

## **God Made It All**

Have you ever wondered how our world got here? It really is an exciting story! We can read all about it on the first pages of our Bible.

"Let there be light!" God's voice rang with power as it echoed through empty space. Those were the words that He spoke as He began creating the heavens and the earth. As soon as God said the words, the darkness began to move. Light began to show through the darkness, lighting up the dark corners of space. It was no longer black everywhere, because God had made light. He looked at the light and called it day, and the darkness He called night. From that moment on,

time began—the first day of Creation was done.

God was not through with His plan. There was water everywhere, and God wanted it divided into two places. When God spoke, the sky began to divide the water. The clouds, full of water, formed. Below them, the earth was covered with water. This was the second day of time.

On the third day, the next part of God's creation came into being. Dry land appeared as all the waters moved into set places. God called the dry land earth, and it had just the shape God wanted. The tall mountains reached up to the sky, with deep valleys

nestled in between. God put green grass on the land. He put trees, flowers, and bushes here and there.

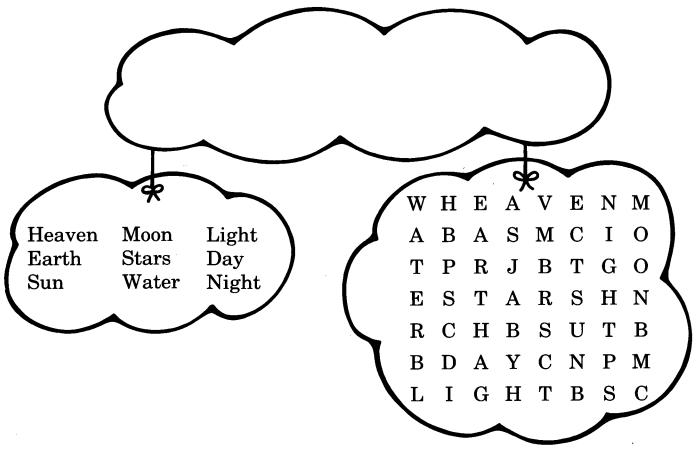
The waters on the earth had borders now. Some of the water was put into large places to make our oceans. The tiny brooks and streams rushed over rocks toward the rivers. The wide, sweeping rivers flowed into the seas. God looked around at the land and the waters He had arranged, and He knew it was beautiful. He was happy with what He had created.

On the fourth day, God decided to make lights for the sky. He knew just what He wanted. He made the sun, big and bright, to shine each day and warm the earth beneath. He placed the silvery moon in the heavens to light the night. He made the stars also—sparkling bits of light which would brighten up the sky. God planned that the sun and moon would be there to help us tell night from day, and to give us days, weeks, and years.

God looked at all He had made by the power of His Word. He looked at the warm sunshine shining down on the lovely earth below. He was happy with what He saw. The world He had begun to create was good. It was exactly the way He wanted it.

### **Hidden Words**

Find and circle the words hidden in the puzzle.



#### Parent's Corner

A child's wonder at seeing the world God has made is very special. This week take time to see, really see, God's world about you with your child. If the weather is accommodating, go for a nature walk together. Call your child's attention to some of the wonders of God's creation. Point out the gold in an autumn leaf, a puffy cloud in the sky, the tall tree.

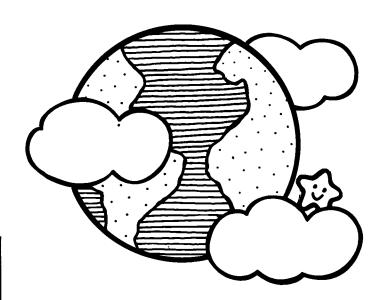
When your child makes a discovery, take time to examine and appreciate the beauty he has found. Help him recognize the fact that each thing you look at together is the handiwork of God.

# Time Together for Family Devotions

Verses to help your child understand this Bible lesson.

