



Night and Day

Genesis 1:1-5, 14-19

A long time ago there was nothing here—nothing anywhere! Except for God. God has *always* been here!

God looked into the empty space and said, “Let there be light.” And there was light! God saw that the light was very good. “Let’s call the light day!” said God.

God kept the darkness—it was good too—and called it “night.” The darkness and light took turns with each other. Day and night, night and day.

God spoke again, and created a golden ball of light. God placed it high in the sky to light up the world each day.

Then God spoke again, and into the darkness of night came another ball, this one smaller. All around it God added little twinkling lights. The darkness with its beautiful lights was a good thing too—just right for resting.

God looked at the sun and the moon and all the stars. God was pleased. It was all very good!



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A decorative border surrounds the page, featuring a repeating pattern of yellow stars and crescent moons on a dark blue background. The border is thicker on the top and right sides and thinner on the left and bottom.

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Dear Family,

Ask your child to tell how and why God made daytime and nighttime for our world. Then praise the Creator together for all that your family does each day! For more fun activities, see God's Big Story card #1.

Dot-to-dot

Connect the dots of the same color to show God's wonders in the sky!



I keep you warm when
you go out to play;

I brighten God's world
each and every day!

We shine and we
sparkle, way up
high—

we're glad God put us
in the night sky.

I shine down
all night,
when you're tucked
in bed tight!

Memory

Challenge:

Genesis 1:1; 31a



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Land and Water

Genesis 1:6-13

A long time ago there was nothing here—nothing anywhere! Except for God. God has *always* been here!

God decided to make some big changes to the dark and empty space. God made daytime and nighttime. God created a warm and wonderful sun, and God made the moon and stars. It was all very good!

God had more ideas! God said, “Let all the waters be gathered into one place and let dry ground appear.” It happened just as God commanded. God called the new dry places “land.”

God looked out over the watery places—the rivers and lakes and oceans—and the dry places in between—the fields and mountains and valleys. “This is very good!” God said with a smile.

Still God was not finished! “Let’s have some grass to cover the land!” said God. “Let’s have trees and bushes too!”

And that’s not all! “Let’s have fruits of all colors and shapes and wonderful tastes! And vegetables of all colors!”

And there’s more! “Let’s fill the land with flowers!” It happened just as God commanded. The land filled up with wonderful colors. Everywhere God looked, there were growing things! God’s world was beginning to look full and wonderful. “This looks very good indeed!” God said.

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Can you find me?

Look for the hidden objects.
Draw a circle around each one when you find it.



flower



apple



pumpkin



maple tree

water wave



berries in a bush



sunflower



lily pad



stalk of corn



rock



pile of dirt

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Dear Family:

Enjoy rereading today's creation story together and following up with the prayer litany from this page. Have your child read the words in bold. For more great activities, see cards #2 and #3 in your God's Big Story cards set.

Dear God, thank you for water—for rivers and seas.

It's very good!

Thank you for land that's all around me.

It's very good!

Thank you for plant life—for flowers and trees.

It's very good!

Thank you for food—like apples and peas.

It's very good!

Help us to care for your world as we should,
for your hands have made it, and it's very good!

Amen.

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Memory



Challenge:

Genesis 1:1; 31a

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Fish, Birds, and Animals



Can you match each animal to the print its foot makes?

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Oops! The artist forgot to color the animals! Can you finish the job?

A long time ago there was nothing here—nothing anywhere! Except for God. God has *always* been here!

God looked at the dark and empty space all around and decided to make some big changes. God made daytime and nighttime. God created a bright, warm, and wonderful sun for the daytime. And for the nighttime sky God made the moon and the stars. Everything looked very good!

But God wasn't nearly finished! When God looked out over the world, there was water everywhere. "Let all the waters be gathered into one place and let dry ground appear," God said. God looked out over the watery places—the rivers and lakes and oceans—and the dry places in between—the fields and mountains and valleys. "This is very good!" God said with a smile.

