

CREATIVITY

IMAGINING WHAT YOU
COULD DO BECAUSE YOU'RE
MADE IN GOD'S IMAGE

CREATION

GENESIS 1–2:3 (SUPPORTING: GENESIS 2:7, 21–22)

MEMORY VERSE | Psalm 145:3

Imagine nothing.

Imagine deep, dark, formless emptiness without a single star to cut the void.

In the beginning . . . the very beginning . . . that's all there was—except for God.

But in the blackness, something was brewing! God's Spirit hovered there, waiting. Until God called out: *"Let there be light!"*

Just like that, by the power of God's voice, light streamed forth. Dazzling. Blinding. Radiant!

And it was good.

God created a separation between the darkness and the light. He called that beautiful, bright light "day." And He called the cool darkness: "night." Day and night together made the very first day.

On the second day, God spoke again: *"Let there be a huge space between the waters!"*

And deep, blue sky appeared, arching high above the earth. But God was just getting started. On day three, He called out: *"Let the water under the sky be*

gathered into one place. Let dry ground appear!"

Just like that, islands popped up through the waters and great continents shouldered their way to the surface. The waters burst into creeks and rivers and raced downstream to feed vast oceans.

And what God had made was good. *"Let the land produce plants!"* He directed.

A veil of green crept across the land as grass and vines took root. Great oaks and redwoods shot up tall, while the branches of orange trees hung heavy with juicy fruit. And what God had made was good.

On day four God's imagination glowed bright. *"Let there be lights in the huge space of the sky!"* He instructed.

**And what
God had made
was good.**

That's when a line of flame appeared on the very edge of the ocean. Then, in moments, a fiery, blazing sun swept up into the sky! But while the sun ruled the daytime, God made the polished, silvery moon to watch over the night. Then He flung a thousand points of light into the nighttime sky. Countless stars burned, layer on layer, deeper into space than anyone but God can imagine.

And God saw that what He had made was good.

On day five, the action really kicked off when God called, *"Let the seas be filled with living things."*

With those simple words, the oceans bubbled with fish! Dolphins leapt, and eels slithered along the sandy ocean floor. Tadpoles chased each other in streams, and lazy carp circled the depths of still lakes.

"Let birds fly above the earth across the huge space of the sky!" God declared.

Before you could blink, flocks of geese were winging their way south. Doves cooed and gathered twigs to build their nests. And high on a craggy mountaintop, a majestic eagle surveyed it all with bright eyes.

And God saw that what He had created was good.

On day six, God lifted His voice and unleashed the zoo! *"Let the land produce every kind of living creature. Let there be livestock, and creatures that move along the ground, and wild animals."*

Zebras and chipmunks and dogs, oh my! It was like the circus came to town. Lions threw back their shaggy heads and roared to claim their new land. Colts dashed about on long, wobbly legs, and beetles scuttled through the tall grasses.

And God saw that what He had made was good.

The whole bright, beautiful, wild, new earth displayed God's incredible imagination. But there was nothing yet that was created in the image of God Himself. So God said, *"Let us make human beings so they are like us."*

God reached down into the dust and shaped and formed and molded that dusty soil into a person. God breathed His very own breath into the muddy form . . . and it became a living, breathing man: Adam!

"Whoa," Adam spoke, trying out his voice. He stretched out his arms and legs, wiggled his fingers and toes, marveling at what God had made.

Later, God took one of Adam's ribs as he slept and formed the very first woman, Eve.

Both Adam and Eve were fashioned in God's image, able to love and give. To serve and trust and create.

"Have children so that there will be many of you," God told them. "Fill the earth and bring it under your control. Rule over the fish in the seas and the birds of the air. Rule over every living creature that moves on the ground."

When God was finished instructing Adam and Eve, He took a long look at everything He made, from pebbles and beetles to mountain and giraffes—and people. And He saw that it was very good.

Evening turned to night turned to morning, and the sixth day of creation came to a close.

On the seventh day, God rested from all His work. He blessed the seventh day and set it apart from the others.



**Let's
Talk!**

Look around you. Name three things you see in the room or out the window.

Every single thing you see is made by God—or made out of something made by God. Here's the mind-blowing thing: God made everything from nothing. God's voice and imagination and being are so powerful that He simply thought up every single thing that exists and spoke it into being. Pray for each other, that you will remember to stop throughout the week to really see the incredible things that God has made. Then thank God for His amazing creation!