SUNDAY: Genesis 1:1 MONDAY: Psalm 102:25 TUESDAY: Psalm 19:1 WEDNESDAY: Psalm 33:6 THURSDAY: Hebrews 11:3

FRIDAY: Psalm 148:5 SATURDAY: John 1:3



#### Bible Text

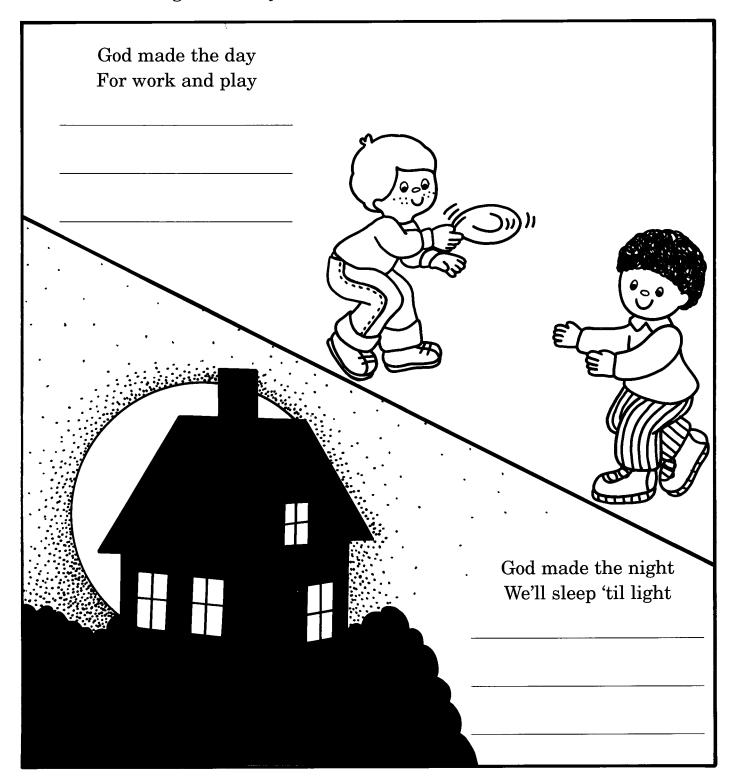
Genesis 1:1-18

#### Memory Verse

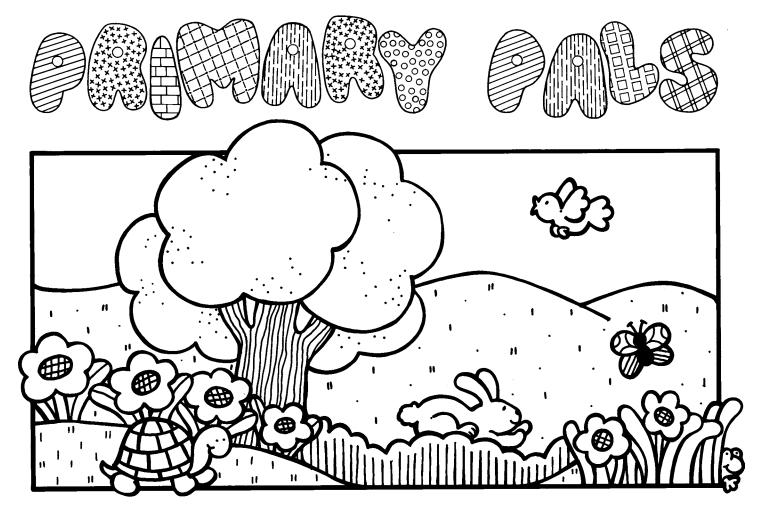
In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. — Genesis 1:1

# **Day and Night**

What are some of the things you like to do during the day? Why do you think God made the night? Write your answers on the lines below.



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## God's Beautiful World

God looked over the world that He had been making. He liked what He had done so far. Grass covered the earth, spreading a lovely coat of green over the bare ground. Trees of every kind were growing. Some of them were tall and thin. Others were short and wide. Blossoms were on some of the trees and fruit on others. Beautiful flowers bloomed, filling the air with their sweet perfume. There were red flowers and yellow flowers, pink ones and purple.

Yet, something very important was still missing. In all the sea and sky, there were no living creatures. So God spoke again. By His command the waters were suddenly filled with fish. There were big gray whales and tiny goldfish. There were fat trout swimming in the lakes, and shiny silver salmon gliding through the streams. Crabs and turtles crawled along the golden sand at the edges of the ocean waves.

God wanted something special to fill the sky. This time, when He spoke, colorful birds of every kind began to fly through the air. Some of the birds were big, with strong wings that could carry them long distances. Little tiny hummingbirds, no bigger than your thumb, moved from flower to flower. Peacocks strutted about, showing their beautiful tail feathers. The noisy woodpeckers began tapping away with their long beaks. God created all this on the fifth day, and He saw that it was good.

