



LEADER GUIDE - you
need Play-Doh
for this lesson.



THE CREATION

GENESIS 1-2

GOAL

- ▶ To communicate God's amazing power in creating the world, emphasize the divine origins of the universe and humankind, and draw out the implications for today.
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GOSPEL HIGHLIGHT

- ▶ The Bible teaches that Jesus was present at creation and that all creation happened through/by Him (John 1:1-3, 1 Corinthians 8:6, Colossians 1:16-17; Hebrews 1:2). In the New Testament, we see Jesus at the center of the new creation where everything tainted by sin is made new by the work of the cross (2 Corinthians 5:17-21, Revelation 21).
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CHARACTERS

- ▶ **God:** God is the creator of everything. He is the only one with the power to create something from nothing. He simply speaks and life comes into being.

Adam: He was the first man ever created. All humans are a direct descendant of Adam and it is through Adam that they are born with a sinful nature (Romans 5:12).

Eve: She was the wife of Adam and the mother of Cain and Abel. Eve was the world's very first woman, wife and mother.

WORDS TO KNOW

- ▶ **Creation:** The process by which God called all things into being out of nothing. In the Bible, the act of creation is attributed to all three persons of the trinity: the Father (1 Corinthians 8:6), the Son (John 1:3) and the Holy Spirit (Genesis 1:2).
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MEMORY VERSE

- ▶ **Genesis 1:1:** In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.
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MEMORY
VERSE
MEANING

▶ **Read Genesis 1-3:** Before anything existed, God was there. Through His power, wisdom, and creativity, He created everything that exists on earth and in the entire universe.

OVERVIEW

▶ **Read Genesis 1-3:** In the beginning, there was nothing except for God. God created everything, and everything was good because God declared it to be so. Over the seven days of creation God did the following:

- **Day 1:** God created the heavens and the earth and separated light from dark.
 - **Day 2:** God created the sky, forming a barrier between the ocean & atmosphere.
 - **Day 3:** God created all plant life with the ability to reproduce.
 - **Day 4:** God created the sun, moon, stars and all other heavenly bodies.
 - **Day 5:** God created all sea creatures and birds.
 - **Day 6:** God created land animals and people.
 - **Day 7:** God rested because the work of creation was finished.
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SUGGESTIONS

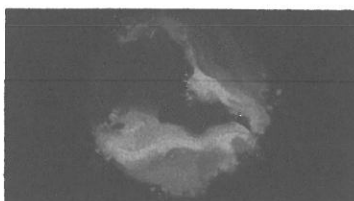
▶ The creation account allows for an exploration of God's mighty character, specifically that God is all powerful, eternal, creative and all knowing. As you discuss these qualities of God with your class, take some time to consider the following:

- 1. Made in God's Image:** In His sovereignty, God chose to make us in His likeness. This makes us unique in all of God's creation. Even more amazing is that Jesus would become one of us, die for our sins, and make a way for us to become children of God.
 - 2. Made to reflect God:** Being made in God's image means that we have been created to reflect Him to the world around us! The Bible teaches that God's plan for our lives is to become more and more like Jesus (Romans 8:29).
 - 3. Made for community:** To be made in the image of God also means that we are created to be in relationship with others. God has always existed in relationship (Father, Son and Holy Spirit) and He has created us to become a part of His eternal family.
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QUESTION & ANSWER

SLIDE 1



Q1a: What existed in the beginning?

A1: Only God existed in the beginning.

Q1b: Who created God?

Teacher Notes: No one created God. God has always existed. He is constant and unchanging. He is the same now as He was when He created the universe, and He will be the same for all eternity.

SLIDE 2



Q2a: How did God create everything?

A2: What God spoke came to be.

Q2b: What can you make that doesn't require any ingredients or materials.

Teacher Notes: Let students think about this and provide answers. Discuss their answers and determine if they truly wouldn't require anything to make it. It is difficult for us to think of anything we can make that requires no materials, but God made everything that exists out of nothing.



QUESTION & ANSWER

SLIDE 3



Q3a: How did God make man?

