



A Special Place Prepared for Special People

The world is just a very small part of an *immense* universe, governed by *unchanging laws of nature*. The earth is located the *exact distance* from the sun which keeps it from freezing or burning up. The earth *revolves* at a *consistent speed*. Days and nights follow each other faithfully.

The Bible says, "In the beginning, God *created* the *heavens* and the earth." But something happened and darkness and water covered all the earth. There was no life, no trees, flowers, animals or humans. But God changed all that by His mighty power. He began to *transform* the universe from a place of *chaos* and prepared the earth as a home for *mankind*. He created everything in six days by *speaking things into existence*. He *commanded*, "Let there be ..." and what He commanded *appeared*.

For example, on the fourth day, God commanded, "Let there be lights in the *atmosphere* to *separate* the day from the night." *Immediately* the sun, moon and stars came into being. This was the beginning of day and night, seasons and years. He *provided* all that is needed to *sustain life*. When God looked at what He had made, He said, "It is good."



Below is a list of the things God created in those six days. Think of Him *preparing* the earth for man to live on. If you were God, what order of creation would you choose? He left the most important and special part of His creation until the last day! (Remember, for example, you need the ocean before you can have fish!!)

Do this together in pairs!

seas and land (+ plants and trees)	Day #1 _____
light (day and night)	Day #2 _____
fish and birds	Day #3 _____
animals and man	Day #4 _____
the atmosphere	Day #5 _____
sun, moon and stars	Day #6 _____
	Day #7 God rested

Discussion Questions:

1. Go over the correct answers together.
2. In the light of this story, "Which came first, the chicken or the egg?"
3. What is God like from what you read in this story of creation?