Now there were living things in the sky and in the sea. But there was nothing yet to live on the land. So on the beginning of the sixth day, God spoke once again. He made animals of every size, shape, and color. There were shaggy lions whose loud roars filled the air. Monkeys with long, skinny tails chattered in the trees. Big gray elephants swung their long trunks. Squirrels ran here and there

across the ground. Puppies playfully chased kittens around the trees. God looked around at all the animals, and He was pleased. He liked them!

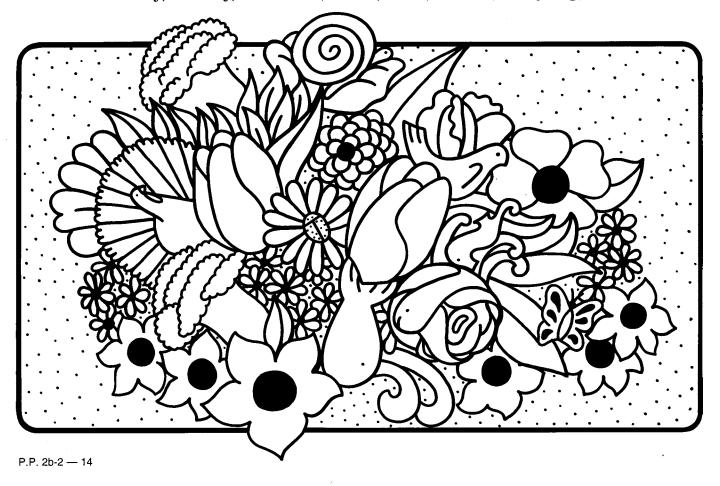
Now the earth was alive with many things, both plants and animals. God wanted it to stay that way.

He had given the beautiful growing plants seeds. That way, new trees and flowers could spring up later. To the animals, He gave babies that looked just like them, so there could always be lions and monkeys, elephants and squirrels, and all the other animals.

God loved all of His creation. He blessed it because it was good.

### **Hidden Pictures**

There are eight things hidden in the flowers below. How many can you find? Butterfly, Turkey, Seahorse, Snail, Fish, Whale, Ladybug, Bird.



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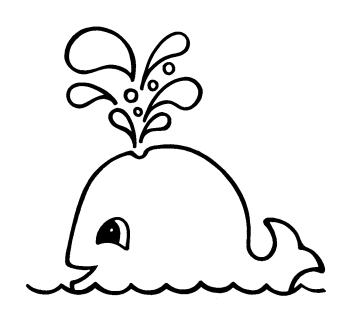
This week, focus on the wonderful variety of plants and animals God made. Visit a pet shop, or look at pictures of animals, and then discuss how God gave each animal special characteristics. Why didn't God give the monkey webbed feet like a duck? Why does an elephant have a trunk instead of a long neck like a giraffe?

On another day, collect different kinds of leaves from plants around your house or yard. Study them using a magnifying glass or a microscope if you have one. How are the plants different? How are they alike?

# Time Together for Family Devotions

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SUNDAY: Genesis 1:21 MONDAY: Genesis 2:9 TUESDAY: Zechariah 8:12 WEDNESDAY: Genesis 1:29 THURSDAY: Genesis 2:19 FRIDAY: Psalm 50:10-12 SATURDAY: Psalm 24:1



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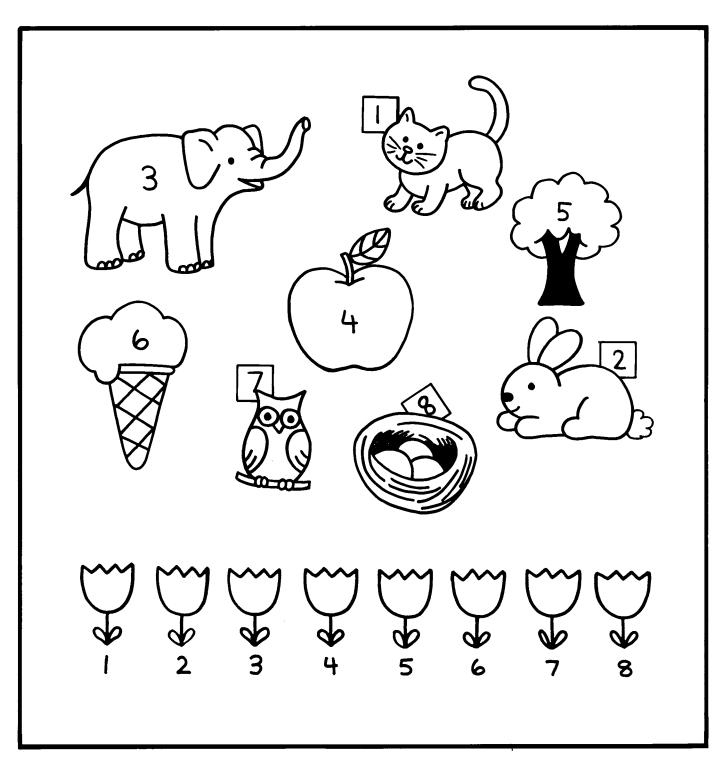
Genesis 1:11-25