A3: God took a bit of clay from the earth, shaped it, and breathed life into it.

Q3b: If God created humans in His image, does that mean God has a body like we do?

Teacher Notes: No, God does not have a form like we do; God is spirit. When the Bible says we were made in His image, it means that God created us to have mental, spiritual, and emotional characteristics that reflected His own.

SLIDE 4



Q4a: What was the one thing Adam was missing?

A4: Adam was missing a human friend—a wife.

Q4b: Why was it not good for Adam to exist alone?

Teacher Notes: God is three persons in one: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. The Father loves the Son, the Son loves the Holy Spirit, and the Holy Spirit loves the Father. Together they are a community. Because God made man in His image, man was made for fellowship and community. When God saw that Adam was alone, it was the only time in the entire creation story that God said something in His creation was not good. He saw Adam's need and immediately created a solution.



QUESTION & ANSWER

SLIDE 5



Q5a: How did God make woman?

A5: He formed woman using a rib taken from Adam.

Q5b: Why is life on earth so different from what is described in the Garden of Eden.

Teacher Notes: Adam and Eve committed the first sin by disobeying God's one and only rule in the Garden of Eden. This one sin has rippled through every generation of humankind. To get us back to living in a world like the Garden of Eden, God sent His Son, Jesus, to die in our place to forgive us of our sins. Jesus promised to return to earth and finally establish His reign on earth, at which point, the entire earth will be made much like the Garden of Eden is described.



**MEMORY
VERSE**

▶ **Genesis 1:1:** In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.

BIG IDEA

▶ God is so powerful, He created everything in existence out of nothing!

**CLOSING
PRAYER**

▶ Dear God, You were here before there was a here. You made everything. You made us. Thank You for Your power, wisdom, creativity, and love. Help us to know You and love You more and more. We ask these things in Jesus' name, Amen.

