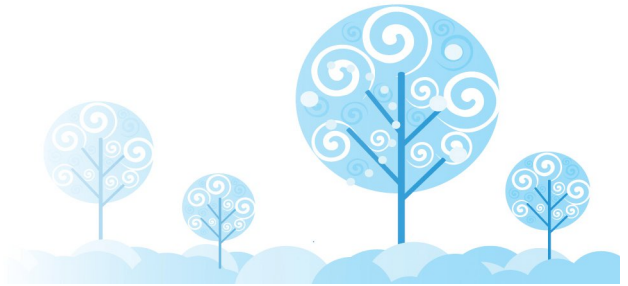


# LESSON 2

## THE CREATION OF THE WORLD



### OBJECTIVES

1. To remember that God is the source of all creation.
2. To reflect on God's power, provision, and love when we see His wonderful creation.

### MEMORY VERSE

"Let them praise the name of the Lord, for He commanded and they were created."

(Psalm 148:5)

### PRAYER

1. Thank God for safely guiding us through the past week so that we can come to church and worship Him.
2. Praise God for His amazing creation.
3. Ask God to open our hearts and minds as we study the creation of the world.
4. Ask God to help us reflect on His power, protection, and love when we see His wonderful creation.



### Overview

1. **God's creation of the universe in seven days**
  - Before "the beginning"
  - The first through seventh day
2. **God's creation of people**
  - From the dust of the ground
  - From the rib of Adam
  - In God's own image
3. **Linking to the Ten Basic Beliefs**—Jesus is the one true God.
4. **Life Application**
  - God's Power, God's Provision, God's Love
  - Care for God's Creation
5. **Activity**
  - What Would the World Be Like?
  - The Creation Mural



### Background Knowledge for Teachers

The universe as it exists was not produced by a cosmic phenomenon. The conditions of creation were intricately planned and considered. If our world were created in an uncontrolled "big bang," it would have certainly resulted in destruction and chaos, not the life and order we now see.

God, indeed, is the Creator and lawmaker of all the unseen forces that make this world so orderly and predictable, but how often do we consider what was involved in that creation? God is not just an artist; He is also a chemist, a physicist, an astronomer, and a biologist. He is undeniably the maker of all of our world's beauty! He is definitely worthy of our praise!

#### God's Creation

**Day 1: creation of light**, and the separation of light from darkness

**Day 2: creation of sky and water**, and the separation of the waters above the sky and the waters below

**Day 3: creation of land and seas**, and the separation of earth from the waters below; **creation of vegetation** and the separation of different kinds of plants, each after its kind

**Day 4: creation of the sun, moon, and stars** to govern day and night, and to order seasons

**Day 5: creation of fish (sea creatures) and birds**; the command to be fruitful and multiply

**Day 6: creation of land animals; creation of human beings**, command to be fruitful and multiply, given dominion over the earth

**Day 7: God rests and blesses the seventh day**



## Reaching Out to Your Students

Children are naturally inquisitive about the world. There are so many exciting things to discover and examine. It is not very difficult for children to appreciate nature, but it may be a little challenging for them to see the connection between the wonders of nature and the power of God. Some may not be able to understand that the magnificent things they see are actually very well-designed creations of God. In this lesson, it is important to find as many ways as possible to teach your students that God is the ultimate source of all they see. If possible, expose your students to plenty of informative nature books. Instead of simply looking at the fascinating creations, talk about what makes them so mysterious. Discuss what God's master plan was when He created these things. What your students will learn is that God had very well-defined intentions and purposes for us and the many creations that surround us. We have much to be thankful for.



## Opener

5 Minutes

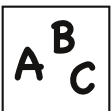
[Refer to the provided Opener Worksheet and give the students a copy of the story. Read the story together with the students before continuing.]

If we look carefully around us, we will realize that God's creations never cease to astonish us. There are so many things in this world that we still do not know. The following are some questions to make us think about a few of God's amazing creations. Remind the students that these are but a tiny fraction of the many creations of God. If you have time, allow volunteers to share other scientific facts about God's creatures.

Everything in this planet is an amazing creation of God. Scientists have been studying and discovering numerous interesting and incredible facts about the world that we live in. Let's explore some of God's creation!