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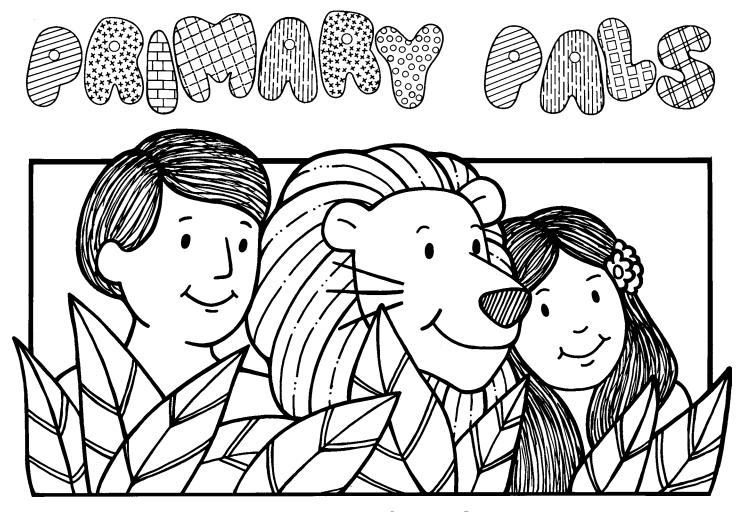
God created great whales, and every living creature that moveth, . . . after their kind. — Genesis 1:21

## It Is Good

The first letter of each of these things will make a word about today's lesson. Match the numbers and write the letters in the flowers below.



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## The Best Creation

It was the sixth day of God's creation. As God looked over His world, He knew that His plans were almost completed. He had made the earth and the sky, the plants and the animals, the fish and the birds, and all the little bugs too. He liked what He saw. Everything God had made was good, but something was missing. What was it?

Think one more time about what God had made. Did you figure it out? There weren't any people! There was no one to take care of the plants and the animals. Even more importantly, there was no one for God to walk around with and talk to. God liked all

the animals, but He wanted someone who could speak and think and love. He wanted someone to be His friend. The animals had each other to be with, but God wanted someone like Himself. So he made man who could share His love and joy.

A stillness filled the air. Perhaps the birds and animals sat quietly waiting, knowing something wonderful was about to happen. Man would be much different from everything else God had created.

God took some of the dust of the ground and began to form man. God worked carefully, making man in His own likeness. When God finished, He breathed into the man with His own breath. That was the breath of life. The Bible tells us that at that moment man became a living soul. God called this first man Adam.

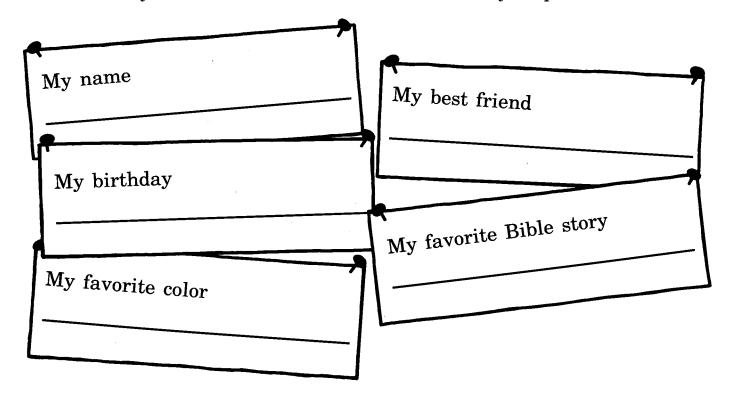
Don't you think that when Adam opened his eyes and saw God, he loved Him? God had given Adam a heart of love. God and Adam often talked together. They were good friends and they loved to spend time with each other.

