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DAY 1

The Heavens and the Earth



*In
the
beginning*

*God created the heavens
and the earth.*

Genesis 1:1



God Created the Heavens and the Earth

The first verse in the Bible tells us, "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." This means that there is "one God and Father of all" (Ephesians 4:6) who created everything.

God created everything in six days. The first chapter of the Bible tells us what He made on each day of creation. This book will teach you many things about what God made on these six days.



How Did God Create the Heavens and the Earth?

By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible. Hebrews 11:3

The Lord spoke and created everything in the heavens and the earth. He made the worlds out of **nothing**. Can you make something from nothing? No, you need paper and crayons to make a picture. You need paint and a brush to make a painting.

The Bible tells us that God made the worlds only by His word. He created the heavens and the earth out of nothing. And He did all of this in six days! This is why God alone is the great Creator.

Draw or paint a picture in the picture frame below.





What Was the Earth Like?

The earth was without form. *Genesis 1:2a*

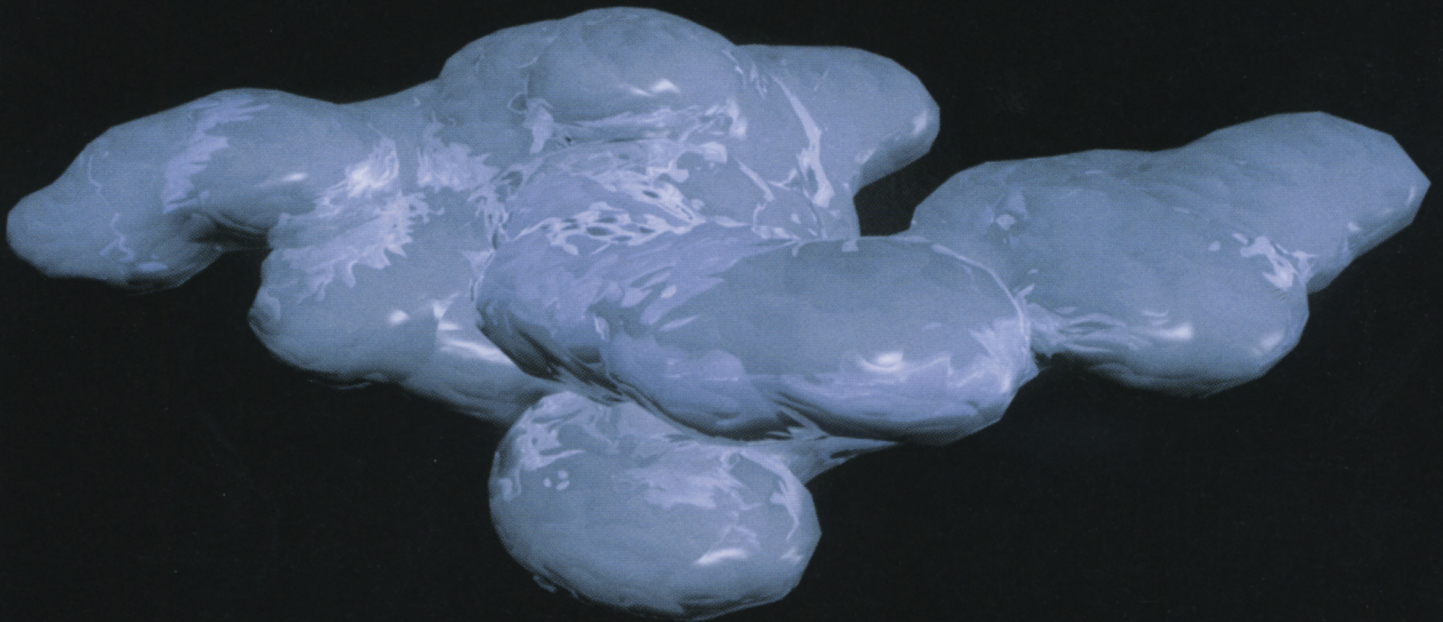
NO SHAPE

The Bible tells us the earth was “**without form.**” This means the earth had no shape. Can you think of something that does not have shape? Water is something that does not have shape.

Activity

Fill a jar with water. The water takes the shape of the jar. If you pour the jar of water into a bowl, it takes the shape of the bowl. Try filling other things that have different shapes. What does the water do?

The earth was like water that was not put into a jar or bowl. It was only floating in space. Because the water was not put into something, it was like a blob of water floating in the heavens.



Something To Color:
What is the earth like now?

Color the picture of the earth below. This is what it looks like now—a ball that is covered with land and water. *Color the water blue and the land green or brown.*





Who Gave Life to the Earth?

And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. Genesis 1:2 b

The Bible tells us that the Spirit of God was “**hovering**” over the top of the waters. Hovering means to move slowly over something like a hummingbird hovers over a flower. This is how the Spirit of God brought life to the earth.



The Spirit of God brought life to all of creation. 2 Corinthians 3:6 says that the Spirit gives life. He helps you to live and work. The Spirit also helps you run, jump, and play.