THE CREATION

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

ANSWER KEY

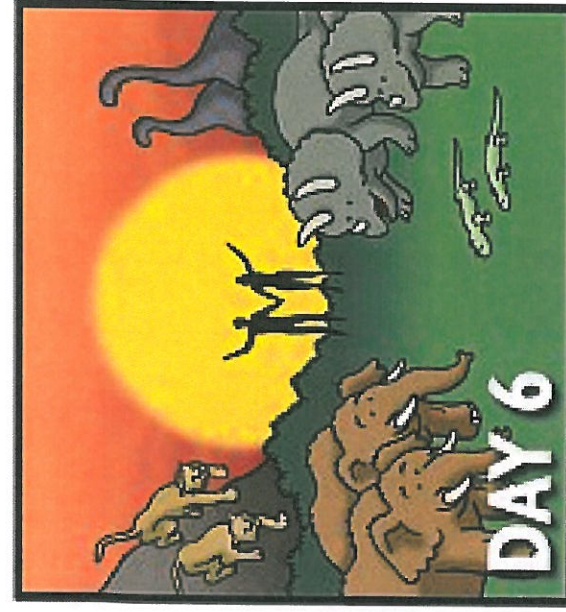
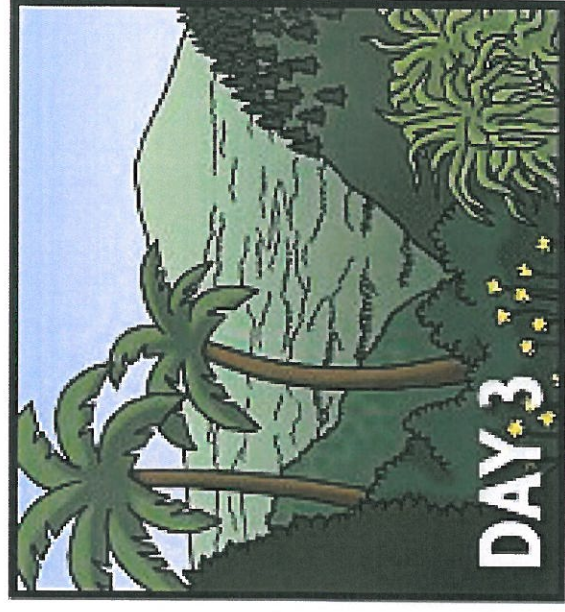
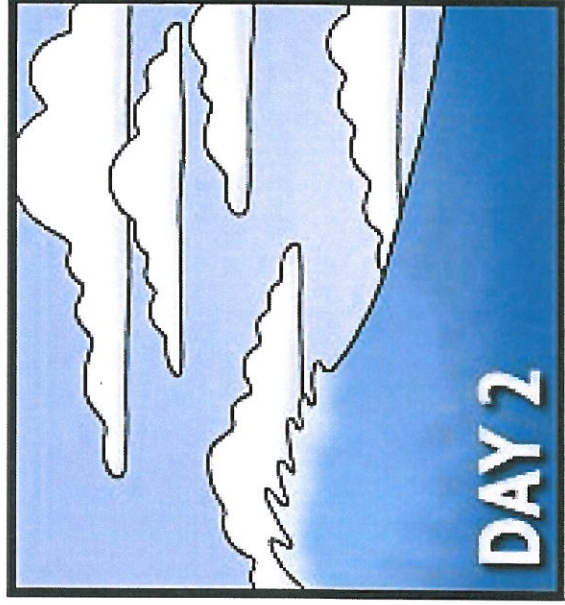
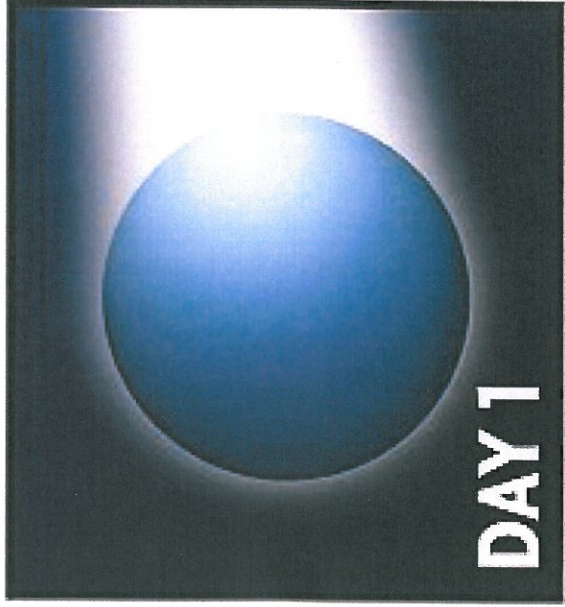
Across

3. God made man in his own (**Image**).
6. God named the first man (**Adam**).
7. Adam's wife's name was (**Eve**).
8. On the seventh day God (**Rested**).

Down

1. On the (**Sixth**) day God declared his creation to be good.
2. God made the first man out of (**Clay**).
4. God made (**Animals**) of every kind.
5. Adam and Eve only had to follow one rule: not to (**Eat**) from the tree.
7. The Garden was called (**Eden**)
8. God took a (**Rib**) out of Adam to make a woman.