But the land looked plain. It needed something colorful and alive. "Let's have some grass, some trees, and some bushes to cover the land!" said God. "And let's have fruits and vegetables of all colors and shapes and wonderful tastes! And let's decorate the land with beautiful flowers!" When God looked at all the growing things, the world looked very good indeed!



ed Animals

Genesis 1:20-25

But God was still not finished. When God looked at the oceans and rivers and lakes, they looked empty. God said, “Let the waters be a home for living creatures.” And the oceans filled up with sea animals like octopuses, whales, and blowfish. The rivers and lakes filled up with creatures too—turtles, frogs, fish, and more! God smiled at the splashing waters and said, “This is good!”

Then God looked at the empty sky and said, “Let the sky be a home for living creatures too.” And at God’s command bluebirds, robins, parrots, owls, chickadees—all kinds of feathery creatures—filled the air. Butterflies, dragonflies, bats, bees—all sorts of flying things. God smiled at the busy, buzzing skies and said, “This is very good!”

But God still wasn’t finished—oh no! God looked around at the empty fields, the quiet mountains, and the lonely valleys. They needed living creatures too. So God spoke—and there were horses, elephants, cows, dogs, kangaroos, cats, lions, giraffes, rabbits, and every other living creature you can think of. Can you imagine how the world looked to God now? You’re right! Very good indeed!



Dear Family:

Today we learned about a part of the creation story that's exciting for children and adults alike—the creation of fish, birds, and animals. Delight in this with your child as you talk about God's imaginative gift of living creatures!

Shh! The animals are hiding in the woods.
Can you find all ten of them?

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People
Genesis 1 and 2

A long time ago there was nothing here—nothing anywhere! Except for God. God has *always* been here!

God looked at the dark and empty space all around and decided to make some big changes. Just by speaking, God made daytime and nighttime. And God filled the watery spaces with land. God's world was getting better.

But that's not all! God created a sun for the daytime and the moon and stars for nighttime. God created amazing plants and trees to grow on the land. God's world was getting better and better!

Then God made something wonderful for the water and sky—fish that swim and birds that fly! And for the mountains and valleys and everyplace in between, God made animals—big ones, small ones, crawling ones, hopping ones, roaring ones, barking ones, grunting ones! It was all very good!

But God saved the best idea for last. God decided there should be someone to take care of creation. Someone to rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over all the animals that moved along the ground. So God bent down and took a lump of clay from the earth and began to shape it.

God made people special-

Draw a picture of you
Draw someone else God n

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—and that includes you!

yourself in one frame.

made in the other frame.

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Dear Family:

Ask your child to tell you how God made Adam and Eve. Then praise God together for making each person in your family! For more great activities you can do at home, invite your child to find the God's Big Story card that matches the story symbol on the front of this paper.



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God was making a person—someone who could talk and think and smile and love. Someone who could love God! God named him Adam.

But God's work still wasn't finished! God decided to make another person. Someone who could help Adam rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over all the animals that moved along the ground. So while Adam was sound asleep, God took one of Adam's bones and made a woman. When Adam saw the woman he was very, very happy. Adam called the woman Eve.

God blessed Adam and Eve and gave them a very special job to do. And God saw that at last everything in the world was just right. Nothing was missing—everything was beautiful and good.

At last God's work was finished. "It's very good!" God said. Then it was time for God to rest.



Genesis 1:1; 31a

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show and share



**Caring for
God's World**

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**Color the story symbol.
Hang it up as a reminder to take care
of God's world!**

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God's world was wonderful. Sparkling  and magnificent 

to each other from the tops of . Silvery  darting through deep

Everywhere  looked there was something that reminded them

God had made them with hearts of love—love for God, love for

God gave  a wonderful home in the new world—a beautiful garden

it? Wouldn't it be wonderful to wake up every morning and hear the cheerful songs

animals—even  and  and —nudging

bare shoulders? And feel the grass tickling your 

Best of all, imagine what it was like for  to walk and talk with God

to God's words: "I have looked at everything I've made—and it's very good! Enjoy

with its , splash through its , and enjoy its delicious

this for me. Take very good care of everything around

! Carpets of grass and sweet-smelling . Bright calling
playing with their babies in fields and forests.

of God. And when looked at each other, they remembered that
for each other, and love for the beautiful world around them.

men called Eden. For it was like living in a park! Can you imagine
ounds of in the trees around you? And to feel the friendly noses of

you, wanting to play with you? Wouldn't it be great to feel the on your
? And smell the and taste their juicy sweetness?

