

# Old Testament Stories

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**THE CREATION**  
**Genesis 1**



*In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.* This is the first verse of the first chapter of Genesis. The word Genesis means beginning. The book of Genesis tells of the beginning of the world and all things in the world. This first verse of Genesis tells us what God did in the beginning, and the rest of chapter one and chapter two tells us how God created everything.

In the beginning the world was in total darkness. There was no light anywhere on the earth. The earth was without form, and it was empty but covered with water. The Spirit of God moved over the top of the waters, and God spoke saying, *“Let there be light.”*

Suddenly there was light!! God saw that the light was good, so He divided the light from the darkness. He called the light day and He called the darkness night. This was the first day.

God spoke again saying, *“Let the waters on the earth be separated from the waters above the earth. Let there be a space to divide the waters above from the waters below.”* It happened just as God commanded. On the second day God created the sky (or firmament) and He called it the heavens. (This is not heaven where God lives but it is our sky.)

## Level 1A

On the third day God spoke and commanded that the waters on the earth be gathered together so the dry land could appear. It happened just as God commanded. God called the dry land EARTH and He called the gathered waters SEAS. Again God spoke and commanded the dry land to bring forth grass, trees, and all kinds of plant-life that grows upon the earth. Just as God had commanded the earth brought forth living, growing plants. God created the plants and trees full grown, and He commanded them to multiply and reproduce more of their own kind. God did not have to plant little seeds and wait years for them to grow! He simply commanded the earth to grow these things and it happened! So on the third day God created the land, the seas, grass, plants, and trees. And God saw that it was good.

On the fourth day God spoke and created a great light to rule the day and a lesser light to rule the night. He set them in the sky to give light on the earth and to rule over the days and the seasons. So God created the sun, moon, and stars, and He saw that they were good.

On the fifth day God commanded the sky to be filled with all kinds of birds and winged creatures. He commanded the seas to be filled with all kinds of fishes and sea creatures. And it happened exactly as God commanded. God created the birds and fishes and sea creatures full grown, and He commanded them to multiply and reproduce and fill the sky and the sea. God saw this new creation and it was good.

On the sixth day God commanded the earth to bring forth all kinds of beasts, and animals, and creeping things that live upon the land. Just as God commanded, the earth filled with all kinds of full-grown animals and creeping things. God told them to multiply and reproduce more of their own kind.

Then God said, *“Let us make a man in our own image, in our likeness.”* So God created man in the image of God. He created both a male and a female and told them to reproduce more of their own kind. God saw everything that He created on the sixth day (the animals, creeping things, and man), and it was good. God looked upon all these things He had created and it was all very good. So God rested on the seventh day because He was finished with His work of creation.

In the next lesson we will learn just how God made the man and the woman. Today we have learned that God created everything on the earth. He created it from nothing, and He did it by speaking. We have also learned that God created everything full grown and commanded it to multiply and reproduce more of its own kind. God saw that His creation was very good so He rested ... which means He stopped creating things ... He was finished!

## STORY QUIZ

1. Who created the heavens and the earth?
2. When were the heavens and earth created?
3. How did God create all things?
4. What did God see about everything He created?
5. What did God command every living thing to do?
6. Why did God rest on the seventh day?
7. In what image did God create man?
8. In what stage of growth were all living things created?
9. What conditions existed on earth in the beginning?
10. When did God create the woman?

Answers are in the Answer Key Section at the end of the book.

### Memory Verse Level One

**In The Beginning God Created The Heavens And The Earth.**

Genesis 1:1

### Memory Goal Level One

#### **THE DAYS OF CREATION**

Day 1 Light (divided it to day and night.

Day 2 Sky (also called the heavens or firmament.

Day 3 Land, Seas, Grass, Plants, and Trees.

Day 4 Sun, Moon, and Stars.

Day 5 Birds and Fishes.

Day 6 Animals, creeping things, and man.

Day 7 God saw that it was very good and He rested.