**Teachers:** Please read the questions and ask the students to respond.

1. How many stars are there in the universe? ( $1 \times 10^{24}$ )
2. What creature can run 62 miles per hour? (Cheetah)
3. How many strands of hair does an average person have? (150,000 strands)
4. What is the average depth of the ocean? (13,000 feet)
5. Which plant grows three feet a day? (Bamboo)
6. Which creature tells you the temperature by the speed of its chirps? (Cricket)



## Vocabulary

**firmament:** a space between two areas (in this case, between the water on earth and the water in the atmosphere); the sky

**sanctify:** to set apart for a holy purpose

**diminish:** to decrease (in the context of the testimony, to decrease in importance)

### Homework Answer Key

1. 1: light; 2: sky and water; 3: land and seas, vegetation; 4: sun, moon, and stars; 5: fish (sea creatures) and birds; 6: land animals and human beings; 7: God rested and blessed the seventh day
2. It teaches us not to worry about our needs, for God will take care of them.
3. God is our maker. Our help comes from God.
4. Refer to the answers in the chart provided in the Life Application "Care for God's Creation"



## Bible Discovery & Spiritual Teaching

30-35 Minutes

### FOR TEACHERS

Hand out the Bible Discovery worksheet to the students now. The students will reference it and fill it out during the lesson. Keep one copy of each for yourself to reference during the lesson as well. The answers have been underlined in this section.

Let's read about what happened in the very beginning and during creation on the first day from Genesis 1:1-5. We will refer to the worksheet and fill in the blanks as we go.

### The First Day

"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light. And God saw the light, that it was good; and God divided the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness He called Night. So the evening and the morning were the first day."

In the beginning, it was completely dark. There was nothing but the Spirit of God, which hovered over the waters. Then, with just one command, God created light, which is Day, and separated it from darkness, which is Night. Can you imagine anyone creating anything by just saying one sentence? For man, it is impossible, but for God, anything is possible. Besides creating light from just saying one command, God created something from nothing. We can see how God is omnipotent, or all-powerful. Why do you think God created light on the first day? Without light, it would be impossible to see and life would be difficult for us. So, God gave us light because He knows that we need it.

### The Second Day

Let's read about the second day from Genesis 1:6-8.

"Then God said, 'Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters.' Thus God made the firmament, and divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament; and it was so. And God called the firmament Heaven. So the evening and the morning were the second day."

God created the firmament and named it "Heaven." Then, God separated the water under the firmament from the water above the firmament. That means that some water went up above the earth and some water remained on the earth to become an ocean.

### The Third Day

Let's read about what God created on the third day from

Genesis 1:9-13.

"Then God said, 'Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear'; and it was so. And God called the dry land Earth, and the gathering together of the waters He called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, 'Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb that yields seed, and the fruit tree that yields fruit according to its kind, whose seed is in itself, on the earth'; and it was so. And the earth brought forth grass, the herb that yields seed according to its kind, and the tree that yields fruit, whose seed is in itself according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. So the evening and the morning were the third day."

On the third day, God made the ocean into smaller bodies of water and called them "Seas." God also created land, trees, and plants. Before humans were created, God created light, clouds, trees, and plants all for us; they are all things that humans would need to live! Besides the fruits and vegetables that we eat, a lot of things that we use come from plants. For example, bread and pasta come from grains, and nuts come from trees. Cotton for our clothing also comes from plants. God really thought of everything for us.

### The Fourth Day

What about the fourth day? Let's read Genesis 1:14-19.

"Then God said, 'Let there be lights in the firmament of the heavens to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs and seasons, and for days and years; and let them be for lights in the firmament of the heavens to give light on the earth'; and it was so. Then God made two great lights: the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night. He made the stars also. God set them in the firmament of the heavens to give light on the earth, and to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. So the evening and the morning were the fourth day."

After God created the seas, land, and vegetation, God created the sun, moon, and stars. He made the sun to give light during the day and the moon to give light at night. From the stars, we can differentiate between the seasons. Besides being useful for navigating, stars are also beautiful to look at!

### The Fifth Day

Let's read about the fifth day from Genesis 1:20-23.

"Then God said, 'Let the waters abound with an abundance of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the face of the firmament of the heavens.' So God created great sea creatures and every living thing that moves, with which the waters abounded, according to

their kind, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. And God blessed them, saying, 'Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.' So the evening and the morning were the fifth day."

After God created the fish and birds, He blessed them. God is the giver of life!