The Days of Creation



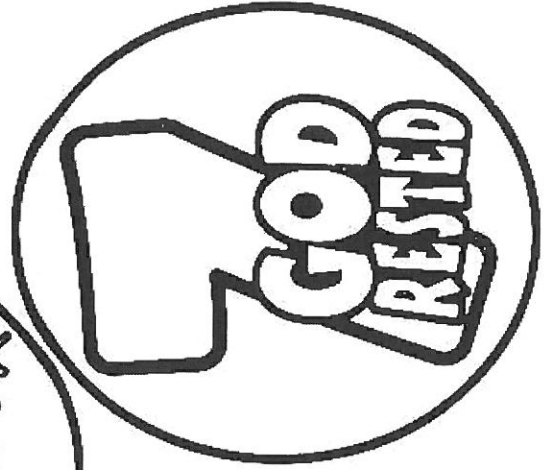
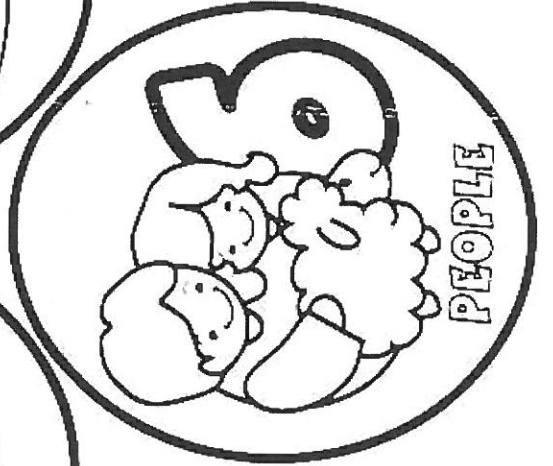
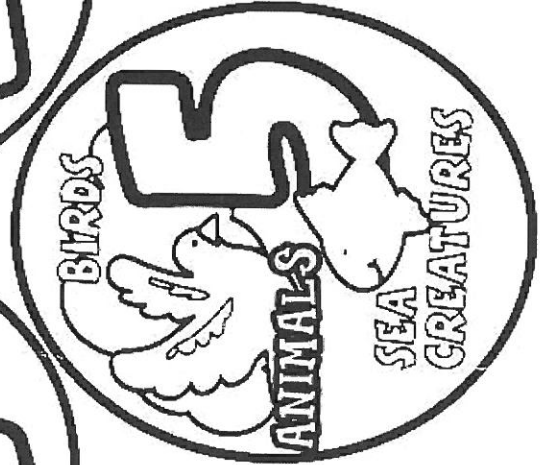
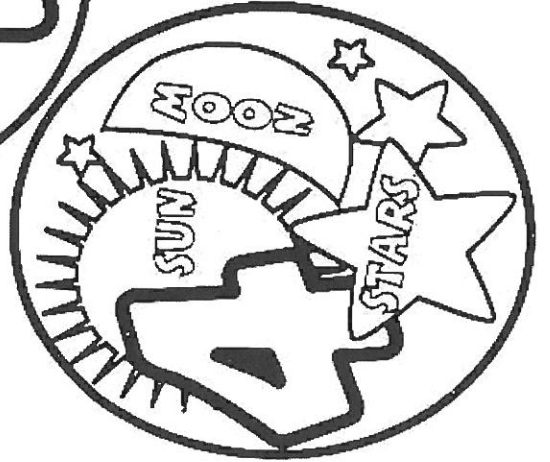
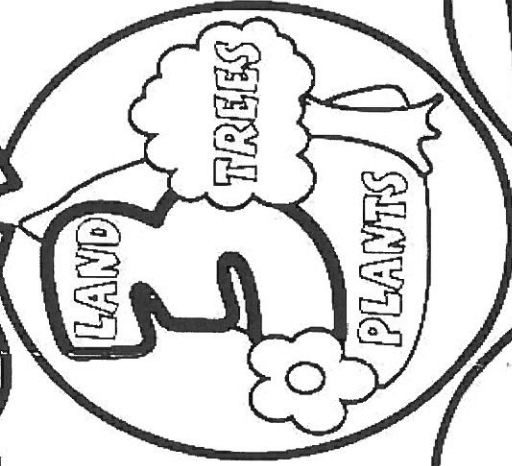
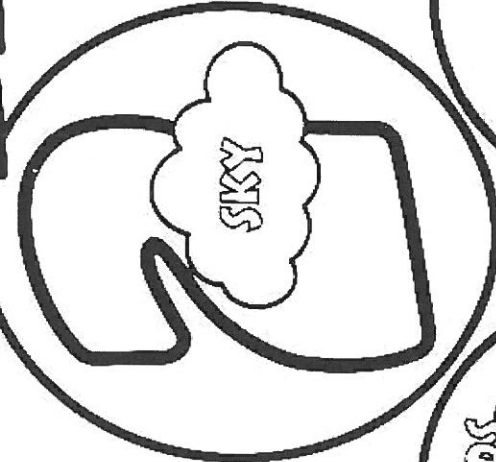
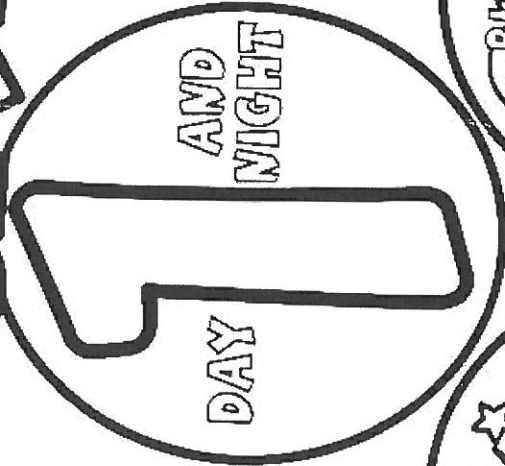
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Genesis 1:1

