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God Makes a Beautiful World

Genesis 1:1-2:3



YOUR BIBLE READING

God made a good world and gave people responsibility to care for it.

Inside: two extended reading pages, a thoughtful reflection, creative activities and a grown-up guide.

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A World Filled with Life

Genesis 1:1-2:3



In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was dark and unformed, and God's Spirit hovered over the waters. God spoke, and light appeared. He separated light from darkness, naming them day and night. The opening of Genesis begins with God's work, before any person appears. Light and darkness receive their places as the story of the ordered world begins.

God made the sky. He gathered the waters so that dry ground appeared, and he called the gathered waters seas. Plants grew on the land, with seeds and fruit. God made lights for the sky: the sun, the moon, and the stars. The plants can produce more plants through their seeds. The lights mark days, seasons, and years, making a world with rhythms that people can recognize and remember.

The waters filled with living creatures, and birds flew above the earth. God made animals that walked and crept on the land. Then God created human beings, male and female, in his image. He blessed them and gave them responsibility for the living world. Human beings belong within creation rather than standing outside it. Being made in God's image gives people a special place, together with responsibility toward other living things.

God provided plants for food. He looked at everything he had made and saw that it was very good. When his work of creation was complete, God rested on the seventh day. He blessed that day and made it holy, a special day of rest. Rest belongs to the completed picture of creation. The seventh day is set apart, showing that the story includes both purposeful work and a time to stop.

Remember: I can notice the goodness of the world God made.

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Goodness, Responsibility, and Rest



Genesis 1:1-2:3

Look back at the way the story moves. First there is an earth without its finished form. Then come places for life: sky, sea, and dry land. Plants, swimming creatures, birds, land animals, and people appear in a world God calls good. The account gives its readers many things to notice before it asks them to think about their own place among those things. Living creatures are presented as part of a connected home, with places to live and food to receive.

Genesis speaks of male and female being made in God's image. It does not say that only the strongest, tallest, cleverest, or wealthiest people carry that dignity. A person's value does not have to be won in a competition. This part of the story offers a reason to treat people with respect, including people whose bodies, abilities, languages, or lives differ from our own.

The humans receive responsibility for the living world. Responsibility is more than being allowed to take whatever one wants. It involves noticing what other creatures need and handling what has been entrusted to us carefully. A garden, a shoreline, or an animal is not a disposable toy. The story connects a special human role with a world that God has already called good.

Finally, the seventh day gives the reading a different pace. The creating is complete, and God rests and blesses the day. Rest is given an honored place beside work. This does not mean that every person rests in exactly the same way or at the same time. It does invite readers to recognize a rhythm in which making, caring, enjoying, and stopping can each have a place.

Pause and think: What is one part of the living world you would like to notice or care for more carefully?

THINK, NOTICE & GROW

Notice the World Around You



Choose one ordinary thing you might overlook: a leaf, a patch of sky, a bird, or water in a glass. Look carefully without disturbing it. What colors, shapes, movements, or uses can you notice? You do not need to understand everything about it to pay attention. Care often begins with seeing something clearly instead of hurrying past it.

Think of a small responsibility you share at home or school. Perhaps you help water a plant, refill a pet's bowl with an adult, or keep litter away from a drain. These are present-day examples, not extra events in Genesis. A caring task can be small enough to finish and still matter to the creature or person who depends on it.

Now think about rest. Some people enjoy quiet drawing; others rest by sitting with family or taking a gentle walk. Bodies need sleep too. Tell a trusted adult one thing that helps you recover after a busy day. The creation story makes room for the goodness of a living world and for a day when the work of making is complete.

A SMALL STEP FOR TODAY

The creation story joins the goodness of the world with human dignity, responsibility, and rest.

What is one part of the living world you would like to notice or care for more carefully?

Read, Remember & Create

Name: _____ Date: _____

1 Think about the reading

1. What did God think of everything he had made?

2. How could you care for a living thing today?

2 Put the ideas in order

Write 1, 2 and 3 for the order these ideas appear in the reading.

- ☐ God rested on the seventh day.
- ☐ God made light and separated it from darkness.
- ☐ God made living creatures and human beings.

3 Draw a meaningful picture

Draw land, sea, plants, and animals in the world God made.

Tell someone how your picture connects to the reading.

Read & Grow Together

Read and learn with context

This English edition is designed for ages 6-10 with an adult. Read both extended readings together, or enjoy one each day. Pause at unfamiliar words, invite questions and use the reflection page to connect the story with everyday life. These are retellings and lessons with explanations; read the listed Bible passage for context. Poetry, parables, letters and symbolic visions are identified by type.

Remember this

I can notice the goodness of the world God made.
Original memory thought, not a direct Bible quotation. Related passage: Genesis 1:31

A thoughtful conversation

Being made in God's image gives every person dignity; it does not mean that God has one particular human appearance. Keep creation care concrete and gentle.

Activity answers

1. It was very good.
2. For example, I could water a plant or help care for an animal.
Sequence boxes, top to bottom: 3, 1, 2. Personal responses and drawings will vary.

Optional prayer

If you wish: God, thank you for your world. Help me care for it.

Print and share

Each pack has 6 pages. Print on A4 at Actual Size (100%). The worksheet is page 5. You may print just that page, or use the separate 150-page activity book. The collection contains 150 packs in Bible book order, 15 volumes and one ZIP. Catalog pack IDs stay the same when new readings are added.

Sources and sharing

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