### The Sixth Day

Let's read about the sixth day from Genesis 1:24-31.

"Then God said, 'Let the earth bring forth the living creature according to its kind: cattle and creeping thing and beast of the earth, each according to its kind'; and it was so. And God made the beast of the earth according to its kind, cattle according to its kind, and everything that creeps on the earth according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, 'Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.' So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them."

God created man last. By the sixth day, God had already created all the things that man needed. Out of His great love for people, God created light, air, sun, and food for humans before creating humans. After God created people, He blessed them and told them to multiply and fill the earth. God also gave man authority over all of the animals. The creation of humans is different from the creation of the other animals because God created people in His own image. God is a holy Spirit. As His children, we are made in His image. We were created to reflect God's glory. So, the creation of people was very special! Indeed, we are precious in God's sight. Let's read Genesis 1:29 to see how God provided for humans.

"And God said, 'See, I have given you every herb that yields seed which is on the face of all the earth, and every tree whose fruit yields seed; to you it shall be for food. Also, to every beast of the earth, to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, in which there is life, I have given every green herb for food'; and it was so. Then God saw everything that He had made, and indeed it was very good. So the evening and the morning were the sixth day."

God created the plants and fruits and gave them to humans for food, and in order for the animals to grow, God gave them plants for food.

### The Garden of Eden

After God created everything, He planted the garden of Eden and put man there. Aside from the trees that were good for food, the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil were also in the garden. God put man in charge of tending the garden of Eden, and told them that they could eat from every tree, except the tree

of the knowledge of good and evil. If they ate from it, they would die.

Adam named all of the animals: cattle, birds, and every beast of the field. There were so many animals, but none of them were Adam's equal. God decided that it wasn't good for man to be alone, so He created a woman to help the man.

### Eve, Adam's Helper

Let's read Genesis 2:21-23. "And the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall on Adam, and he slept; and He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh in its place. Then the rib which God had taken from man He made into a woman, and He brought her to the man. And Adam said: 'This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; She shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.'" So, God created woman from one of man's ribs, and she became Adam's helper.

### The Seventh Day

Let's read about the seventh day in Genesis 2:2-3.

"And on the seventh day God ended His work which He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had done. Then God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because in it He rested from all His work which God had created and made."

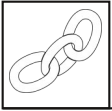
On the seventh day, God rested and ended all His work. He blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, which means to set apart for a holy purpose. Even the word "Sabbath" means "rest." However, God Himself doesn't need to rest or sleep like we do. Rather, God rested so that we humans could rest from our hard work and worship Him on the Sabbath day.

### Understanding What We Believe

The Bible clearly says that God created the world, which is the truth. But, most schools do not teach that God created the world. They teach that all living things exist through evolution. What is evolution? Evolution is:

- The lowest life form came from nothing. It evolved after millions of years into higher forms of life.
- Humans and monkeys have the same ancestors.

What should we do in school when our science teachers or science books talk about evolution? Be sure of who we are: Christians. Believe the Bible, which is the truth, so that we will not be negatively influenced by what we learn at school. If you're interested in science, you can find many science books written by Christian scientists who base their studies on God's creation.



## Linking to the Ten Basic Beliefs

2-5 Minutes

Jesus is the one true God. Out of His great love for us, God became flesh (Jesus Christ) in order to bring salvation to mankind.

Since our Creator is God, He is the designer of everything in this universe, from each tiny atom to the enormous universe! At His word, the sun, the moon, and the stars came into being; and by His command, oceans, mountains, and rivers were formed. Not only that, God is the giver of life. He created all kinds of fish, birds, land animals, insects, and plants. Most importantly, He made human beings in His image! We have been created to reflect God's glory, who is our Maker and our Creator!



## Check for Understanding

5 Minutes

1. **What did God create first?** Light.
2. **What did God do on the second day?** He created the sky to separate the water under the sky from the water above it.
3. **What did God create on the third day?** He created the land, the seas, and all the vegetation.
4. **What happened on the fourth day?** God created the sun to give light during the day and the moon to give light during the night. He also made the stars.
5. **What did God create on the fifth day?** God made sea creatures and birds.
6. **What did God create last?** On the sixth day, God made land animals and people.
7. **What did God do on the seventh day?** He rested from the work of creation. He blessed this day and made it holy.
8. **What did God create man from?** The dust of the ground.
9. **What did God create woman from?** God made woman from one of Adam's ribs.
10. **How was the creation of man different from the creation of animals?** Man was made in the image of God.
11. **What does it mean to be created in God's image?** We were created to reflect God's glory.