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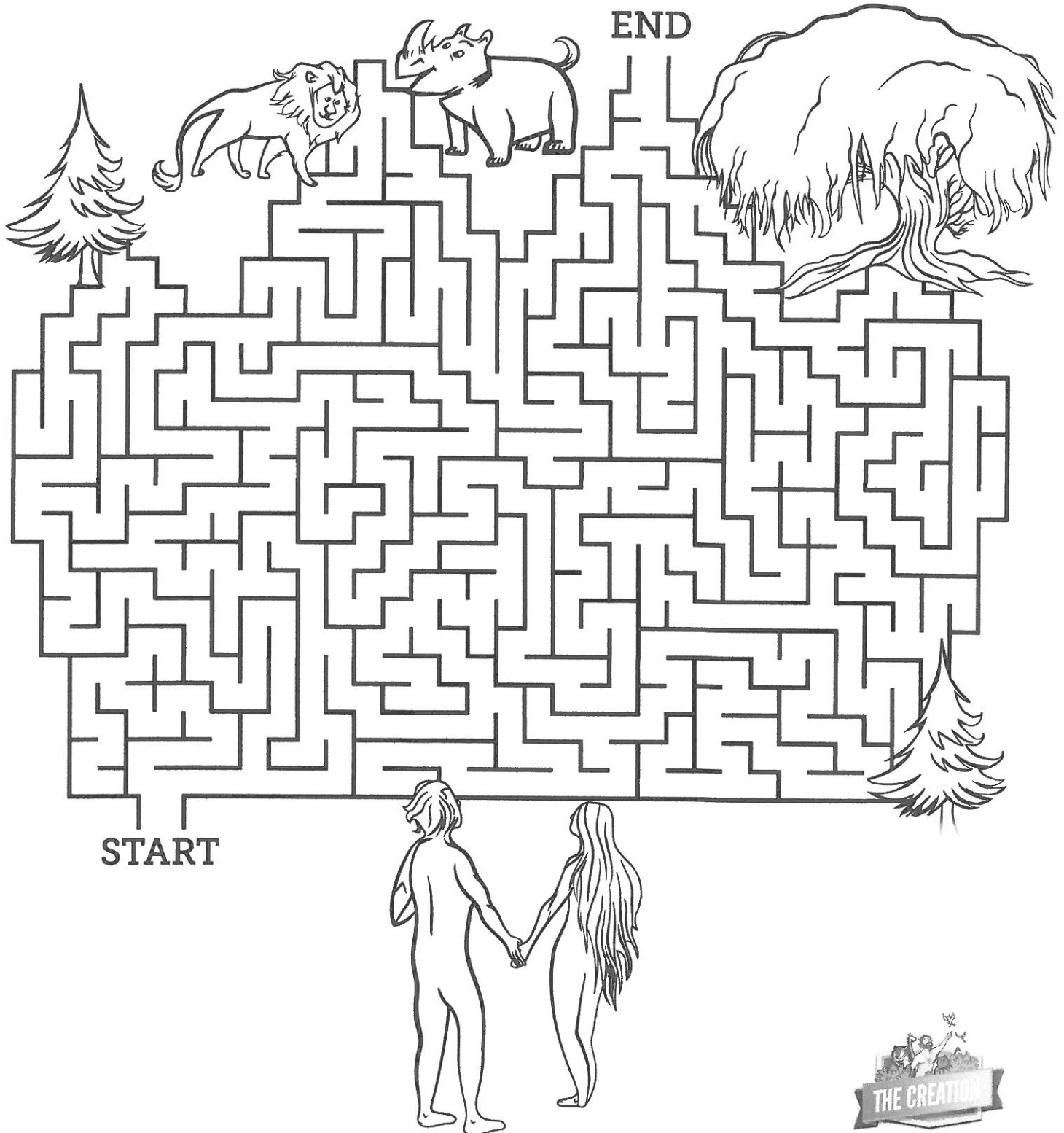


