

A Special Place Prepared for Special People



The world is just a very small part of a large universe. There are *laws of nature* that keep things from going *out of control*. The earth is located the right *distance* from the sun, to keep it from freezing or burning up. The earth *turns at the same speed* all the time. 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, as we know it today. But God *changed* all that by His mighty power. He wanted to make the world a home for man to live in. He created everything in six days by *saying*, "Let there be ..." and what He said came into being.

For example, on the fourth day, God commanded, "Let there be lights in the *atmosphere* to make day and night." *Immediately* the sun, moon and stars came into being. So this is why we have days and nights, seasons and years. God *provided* all that is needed for life to *exist* on the earth. 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 (air)	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 do you learn about God from this story of creation?