## Life Application

10 Minutes

### 1. God's Power, God's Provision, God's Love

[Please hand out the Life Application worksheets to the students. Go over both of them with the students as a class.]

The Bible encourages us to reflect on, or think about, how God cares for us when we look at His amazing creation. When we see the magnificent creation of God, we can reflect on God's great love and power. Let's read Matthew 6:25-26. These verses encourage us not to worry, but to look at how God takes care of one of His creations: birds. Birds do not sow or reap, but God feeds them. These verses encourage us not to worry about our life, for we are worth more than birds and God will surely take care of us.

God's amazing creation surrounds us. On our way to school, church, or other places, we can see so much of God's creation. When we look at God's creation, have we ever thought about how much He loves us, how almighty He is, or how well He provides for us?

The following is an excerpt of a sister's testimony. This sister was going through a very busy time in her life. During a Bible study, the sister came across Psalm 121:1-2: "I will lift up my eyes to the hills—From whence comes my help? My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth." The sister reflected on how she received comfort by thinking about God's wonderful creation.

"As I look with my mind's eye from a high place across an expansive panorama, I see a breathtaking view of God's magnificent creation. Trees which seem tall before me gradually blur into dark green patches which rise and fall with the contour of the land. In the distance, the majestic mountains stand silently, wearing gracefully the distinctive carvings of time...

High in the hills, the noise and the confusion of the world are far removed, and the relative quiet allows us to appreciate the presence of God. Standing in the midst of this scene, I feel very, very small, and my problems likewise diminish dramatically in the face of God's greatness and glory.

If we realize that God Himself is our help—He who made heaven and earth—what do we have to fear? What more can we ask for?"

**"Be Lifted Up"**, Grace Liang, Higher Ground, Summer 1997, TJC

When God created everything that humans need (light, food, animals, etc.) before creating humans, He provided for all of our needs. When we think about how God formed the world by speaking it into creation from nothing, we can reflect on God's great power. Surely, nothing is too difficult for God! When we think about how God created us in His own image, we can remember how much He loves us. We are sinners, yet God made us in His image! Let us strive to glorify Him.

### Life Application Questions

1. What did the sister realize when she saw the creation of God? *She realized that compared to all of God's majestic creation, she was very small. She realized that God is so great and full of glory. Her problems became smaller.*
2. What can you learn from the sister's testimony? *To rely on God, the Creator of the wonderful world. If we trust in God, who created heaven and earth, what do we need to fear?*
3. What can you learn from Matthew 6:25-26? *To trust in God and not to worry about life. Reflect on how God cares for His creation, such as the birds. He will take care of us, too!*

## 2. Care for God's Creation

"Everything under heaven is Mine." (Job 41:11b)

"For the LORD is the great God, and the great King above all gods. In His hand are the deep places of the earth; the heights of the hills are His also. The sea is His, for He made it; and His hands formed the dry land." (Ps 95:3-5)

Psalm 24 states that "the earth is the LORD'S, and all its fullness, the world and those who dwell therein." The Bible teaches us that God owns the creation. He not only values it, but He sustains it. The earth is not ours; it belongs to God. We love and care for creation because of our love for the Creator. As we behold the power and love of God in a mountain range, a sunset, or in the timelessness of the ocean, we can't help but be moved. But creation also includes humans—our families, communities, and created landscapes. Therefore, we need to care for it.

### How should we care for the earth and how do I care for my body?

Verse	God's Creation	Ways to Care
Psalm 104:14	Grass and plants	Water them; not stomp over them; plant more
Psalm 104:16	Trees	Don't waste paper; replant the ones we cut down; set aside forest areas
Psalm 104:17-18	Birds and animals	Don't kill them; provide them areas to live; don't throw trash in rivers or lakes

Psalm 104:25	Ocean and fish	Don't dump things in the water; clean up oil spills; clean up beaches
1 Corinthians 6:20	Me!	My body is a temple of the Holy Spirit. My body is ultimately a creation of God. As a work of art created by God, it deserves very sensitive and intelligent care. I can take care of it by: going to sleep on time; eating healthy food; exercising regularly; worshipping the Lord daily through prayers; and becoming a person that shines for the Lord!