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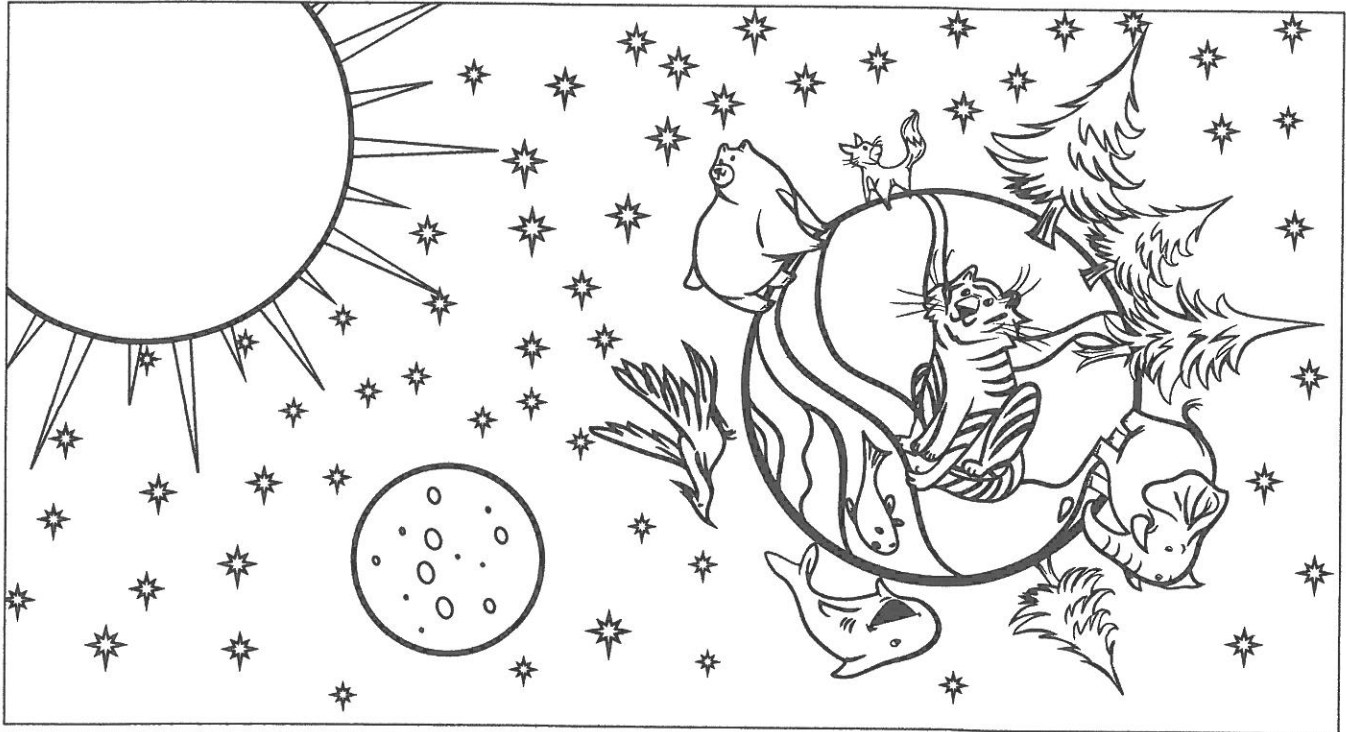
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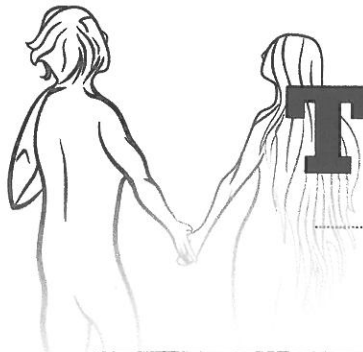
Guide Adam and Eve around the garden.



