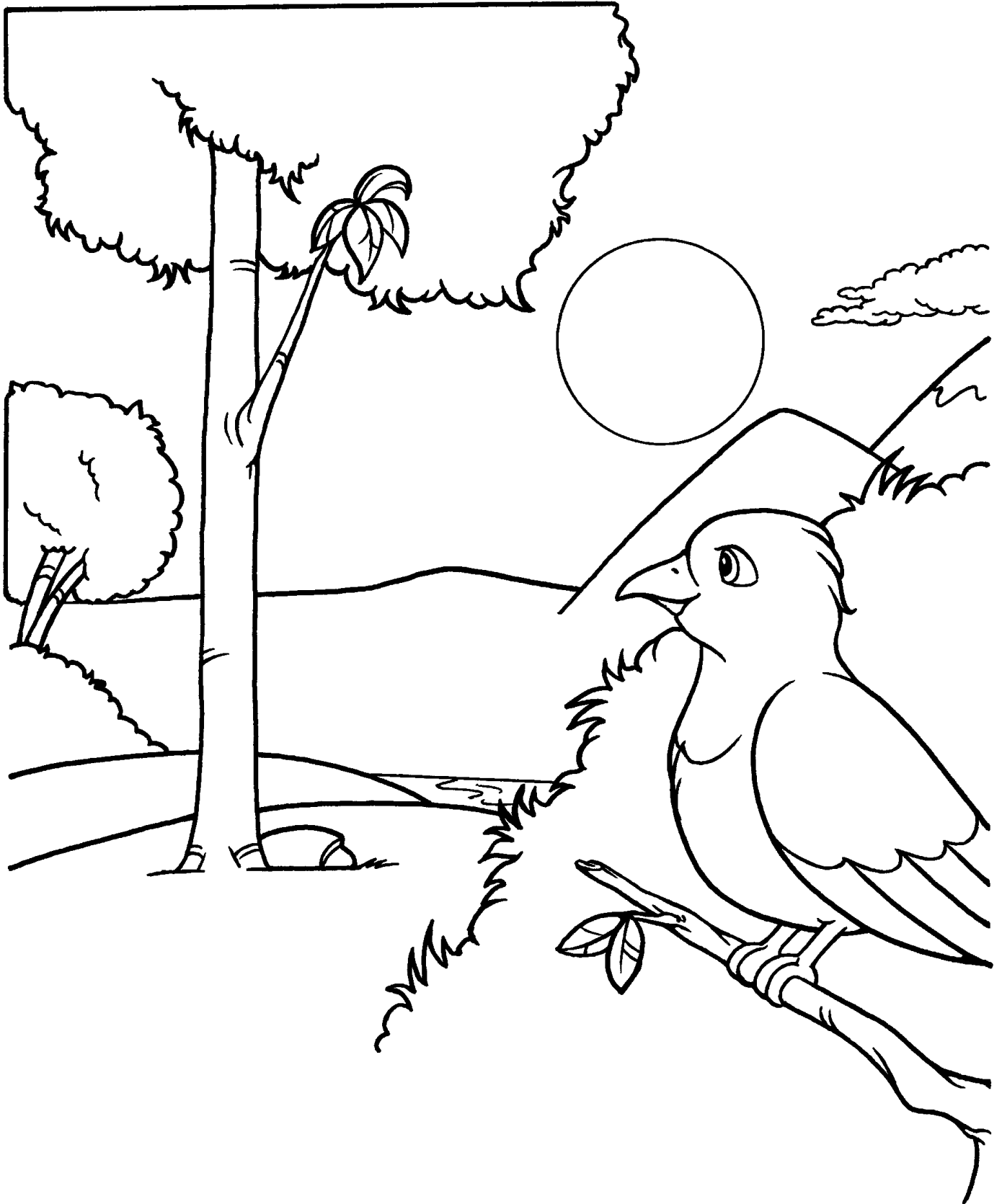
the ground. God saw that they were good. Then God said, "Let us make humans in our image, in our likeness. Let them rule the fish in the sea, the birds in the sky, the domestic animals all over the earth, and all the animals that crawl on the earth." So God created humans in his image. In the image of God he created them. He created them male and female. God blessed them and said, "Be fertile, increase in number, fill the earth, and be its master. Rule the fish in the sea, the birds in the sky, and all the animals that crawl on the earth." God said, "I have given you every plant with seeds on the face of the earth and every tree that has fruit with seeds. This will be your food. I have given all green plants as food to every land animal, every bird in the sky, and every animal that crawls on the earth-every living, breathing animal." And so it was. And God saw everything that he had made and that it was very good. There was evening, then morning-the sixth day.