Others ways we can take care of the earth around our community:

1. Plan a community or church clean-up day.
2. Plant trees.
3. Plan an alternative transportation day (have everyone walk, bike, or use public transportation that day).
4. Determine ways that you could use less water (take shorter showers or baths, turn water off when brushing teeth, water grass less, etc.).
5. As a church, adopt a stream, river, or walking path and help clean it up.
6. Clean up a park, empty lot, or roadside.

The Bible says that everything on earth was created for a purpose. We can show our love to God by caring for His earth. We can show our love to God by honoring Him by keeping our bodies healthy, clean, and holy!



## Activity

### 1. What Would the World Be Like?

10-15 Minutes

**Objective:** To make your students aware of our dependence on God's creations.

#### Instructions

1. Tell the students that the purpose of this activity is to become aware of our dependence on God's creations.
2. Ask the students to turn to Psalm 148 and read it.
3. Have them list all of God's creations that are mentioned in the psalm.
4. Let the students write a paragraph or a poem describing how different our world would be without any one of the above-mentioned creations. Students who finish early can draw a picture to accompany their writing.
5. Ask for volunteers to share their work.
6. Post the students' work in the classroom.
7. Conclude with a prayer.

### 2. The Creation Mural

**Objective:** To demonstrate the creation of God in drawings.

#### Materials

- Seven poster boards
- Drawing instruments

#### Instructions

1. Tell the students that the purpose of this activity is to demonstrate God's creation in drawings.
2. Review to make sure that your students remember what God did on each day of the creation.
3. Divide the class into seven groups and assign one day to each group.
4. Ask each group to read from the Bible and to draw what God did on the day assigned to them. Be sure that each group writes a title and a short subtitle or story, stating the content of the drawing.
5. Let the students present their drawings to the class and post them on the wall in the correct sequence.
6. Conclude with a prayer.

### Newton's Friend

Many scientists are interested in finding out where we came from and how. Although the Bible declares that God is the Creator of all things, some people find it hard to believe. Since some scientists do not believe that God created the universe with the power of His words, they have come up with their own explanation—evolution. Yet, some scientists become Christians after their search for the origin of all things.

One story tells about two scientists and their view on creation.

The respected Sir Isaac Newton was a Christian, and he had a scientist friend who did not believe in God. Finding no other way to convince his friend that God was the Creator of the universe, Newton planned to play a trick on his friend.

One day, Newton invited his friend to his house for a visit. Thinking that they were going to discuss one of his new discoveries, the friend walked straight to Newton's library where they had many good talks. "What is this?" The friend had found a beautiful model of the solar system sitting in the middle of the library. Newton came over calmly and turned on a switch. Suddenly, the model came alive. "Wow!" the friend exclaimed when he saw each of the "planets" rotating about its axis and around the "sun." He walked around the model trying to figure out how the mechanism propelled the system. The friend admired the work thinking how much planning it must have taken Newton to make it.

"I must congratulate you! What a marvelous work you have done with this model!" The friend could not hide his excitement at seeing Newton's model.

"Oh, I do not deserve your congratulations. I did not make this thing." Newton looked at the model as if seeing it for the first time.

"What do you mean? Surely, only someone with the knowledge and skill you possess could produce something as magnificent as this." The friend was very positive at his conclusion. "Besides, who else would put something as grand as this in YOUR room."

"I don't know who did it or how it got here. All I know is that I had nothing to do with it. I came into the room and here it was. I suppose this thing just decided to appear on its own," Newton said very seriously.

"Ha! You are very funny, my friend." Newton's friend laughed. "Do you want me to believe that nobody did this and that it simply popped up on its own from nowhere?"

"It seems to be the only logical answer. I believe that was precisely what happened." Newton nodded his head.