THE CREATION

Spot 8 differences between the two pictures.





THE CREATION



Discover the hidden words.

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C	A	W	C	H	E	P	Y	Y	Z	C	R	C	L	N
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Word Bank

GOD
MAN
IMAGE
CLAY

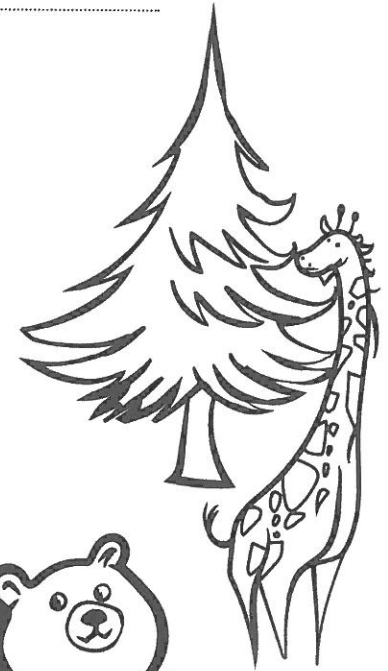
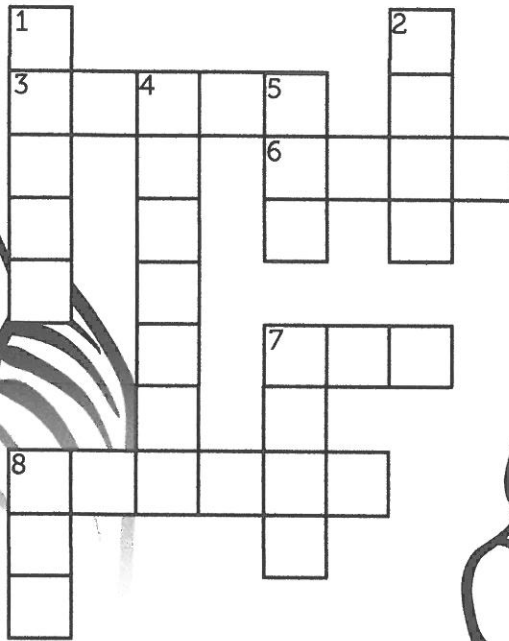
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SEVENTH
DAY
ANIMALS

EAT
FRUIT
EDEN
REST



THE CREATION

Genesis 1-2



Across

3. God made man in his own _____.
6. God named the first man _____.
7. Adam's wife's name was _____.
8. On the seventh day God _____.

Down

1. On the _____ day God declared his creation to be good.
2. God made the first man out of _____.
4. God made _____ of every kind.
5. Adam and Eve only had to follow one rule: not to _____ from the tree.
7. The Garden was called _____.
8. God took a _____ out of Adam to make a woman.



GENESIS



GENESIS
CHAPTER
ONE & TWO



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THE CREATION STORY

THE CREATION

*IN THE BEGINNING, THERE WAS
ABSOLUTELY NOTHING TO SEE...*

*...NO EARTH, NO STARS,
NO ANIMALS, AND NO LIGHT.*

THERE WAS ONLY GOD.

A large, glowing Earth is centered in the lower half of the page, surrounded by a field of stars and nebulae in shades of blue and purple. The Earth is shown with continents and oceans, and it has a bright white ring around it, suggesting a bright light source. The background is a dark, starry space with various colors of light and dust.