God told Adam to give names to all the different animals that He had made. It would also be Adam's task to take care of the lovely world God had created. That would be a big job for Adam. God knew that Adam would need some help. He also knew that Adam would be lonely without someone of his own kind to talk to. So God caused Adam to go sound asleep. While he slept, God took a rib from Adam's side. From that bone He made a woman and gave her a living soul also. When Adam woke up, God brought the woman to him. God's plan was for the woman to be Adam's helper and wife.

Adam called the woman Eve. Together, Adam and Eve walked and talked with God in the beautiful world He had created. They were happy people.

### **God Made Me!**

Fill in the spaces below. Your answers will be different from your friends' answers because God made you special.



#### Parent's Corner

Take a large piece of butcher paper and trace your child's shape onto it. Let him fill in the features and color the clothes. Across the top of the paper write the words, "God Made Me!"

Talk about the different things your child can do with the body parts God gave him. He uses his hands to clap, draw, and throw a ball. With his feet he can run, kick, and pedal a bike.

Help him see what a very special creation he is—one made in "the image of God."

# Time Together for Family Devotions

Verses to help your child understand this Bible lesson.

SUNDAY: Genesis 1:27 MONDAY: Mark 10:6 TUESDAY: Psalm 100:3 WEDNESDAY: Isaiah 45:12 THURSDAY: Job 33:4

FRIDAY: Isaiah 43:7 SATURDAY: Psalm 8:4-6



#### **Bible Text**

Genesis 1:26-28; 2:21-25

#### Memory Verse

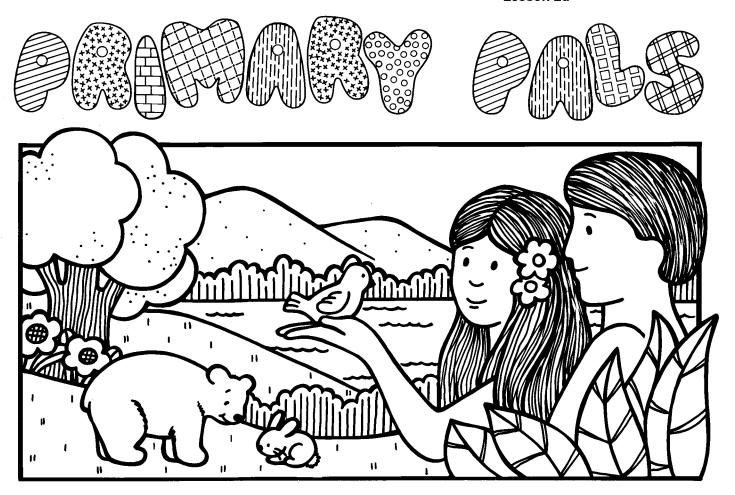
God created man in his own image, . . . male and female created he them. — Genesis 1:27

# In the Image of God

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### A Perfect Place

Six days of creation were finished. On the seventh day, God rested. The work was all done.

God set a good example for us when He rested from His work. It is important for us to take some quiet time to think about God. That is why Christians call Sunday a day of rest. On that day we especially remember all the good things God has done for us. We think about the beautiful world He made for us. We think about how happy He makes us inside. It is a good time for us to thank Him.

On that first day of rest, don't you suppose God smiled as He looked around at His creation? Everything about it was perfect. Perhaps He sat down somewhere and looked out over the towering green trees and bright flowers, to the high mountains and sparkling rivers. Maybe a tiny kitten played at His feet. Perhaps a fuzzy bear wandered through the forest nearby. Maybe a butterfly flew about in the bright sunshine. That must have been a very happy day for God. God loved all the things He had created. Most of all, God loved man, for He had made man in His image.

Do you remember that the first people God made were named Adam and Eve? God wanted them to know just how much He loved them. So God made a beautiful garden in a place He called Eden. It was filled with the best of His creation. That was to be Adam and Eve's home. Adam and Eve must have enjoyed the beauty all around them. They were happy and peaceful in their lovely garden home.

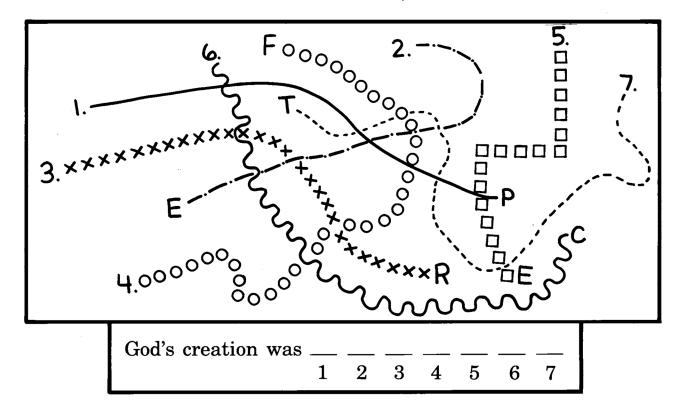
Best of all, in the cool of the day God would come down to walk and talk with them. How wonderful that must have been! Just imagine them strolling through the garden with God beside them. Maybe the animals even followed them around. The birds

probably sang their very sweetest songs when God was nearby. What a happy time!