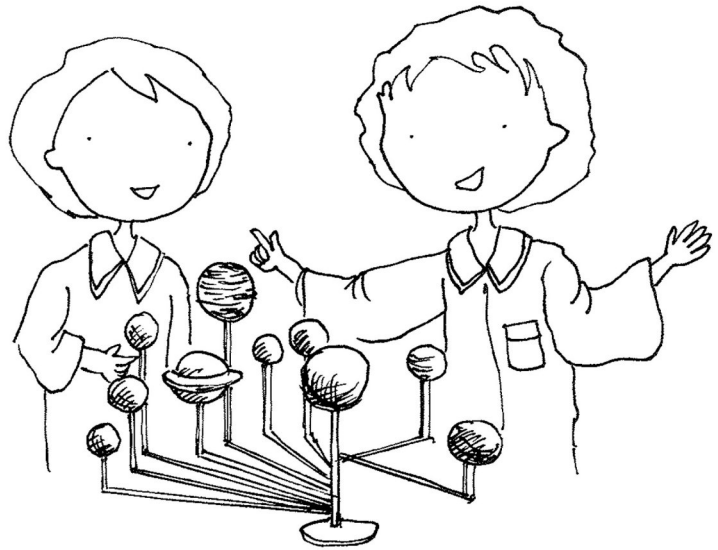
The friend shook his head as he put his right arm on Newton's shoulder. "You are going crazy, Sir Newton. Even if I believe you, nobody else in his right mind will believe what you said is possible. It's like a fairy tale of some sort."

"But how come you believe in a fairy tale more incredible than this?" Newton suddenly turned to face his friend and looked him in the eyes.

"What do you mean?"

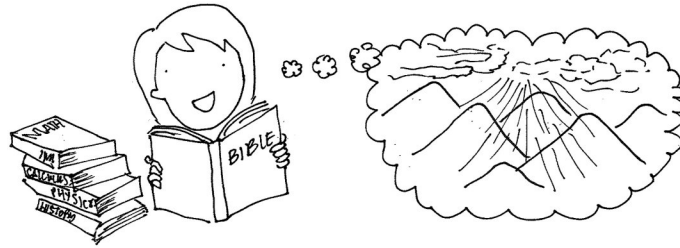
"For all these years, you have been telling me that what we see around us, the sun, the moon, the stars, the trees and all the creatures, came from nowhere, haven't you?" Seeing that his friend was dumbfounded at his question, Newton continued with his speech, "If you are so positive that even this simple model of the solar system has a creator, how much more the real thing? Are you not amazed at how everything in our world works so wonderfully well? How can these well-designed creatures and systems exist without a thoughtful and intelligent mind behind it? You tell me."

"Well..." The friend suddenly could not find anything to say.





## The Wonderful World



Fill in the Blank	
Before "the beginning"	<b>Genesis 1:2</b> "The earth was without form, and void; and _____ was on the face of the deep. And the _____ of God was hovering over the face of the waters."
Day 1	<b>Genesis 1:3</b> "Then God said, 'Let there be _____; and there was light.' <b>Genesis 1:5</b> "God called the light Day, and the darkness He called _____. So the evening and the morning were the first day."
Day 2	<b>Genesis 1:7-8</b> "Thus God made the _____, and divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament; and it was so. And God called the firmament _____. So the evening and the morning were the second day."
Day 3	<b>Genesis 1:9-10a</b> "Then God said, 'Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear'; and it was so. And God called the dry land Earth, and the gathering together of the waters He called Seas." <b>Genesis 1:11</b> "Then God said, 'Let the earth bring forth _____, the herb that yields seed and the fruit tree that yields _____ according to its kind, whose seed is in itself, on the earth'; and it was so."
Day 4	<b>Genesis 1:14</b> "Then God said, 'Let there be _____ in the firmament of the heavens to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs and seasons, and for days and years;' <b>Genesis 1:16</b> "Then God made two great lights: the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night. He made the _____ also."
Day 5	<b>Genesis 1:21</b> "So God created great _____ creatures and every living thing that moves, with which the waters abounded, according to their kind, and every _____ bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good."
Day 6	<b>Genesis 1:24</b> "Then God said, 'Let the earth bring forth the living _____ according to its kind: cattle and creeping thing and beast of the earth, each according to its kind'; and it was so." <b>Genesis 1:26-27</b> "Then God said, 'Let Us make _____ in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.' So God created man in His own _____; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them."
Day 7	<b>Genesis 2:2</b> "And on the seventh day God ended His work which He had done, and He _____ on the seventh day from all His work which He had done. Then God _____ the seventh day and sanctified it, because in it He rested from all His work which God had created and made."

## God's Power, God's Provision, God's Love

The Bible encourages us to reflect on, or think about, how God cares for us when we look at His amazing creation. When we see the magnificent creation of God, we can reflect on God's great love and power. Let's read **Matthew 6:25-26**. These verses encourage us not to worry, but to look at how God takes care of His creation: birds. Birds do not sow or reap, but God feeds them. These verses encourage us not to worry about our life, for we are worth more than birds and God will surely take care of us.