*GOD THEN DECIDED TO CREATE A
BEAUTIFUL WORLD TO DISPLAY HIS
GOODNESS AND SPLENDOR.*



HE JUST SPOKE THE WORDS,
AND IT CAME TO BE...

...VAST CRAGGY MOUNTAINS, SOARING
BEAUTIFUL TREES, CRYSTAL LAKE, WINDING
RIVERS, AND ANIMALS OF EVERY VARIETY.



HE PLACED A MASSIVE SUN IN THE SKY,
WARMING THE EARTH DURING THE DAY...



...AND A MOON TO
ILLUMINATE THE NIGHT.

IT WAS A BREATHTAKINGLY
BEAUTIFUL CREATION.



BUT GOD WAS GETTING READY
FOR HIS GREATEST ACT YET:
THE CREATION OF MAN.



HE PLANNED TO MAKE
MAN SPECIAL, NOT LIKE
THE ANIMALS...


...GOD CREATED
MAN IN THE IMAGE
OF GOD HIMSELF.

THE CREATION

A hand with long, flowing, flame-like fingers reaches down from a bright, golden light towards a dark, hazy landscape. The hand is positioned in the upper right quadrant of the panel.

HE TOOK A BIT OF CLAY FROM THE EARTH, FORMED MAN, AND BREATHED LIFE INTO HIM.

GOD CALLED THE FIRST MAN ADAM.

A hand with long, flowing, flame-like fingers reaches down from a bright, golden light towards a glowing point on a dark, hazy landscape. The hand is positioned in the upper right quadrant of the panel.

GOD MADE ADAM LIKE HIMSELF - WITH A MIND, CREATIVITY, WONDER, AND EMOTIONS, AND HE MADE HIM TO BE HAPPY.

A man with long hair and a beard lies on a surface, looking up. He is wearing a simple, light-colored garment. The background is a bright, pinkish-purple glow. The man is positioned in the lower half of the panel.

GOD CREATED MAN WITH A SOUL AND MORALITY.

THE CREATION



LIVING IN THE GARDEN OF EDEN, ADAM LEARNED ABOUT ALL OF THE ANIMALS.

HE PLAYED WITH THEM AND GAVE THEM EACH NAMES.

BUT SOMETHING WAS MISSING FROM ADAM'S LIFE.



WHILE IT MAY SEEM THAT ADAM HAD IT ALL...

...A SAFE AND WONDERFUL PLACE TO LIVE, MILLIONS OF PETS OF EVERY VARIETY...

...ADAM WAS MISSING A HUMAN FRIEND.

THE CREATION

GOD PUT ADAM TO SLEEP, CAREFULLY TOOK ONE OF ADAM'S RIBS, AND FORMED WOMAN.

NOW, THERE WERE PEOPLE LIVING IN GOD'S GREAT CREATION.

THEY WERE MADE FOR EACH OTHER—TO LOVE EACH OTHER, KEEP EACH OTHER COMPANY, ENJOY THIS BEAUTIFUL WORLD, AND WORSHIP GOD.

LIFE IN THE GARDEN WAS BEAUTIFUL AND BLISSFUL.

IT WAS, QUITE TRULY, PARADISE.

THE CREATION



ADAM AND EVE HAD NO WORRIES
BECAUSE GOD HAD CREATED THEM.

HE TOOK CARE OF THEM, THE ANIMALS
WERE PEACEFUL AND KIND, AND THEY HAD
ALL THE FOOD THEY WANTED.

THEY SAW BEAUTY
WHEREVER THEY TURNED.



ON THE SIXTH DAY OF CREATION, GOD
LOOKED AT EVERYTHING HE HAD MADE
AND SAID IT WAS GOOD.

ON THE SEVENTH DAY OF
CREATION, GOD RESTED
FROM ALL HIS WORK.



CREATION WAS BEAUTIFUL, AND MAN
WAS IN PERFECT HARMONY WITH GOD.

THE END