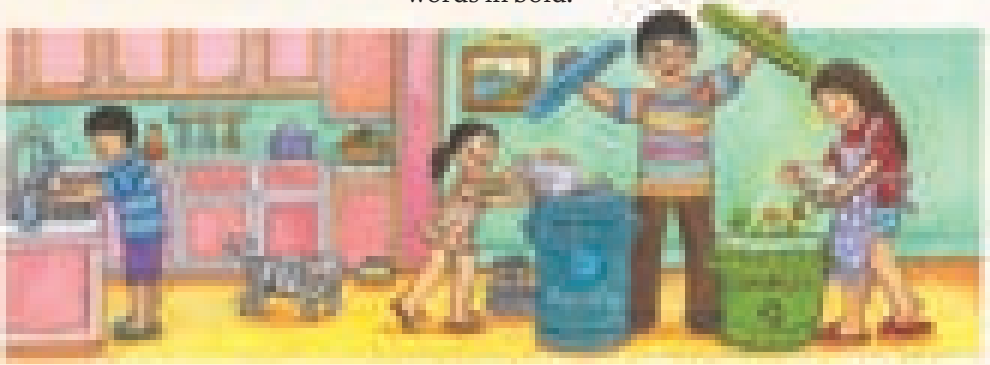
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od! Imagine God talking to in the middle of the garden. Listen
oy my wonderful world, . Watch its beautiful , play

icious tastes and smells! And listen carefully, . I want you to do
d you so that my world will stay beautiful and good!"

Dear Family:

“Take good care of my world!” These are God’s words to Adam and Eve and to each one of us (Genesis 2:15). Talk with your child about ways your family can take care of creation. Use the litany below as a way for your family to praise God and make a promise to care for God’s world. Have your child read the words in bold.



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Dear God, thank you for water—for rivers and seas.

Thank you for land that’s all around me.

It’s very good!

Thank you for plant life, for flowers and trees.

Thank you for food—like apples and peas.

It’s very good!

Each fish that swims and bird that flies—
each animal filling up earth and sky.

It’s very good!

Especially for people—for folks everywhere!

We know you have made us; it’s your world we share.

It’s very good!

Help us to care for your world as we should,
for your hands have made it, and

it’s very good!

Amen.



Memory

Challenge:

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Adam and Eve Disobey

Adam and Eve were happy in the beautiful home God had given them—the Garden of Eden. They enjoyed their work and they loved walking and talking with God.

God showed Adam and Eve a special tree in the middle of the garden. “You may eat from all the trees in the garden, except this tree,” said God. “If you disobey me and eat from this tree, you will have trouble. You will be sad. And someday you will die.”

One day a tricky snake appeared and said something different. “You won’t really die if you eat from the special tree. If you eat from it, you’ll be just like God.”

Eve listened to the snake. She ate the fruit from the tree. Then she gave some to Adam and he ate it too. Together they disobeyed God.

After that everything changed. Adam and Eve didn’t feel happy anymore. They felt ashamed and tried to hide from God.

Of course God knew what they had done. And it made God very, very sad. God punished Adam and Eve by sending them away from the beautiful garden. But God gave them clothing to keep them warm. And God made sure they found a new place to live, a place where they could have a family, a place where they could be happy.

Best of all, God promised to love and forgive Adam and Eve for disobeying. And God promised to send Jesus—a Savior who would show God’s love and forgiveness to the whole world.

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**Look at the pictures. Tell the story.
Who disobeyed? Who forgave?**



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God is just like the mom who forgave her children, hugged them, and still loved them!

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Dear Family:

Today your child learned Adam and Eve's sad story (Genesis 3). Read it together. Ask your child to tell you about the other forgiveness story found inside this Show and Share paper. Thank God together for always loving and forgiving us.



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Oops! The artist made eight mistakes in this picture.
Draw a circle around each one you find.

Memory



Challenge:

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