Would you like to see God and be able to talk with Him? Someday you will be able to do just that. God has promised to make new heavens and a new earth for those who love and serve Him. It will be even more wonderful than the Garden of Eden. Once again everything will be perfect. We will be able to walk and talk with God like Adam and Eve did. He will be our best Friend forever and ever!

## **Follow the Lines**

Follow each path to find the letter that goes with each number. Write the correct letters on the blank, numbered lines below.



#### Parent's Corner

The sense of touch is especially important to children. This week, use that sense to review the past four lessons.

Plan some adventures in feeling. Give your child a piece of bread dough to knead. As you work together, talk about how God made the seeds of wheat, and how He sends the sun and rain to help plants grow.

Give your child a piece of wood to sand, letting him get the feel of the wood while you remind him that God created the trees.

Feel the softness of a kitten's fur, the grittiness of sand, the smoothness of water sliding over the hands. All of these "feeling" experiences can reinforce the child's wonder at the endless variety of God's creation.

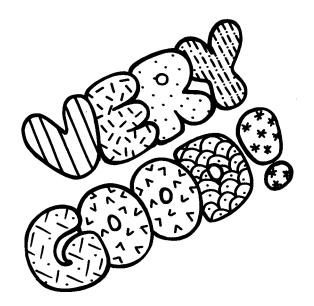
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SUNDAY: Genesis 1:31 MONDAY: Revelation 4:11 TUESDAY: Colossians 1:16 WEDNESDAY: Psalm 33:6 THURSDAY: Hebrews 11:3 FRIDAY: Nehemiah 9:6 SATURDAY: Isaiah 40:28

# Bible Text

Genesis 1:29-31; 2:1,2

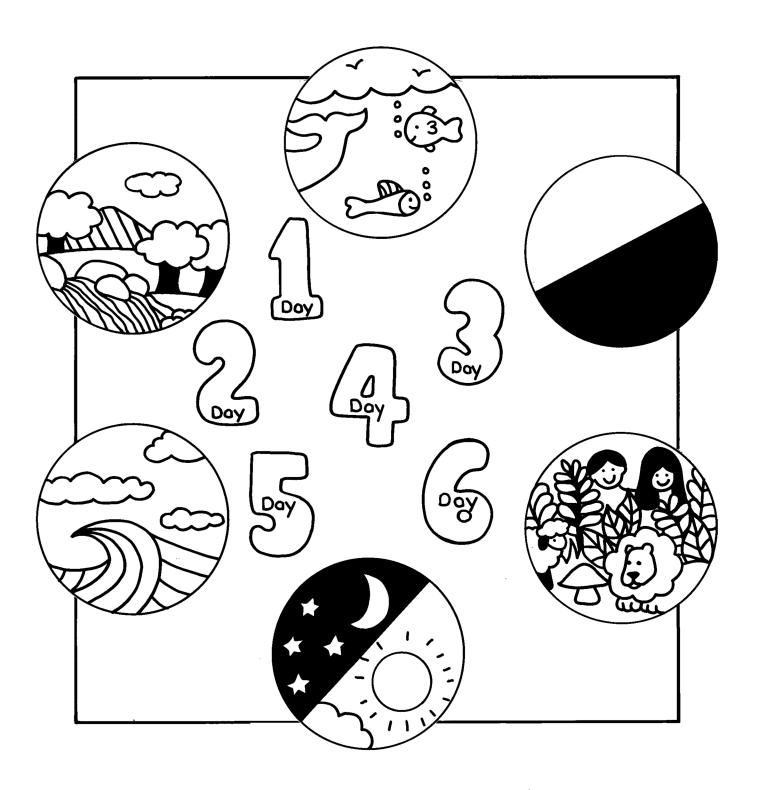


#### Memory Verse

God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good. — Genesis 1:31

# It Is Very Good!

What did God create on each day? Draw a line to connect the day with the creation.



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