God's amazing creation surrounds us. On our way to school, church, or other places, we can see so much of God's creation. List two or three of God's creations that you see on the way to school. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ When you look at God's creation, have you ever thought about how much He loves us, how almighty He is, or how well He provides for us?

The following is an excerpt of a sister's testimony. This sister was going through a very busy time in her life. During a Bible study, the sister came across **Psalms 121:1-2**: "I will lift up my eyes to the hills—From whence comes my help? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth." The sister reflected on how she received comfort by thinking about God's wonderful creation.

"As I look with my mind's eye from a high place across an expansive panorama, I see a breathtaking view of God's magnificent creation. Trees which seem tall before me gradually blur into dark green patches which rise and fall with the contour of the land. In the distance, the majestic mountains stand silently, wearing gracefully the distinctive carvings of time...

High in the hills, the noise and the confusion of the world are far removed, and the relative quiet allows us to appreciate the presence of God. Standing in the midst of this scene, I feel very, very small, and my problems likewise diminish dramatically in the face of God's greatness and glory.

If we realize that God Himself is our help—He who made heaven and earth—what do we have to fear?

What more can we ask for?"

"Be Lifted Up", Grace Liang, Higher Ground, Summer 1997, TJC

When God created everything that humans need (light, food, animals, etc.) before creating humans, He provided for all of our needs. When we think about how God formed the world by speaking it into creation from nothing, we can reflect on God's great power. Surely, nothing is too difficult for God! When we think about how God created us in His own image, we can remember how much He loves us. We are sinners, yet God made us in His image! Let us strive to glorify Him.

### Life Application Questions

1. What did the sister realize when she saw the creation of God?
2. What can you learn from the sister's testimony?
3. What can you learn from Matthew 6:25-26?



## Care for God's Creation

"Everything under heaven is Mine." (Job 41:11b)

"For the LORD is the great God, and the great King above all gods. In His hand are the deep places of the earth; the heights of the hills are His also. The sea is His, for He made it; and His hands formed the dry land." (Ps 95:3-5)

Psalm 24 states that "the earth is the LORD'S, and all its fullness, the world and those who dwell therein." The Bible teaches us that God owns the creation. He not only values it, but He sustains it. The earth is not ours; it belongs to God. We love and care for creation because of our love for the Creator. As we behold the power and love of God in a mountain range, a sunset, or in the timelessness of the ocean, we can't help but be moved. But creation also includes humans—our families, communities, and created landscapes. Therefore, we need to care for it.

### How should we care for the earth and how do I care for my body?

Verse	God's Creation	Ways to Care
Psalm 104:14	Grass and plants	
Psalm 104:16	Trees	
Psalm 104:17-18	Birds and animals	
Psalm 104:25	Ocean and fish	
1 Corinthians 6:20	Me!	

Others ways we can take care of the earth around our community:

1. Plan a community or church clean-up day.
2. Plant trees.
3. Plan an alternative transportation day (have everyone walk, bike, or use public transportation that day).
4. Determine ways that you could use less water (take shorter showers or baths, turn water off when brushing teeth, water grass less, etc.).
5. As a church, adopt a stream, river, or walking path and help clean it up.
6. Clean up a park, empty lot, or roadside.

The Bible says that everything on earth was created for a purpose. We can show our love to God by caring for His earth. We can show our love to God by honoring Him by keeping our bodies healthy, clean, and holy!

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# Homework Assignment

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Weekly Bible Reading: \_\_\_\_\_

**Bible Reading:** Check each box when you complete that day's reading.

**Prayer:** Check each box after you pray to God that day.

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Read							
Pray							

## What I Learned from the Bible This Week

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. \_\_\_\_\_  
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## Memory Verse

Please write down this week's memory verse. **(Psalm 148:5)**

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## Short Answer

1. List out what was created on each day of creation.
  - 1.
  - 2.
  - 3.
  - 4.
  - 5.
  - 6.
  - 7.
2. Read Matthew 6:25-26. What can you learn from these two verses?
3. Read Psalm 121:1-2. What do these verses teach us?
4. Write down at least 4 ways you can care for God's creation.
  - 1.
  - 2.
  - 3.
  - 4.