Heaven and earth and everything in them were finished. By the seventh day God had finished work he had been doing. On the seventh day he stopped the work he had been doing. Then God blessed the seventh day and set it apart as holy, because on that day he stopped all his work of creation. This is the account of heaven and earth when they were created, at the time when the LORD God made earth and heaven. Wild bushes and plants were not on the earth yet because the LORD God hadn't sent rain on the earth. Also, there was no one to farm the land. Instead, underground water would come up from the earth and water the entire surface of the ground. Then the LORD God formed the man from the dust of the earth and blew the breath of life into his nostrils. The man became a living being. The LORD God planted a garden in Eden, in the east. That's where he put the man whom he had formed. The LORD God made all the trees grow out of the ground. These trees were nice to look at, and their fruit was good to eat. The tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil grew in the middle of the garden. A river flowed from Eden to water the garden. Outside the garden it divided into four rivers. The name of the first river is Pishon. This is the one that winds throughout Havilah, where there is gold. (The gold of that land is pure. Bdellium and onyx are also found there.) The name of the second river is Gihon. This is the one that winds throughout Sudan. The name of the third river is Tigris. This is the one that flows east of Assyria. The fourth river is the Euphrates. Then the LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to farm the land and to take care of it. The LORD God commanded the man. He said, "You are free to eat from any tree in the

garden. But you must never eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil because when you eat from it, you will certainly die." Then the LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper who is right for him." The LORD God had formed all the wild animals and all the birds out of the ground. Then he brought them to the man to see what he would call them. Whatever the man called each creature became its name. So the man named all the domestic animals, all the birds, and all the wild animals. But the man found no helper who was right for him. So the LORD God caused him to fall into a deep sleep. While the man was sleeping, the LORD God took out one of the man's ribs and closed up the flesh at that place. Then the LORD God formed a woman from the rib that he had taken from the man. He brought her to the man. The man said, "This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh. She will be named woman because she was taken from man." That is why a man will leave his father and mother and will be united with his wife, and they will become one flesh. The man and his wife were both naked, but they weren't ashamed of it.

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MEMORY VERSE:

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." JOHN 1:1-3

Review Questions

True or False

1. In the beginning God created the trees and the flowers.
2. The earth was formless and empty, and darkness covered the deep waters.
3. The Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.
4. Then God said, 'Let there be darkness', and there was night.
5. God called the light bright, and the darkness he called space. So the evening and the morning were the first day.
6. And God separated the waters and made the horizon, and He gathered all the waters together into the sea so there was dry land, and He called the dry land earth.
7. Then God said, 'Let the earth produce vegetation: plants bearing seeds, each according to its own type, and fruit trees bearing fruit with seeds, each according to its own type.', but it did not happen.

Questions

1. What did God call the light? What did He call the darkness?
2. What did God create on the first day? (light and dark)
3. What did God create on the second day? (the horizon)
4. What did God create on the third day? (Dry land, plants and trees)
5. What did God create on the fourth day? (Sun, moon and stars)
6. What did God create on the fifth day? (Fish and birds)
7. What did God create on the sixth day? (Animals on the land and humans)
8. What did God do on the seventh day? (He rested!)
9. Were there wild bushes and plants on the earth yet? Why not? (no rain yet!)
10. How did the trees get watered if there was no rain?

Lesson 1 Activity

Something from Nothing?

Draw two columns on a chalkboard. Title one, “Something from Something” and the other, “Something from Nothing.” Have your class raise their hands and share ideas of things that man has made that would fit into one of the two categories.

Only God makes something from nothing, so the “Something from Nothing” category will be empty. Explain to your class that even though man is creative, he is dependent on God to create “something from nothing” in order to express himself.

In summary, God created the heavens and the earth by design. It did not just happen, as some people who do not want to follow God might want us to believe. God had a plan in creating man. He had a plan in creating you and me. He wants us to have a relationship with Him, bring glory to Him, and help others to see Him in our lives. Always remember that the Lord loves you very much. He gave you life and has also provided eternal life through His Son Jesus.

PRAYER

Lead the children in a prayer of thanksgiving for the gift of life we have received from our Creator, Jesus Christ.