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THE CREATION

“Then God saw everything that He had made, and indeed it was very good.” (Genesis 1:31a)

Objectives

<i>Knowledge of God’s Will</i>	God created the world in six days and rested on the seventh. The creation of man was different from the rest of creation.
<i>Knowledge of God</i>	God is good, and His creation is good.
<i>Good Works</i>	Always give thanks for what God has created.

A. God Is Our Creator

As human beings, our understanding of God’s creation is very limited. Even today, there are areas that remain unexplored, and scientists are still discovering new species of insects and animals. But what is most amazing is not what God has created, but rather that all of these things have been created for us to enjoy. It is clear that we are truly important in the eyes of God.

B. The Days of Creation (Gen 1)

Before Creation (v. 1): The word “hovering” in Hebrew also refers to a bird incubating her egg (cf. Deut 32:11). In the same way, God was waiting and preparing to create our world.

1. *Light (vv. 3–5):* In creating light, God made the foundation for our days.
2. *Firmament (vv. 6–8):* In the original language, “firmament” is thought of as something solid that separates the waters below from the waters above.
3. *Land, seas, and vegetation (vv. 9–13):* Here, God named the earth and the seas.
4. *Sun, moon, and stars (vv. 14–19):* Celestial bodies now tell us the seasons and time and light the day and night for us.

For three days, God spoke His creation into existence. But from the fourth day onward, the Bible mentions that God also “made” or “created” (vv. 16, 21, 25, 27). We are unsure why, but it could signal a different phase in His creation.

5. *Fish and Birds (vv. 20–23):* Apart from using His words, God again “created” these animals.
6. *Land Animals and Mankind (vv. 24–31):* Today, we can see that there are different species of animals, just as the Bible mentions.

C. The Creation of Man (1:26–28; 2:7, 18, 21–24)

Apart from being created through the hands of God, man was made differently because we were made in His image. Like God, we have a sense of right and wrong, a conscience (Eph 4:24), and we are able to live out the image of God when we follow Jesus’ example (Col 1:15).

D. The Day of Rest (Gen 2:2)

Not only did God rest from His work, but He also blessed and sanctified the seventh day. This is the foundation of our Sabbath today. When He gave Moses the Ten Commandments, God reminded Moses to remember the Sabbath day and keep it, because it was on this day that God rested (Ex 20:8–11).

Life Application

1. *Giving Thanks to God for His Creation*
2. *Living as the Image of God*

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Lesson 2 Homework Assignment

The Creation

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Read							
Pray							

Memory Verse (Genesis 1:31a):

1. “[A]nd that you put on the _____ man which was _____ according to _____, in true _____ and _____.” (Ephesians 4:24)

2. In what ways are we made in God’s image?

3. What pairs can we see in God’s creation? What do these teach us about His creation?

4. Share a time when you struggled to reflect God’s image. How can you improve in the future?

5. What parts of God’s creation are you most thankful for? Write a letter to Him by finishing the sentences below.

Dear God, thank You so much for _____.

I appreciate this creation of Yours, because _____

_____.

Sincerely, _____.