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## First Three Days

Long, long ago, no sun shone in the sky. There was no sky. No trees or flowers grew on the land. There was no land. No birds or animals or people lived on the earth. There was no earth.

There was nothing and no one but God, a great and wonderful God. God knew everything. He was everywhere all the time. He could do anything.

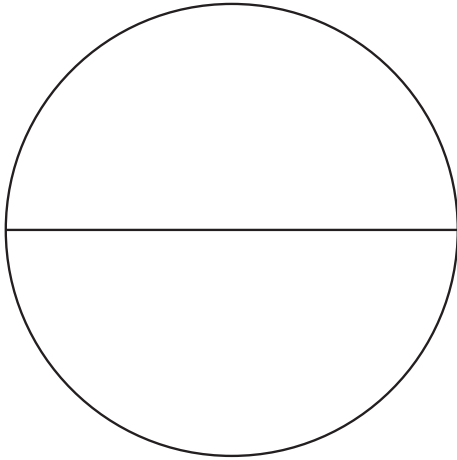
In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. It was dark and empty.

God did not want to leave the earth dark and empty. One day he said, "Let there be light." At His Word, light flooded the earth.

Then God made the sky. He put some of the water on the earth and some above the earth. He told the water on the earth to run together in the low places. Then He told grass and trees and flowers to grow on the land. Whenever God spoke, what He said came to pass out of nothing.

All of this happened in three days. Blue sky and water. Green grass and trees. Each day God made the earth more beautiful, just by telling things to happen. But God was not finished with His new world. He had plans for even more wonderful things.

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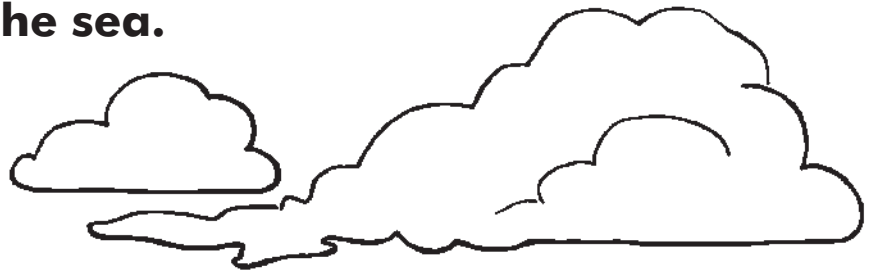


And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. Genesis 1:5

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**Color the sky and the sea.**

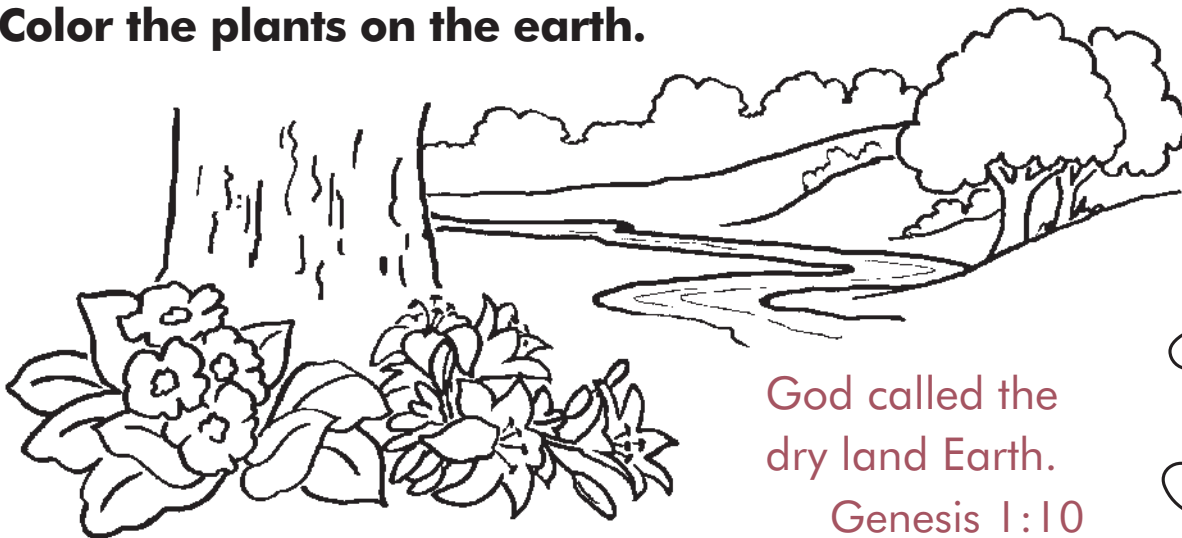
And God called the firmament Heaven. Genesis 1:8



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**Color the plants on the earth.**



God called the dry land Earth. Genesis 1:10

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# 2

## Three More Days

On the fourth day of creation, God put lights in the sky. A blazing hot sun for the day. A cool gold moon and billions of stars to light the night.

