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DAY 1

God Created the Heavens and the Earth

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.

— *Genesis 1:1–5* —



God, the Creator

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

*The Bible teaches that even though God is One,
He is three persons: **Father, Son, and Holy Spirit**
(Matthew 28:19).*

So all three Persons were there in the beginning to create the worlds. God the Father wisely planned the creation to be good. Long before God the Son became the man named Jesus, everything in the world was created through Him (Read John 1:1-3 and Colossians 1:16-17).

*The second verse in the Bible also tells us that "the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters." He gave power and energy to all the things that were about to be made. **God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit** all helped to create the heavens and the earth.*

Memory Work

Memorize the following questions and answers.

1. Who made you?— **God made me.**
2. What else did God make?— **God made all things.**
3. Why did God make you and everything else?— **God made all things for his own glory.**



How God Created the World

The Bible says that God created the world and the sky and outer space. God made the heavens and the earth from nothing.



Look around the room that you are in. How many things can you name? Now think what it would be like without those things. Before God created the earth, there were no things on the earth. In fact, there was no earth at all. There were no plants, animals, or people.

Hebrews 11:3 says, "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." God spoke and the heavens and the earth appeared out of nothing!

Only God can do that.



Three Things God Created

Genesis 1:1 says, "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." From this verse we learn three things: God created *time*, *space*, and *matter*.

Genesis 1:1

- "In the beginning"
- "the heavens"
- "the earth"

What God Created

- time
- space
- matter

Activity

God chose to create everything that we can see, touch, hear, smell, or taste. Let us praise God for all the wonderful things He has made.

Draw a picture of something you can see, touch, hear, smell, or taste.

See

Touch

Hear

Smell

Taste



What is Time?

If you have a clock that has hands that move, sit down and look at it. If you do not have a clock like that, ask your mom or dad to help you draw a picture of one on a piece of paper. Can you say all the numbers on the face of the clock? Watch the hands move on the clock. What do they tell us? They tell us what time it is.



God created **time**. Before God created the world, there was no time. The word *time* means "to divide up." On Day One, God began to divide up each day into seconds, minutes, and hours.

God gave us time so we can glorify Him. How do you use your time to glorify God? (Sing praises to God; read the Bible; memorize Bible verses; pray to God the Father; obey your parents; etc.) Take a moment to thank God for making time.

Activity

If you have a clock with numbers and hands, set it in front of you. How many numbers do you see? (twelve) What do these numbers stand for? (hours) Each hour is divided into minutes. Do you know how many minutes are in an hour? If you look closely, some clocks have little lines between each number. Each line stands for one minute. Count each number and each line between the numbers. How many did you find? (60) This means there are sixty minutes in each hour. Each day contains a total of twenty-four hours.



1 Hour = 60 Minutes

What is Space?

If you look around the room, you see many things. Each thing has its own place or space. What would it be like if there were no things in the room? It would be empty. That is what it was like before God created the world. There were no things and no place to put them.

God made **space** on the first day. He made a place for everything. The Bible calls space "the heavens." In space God made a place for the sun, moon, and stars. Look in an encyclopedia or science book under Earth, Moon, Star, or Sun to see what God has put into space.

Activity

If the weather is nice, go outside and look up into the sky. What color is the sky?

If you go out at night, you will see something different. What color is the sky? Do you see any stars? The place where the stars stay is called space. Sometimes we call it outer space.

CAUTION: Never look directly at the sun. If you do, you may become blind. Remember: **DO NOT** look at the sun!



What is Matter?

As you study about God's creation, you will use this book. Do you know from what material this book was made? Books are made from wood. Do you know where wood comes from? Wood comes from trees. Where do the trees come from? They came from God who made them by the power of His word.

God did not create the trees on the first day, but He created **matter** on Day One. Trees are made of matter. Matter is anything that takes up space. This means that anything you can touch or feel is made of matter.

From the first verse in the Bible, we learned that God made three important things. Can you name those three things? God made *time*, *space*, and *matter*.

Activity

What you need:

objects (feather, pen, dime, etc.); ruler or tape measure; food scale from the kitchen

What to do:

Take each of your objects and measure how long or wide they are. Then take the scale and weigh each object. What is the biggest thing you measured? Which one weighs the most? Is the biggest object the same as the heaviest one? Why or why not? Each object you measured and weighed is made of matter.

