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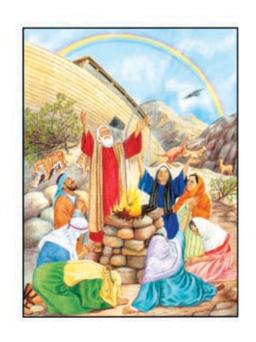


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THE OLD TESTAMENT



GOD'S WONDERFUL CREATION

In the Beginning

The Holy Bible begins with God. He created the beautiful heavens above, and the earth below for us to live on. There was a time when everything was dark, very dark. No birds, animals, or laughter of little children were heard.

Then a voice spoke: "Let there be light!" And suddenly there was light! God separated the light from the darkness and named them *day* and *night*. This happened the very first day.

On the second day, God started to make a beautiful world. He divided the water from the air. Then the blue sky appeared.

On the third day, God made dry land by gathering the waters into oceans, streams, and rivers. He covered the plains, hills, and mountains with grass, flowers, vines, and trees. Olives, apples, cherries, peaches, and berries grew on trees and bushes.

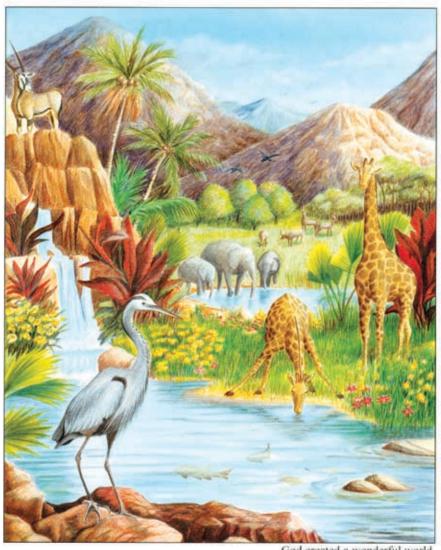
On the fourth day, God put something yellow and round in the sky. It was the sun. In the evening a glowing moon appeared, and many stars dotted the sky.

On the fifth day, there were sounds everywhere. What did God create this day? He made birds to fly in the air and fish to swim in the water. They were all sizes, shapes, and colors. Whales, goldfish, bluebirds, geese, and ostriches were only a few of the many creatures He made.

On the sixth day, cattle, creeping things, and other animals were seen. God made cows, horses, sheep, dogs, and cats, along with lions, tigers, bears, and rabbits. It was a wonderful birthday present for the very first man whom God also created that day. Do you know the name of this first man? In the next story, you will read about him.

On the seventh day, God rested. He called it a Holy Day, for He had finished all His good work.

Genesis 1; 2:1-3



God created a wonderful world.

Parents: Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God. (Hebrews 11:3)

Children: 1. Who made all things that live?

2. Can you name some nice things that God made?

3. How many days did it take God to create the world?