On the fifth day, at God's Word, all kinds of water creatures appeared out of nothing. They swarmed in the seas and rivers all around the world.

God spoke again, and birds came into being. Big birds with long bills and long legs. Little birds with short bills and short legs. Black birds and white birds. Blue birds and red birds. Yellow birds and green birds. Birds in the air and on the ground. Birds in the trees and on the water.

Was the earth finished now? No. God wanted still more

living things on His new earth.

On the sixth day He created animals. Suddenly, running, hopping, crawling creatures appeared on the earth when God spoke. Worms and wolves. Giraffes and grasshoppers. Tigers and turtles. And many other creatures you have never seen or heard of.

Last of all God created a man and a woman. They were different from the other living things, for God had given them living souls. He told them to take care of the earth.

Now the heavens and the earth were finished. All that God had made was good and beautiful and perfect. That was because God, Himself, is good and beautiful and perfect.

**Color the pictures of Creation.**

God made two great lights . . . to rule the day, and . . . night:



he made the stars also. Genesis 1:16

And God said, "Let the waters bring forth [creatures] abundantly . . .



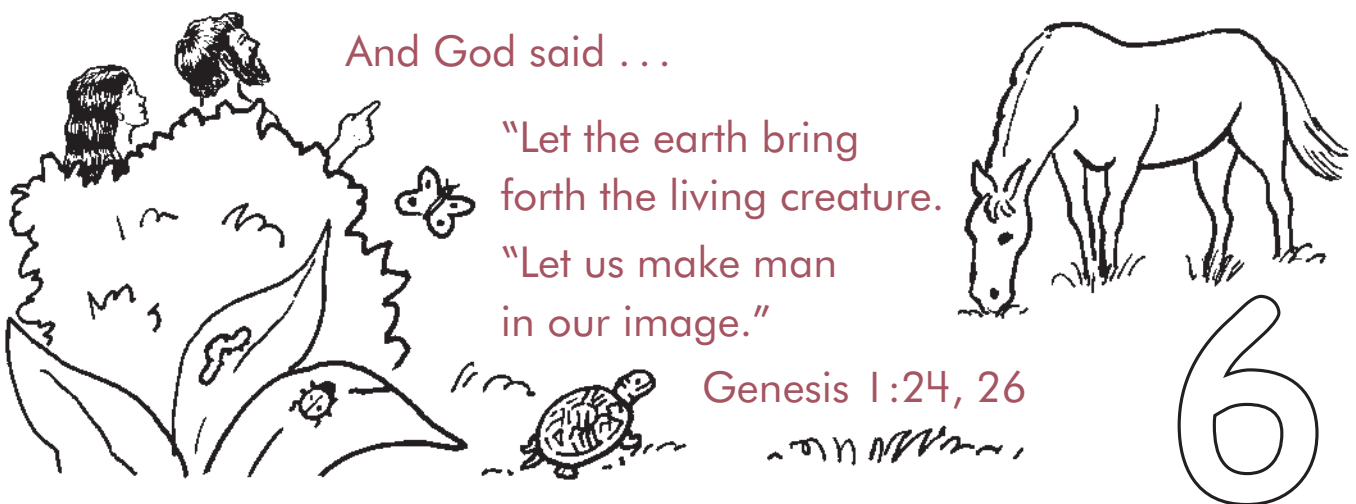
and fowl that . . . fly above." Genesis 1:20

And God said . . .

"Let the earth bring forth the living creature.

"Let us make man in our image."

Genesis 1:24, 26



# 3

## God Gave a Day of Rest

At the end of six days God stopped making things. Now the earth was not dark. A bright sun shone down on the purple mountains and green fields.

The world was not empty. Many birds sang in the trees. Many animals lived in the hills and valleys and seas. God had made a good man and woman. Their names were Adam and Eve. God gave them work to do.

In six days God had made everything that He wanted to make. So He rested on the seventh day.

Was God tired after working six days? No, indeed. He could work day and night for years and never get tired. For Him, rest meant only that He did not work.

But God knew that Adam

and Eve would get tired. He knew their children would get tired. Horses would get tired plowing the fields. Oxen would get tired pulling wagons. Little donkeys would get tired carrying loads. Any person or animal that worked would get tired.

So God made the seventh day a special day of rest for Adam and Eve. He gave it to us too. He said we should work six days just as He had done. Then we should rest one day like He did.

Mothers and fathers should rest. Children should rest. All working animals should rest. People should keep the day holy. How good God was to give a day for us to rest and worship Him.

Adam and the animals enjoy a day of rest.

**Color the picture.**



God . . . rested on the seventh day from all his work.

Genesis 2:2

# 4

## God Made a Home

The good LORD God had given Adam and Eve a day of rest. Now He wanted to give them a place to live. So He planted a garden for them.

This garden was not like the one your family plants. It was more like a beautiful shady park. God called it the Garden of Eden.