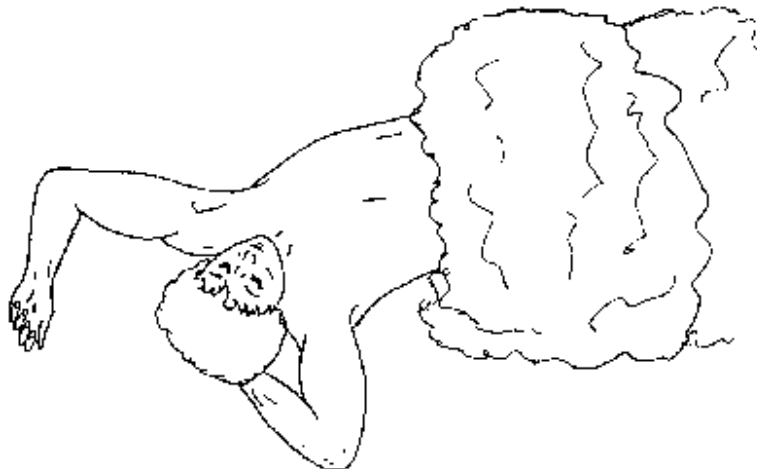
**THE CREATION OF MAN**  
**Genesis 2**

In our last lesson we learned how God created the world and all things in the world by giving spoken commands. God prepared the earth for man. He did not create the man until all other things were created, and the earth was then ready to support man.

*God Created Man In The Image Of God.* This means that man was created by God and he is like God. No one knows what God really looks like, but we know He is a Spirit. Man was given a Spirit (or soul) and the ability to think and reason. It is in these ways that man is like God.

God created man from the dust of the earth, and He breathed into the man and the man became a living soul. God had planted a garden eastward in Eden, and it was in that garden that God placed the man. In this garden in Eden there grew every tree that was good for food and pleasant to look at. In the middle of the garden there grew two very special trees .... the tree of life and the tree of knowledge of good and evil. The earth was watered by a mist that came up from the ground (for God did not yet cause it to rain on the earth.) A river flowed through the garden to water it, and when the river left the garden it became four rivers .... the Pishon, the Gihon, the Tigris, and the Euphrates.

God put the man in the garden in Eden and told the man to take care of the garden. God commanded man, "You may eat from every tree in the garden except the tree of knowledge of good and evil. You shall not eat from it, neither shall you touch it. If you eat from this tree you will surely die."



God said, *"It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper companion for him."* So God sent all the animals to the man. The man gave each animal a name, but there was not one of them suitable for man's companion. So God caused a deep sleep to come upon the man, and while the man slept God opened up his side and took out one of the man's ribs. From the man's rib God created a woman and gave her to the man. And the man said, "This is part of my bones and part of my flesh. She shall be called WOMAN for she was taken out of man." The man and his woman were both naked, but they were not ashamed. (They were not ashamed because there was, as yet, NO evil in the world.)

From this lesson we see that God created man and gave him a work to do. God does not intend that man sit around doing nothing. He has work for all of us. God created the woman to be man's helper and companion. She was God's gift to man. God gave the woman a very special place in life, and He intends for her to fill the position He gave her. The man should be very careful to love and cherish and protect this very special gift that was given to Him by the Creator.

### STORY QUIZ

1. In what image was man created?
2. What is God?
3. From what was man created?
4. Where did God put the man?
5. Name two special trees that grew in the garden?
6. How was the earth watered in the beginning?
7. Who gave names to the animals?
8. What tree could man not eat from?
9. What was the penalty for eating this fruit?
10. From what did God create a companion for the man?

Answers are in the Answer Key Section at the end of the book.





21. God opened man's side while the man slept and took one of man's \_\_\_\_.
- A. arms                      B. ribs                      C. kidneys
22. From this part of the man God created a:
- A. child                      B. dog                      C. woman
23. God gave the                      woman to the man as his:
- A. slave                      B. helper                      C. master
24. The man and woman were naked but they were:
- A. cold                      B. warm                      C. not ashamed
25. They were not ashamed because:
- A. there was no evil in the world.
- B. they made clothes to cover their bodies.
- C. they were blind and could not see each other.
26. On the 7th day God rested because he was:
- A. tired                      B. finished                      C. disappointed