God planted many fruit trees in the Garden of Eden. He also planted many trees just because they were beautiful to look at. A clear river ran between the trees of this lovely garden.

In the middle of the garden God put two special trees. One was so special that God told Adam not to eat its fruit.

Of course, Adam and Eve did not need the fruit of that

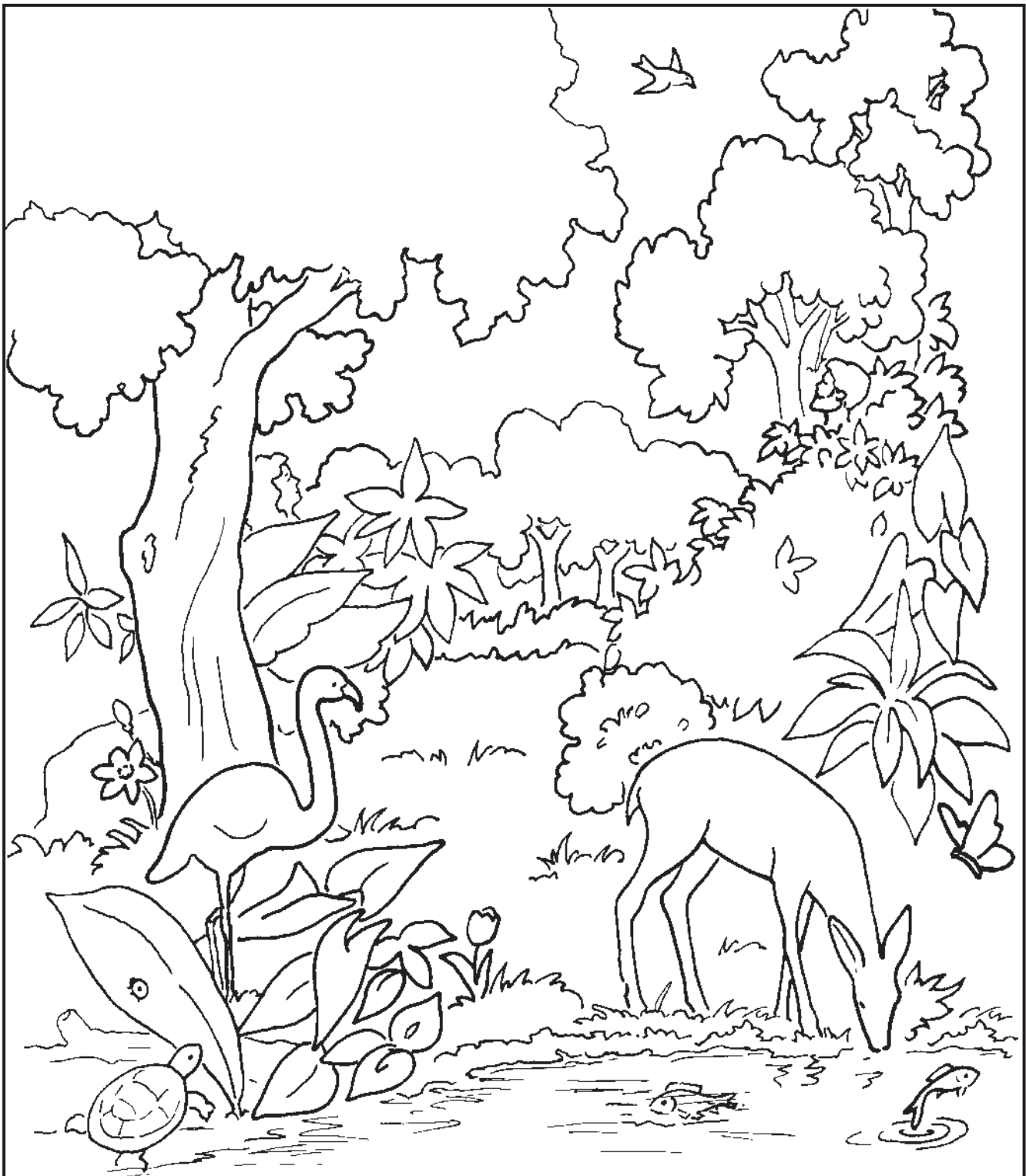
one tree. They had apple trees. They had cherry and orange trees. They had peaches and pears and lemons. They had fruit trees that you have never seen or heard of.

What a wonderful home God had made for Adam and Eve. All was perfect. Nothing was ugly or mean or sinful.

At that time Adam and Eve and all the animals ate only plants. Foxes did not eat rabbits. Cats did not catch mice. Lions did not chase zebras.

Adam was not afraid of any animal. No animal was afraid of Adam. All was peace and beauty and goodness in the home God made for Adam and Eve.

**Find and circle 12 hidden pictures.** There are 2 each of these: people, birds, bugs, fish, animals, and flowers.



The LORD God planted a garden . . . in Eden; and there he put the man whom he had formed. Genesis 2:8