

THE CREATION

Old Testament Lesson #1

This is the account of God's formation of the earth. When God began, the earth was "formless and empty."

Day 1: God created light and separated it from the darkness. The light was called "day" and the darkness was called "night."

Day 2: God created the atmosphere. He called this "sky." It divided the waters above (the cloud layer) from the waters below (the seas).

Day 3: At God's command, dry land emerged from the waters that had covered the globe. Then he called for it to produce grasses, plants and trees, each possessing the power of reproduction.

Day 4: God appointed the sun, moon and stars to give light upon the earth. They were also used to serve as signs to mark the earth's times and seasons.

Day 5: God said that the oceans were to be filled with marine life, and birds made to fly in the sky. God told them, "Be fruitful and increase in number"

Day 6: God created livestock, reptiles and wild animals out of the ground (see Genesis 2:19). Next, humankind was created in the image of God. They were created male and female. God directed them to be fruitful and increase in number, and to fill the earth and subdue it. To everything that had life, God gave green plants for food. At the end of the sixth day, God pronounced everything that he had made "very good."

Day 7: On the seventh day, God rested from his creative work. He blessed the seventh day and made it "holy" (meaning set apart).

POINTS TO CONSIDER:

- Jesus referred to the creation of humankind in Mark 10:6-8 and to God as the Creator of the world in Mark 13:19.
- God's resting on the seventh day became the basis for the observance of the Sabbath. See Exodus 31:12-17.

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- I. God began his creative work with the world.
 - A. Day 1: He made light and separated it from darkness.
 - B. Day 2: Then he created sky and waters.
 - C. Day 3: God separated the land from the waters and made plants.
- II. God finished his creation in three more days.
 - A. Day 4: He made the sun, moon and stars.
 - B. Day 5: He filled the oceans and skies with life.
 - C. Day 6: He created animals, then a man and a woman.
- III. On the seventh day, God blessed his work and rested.

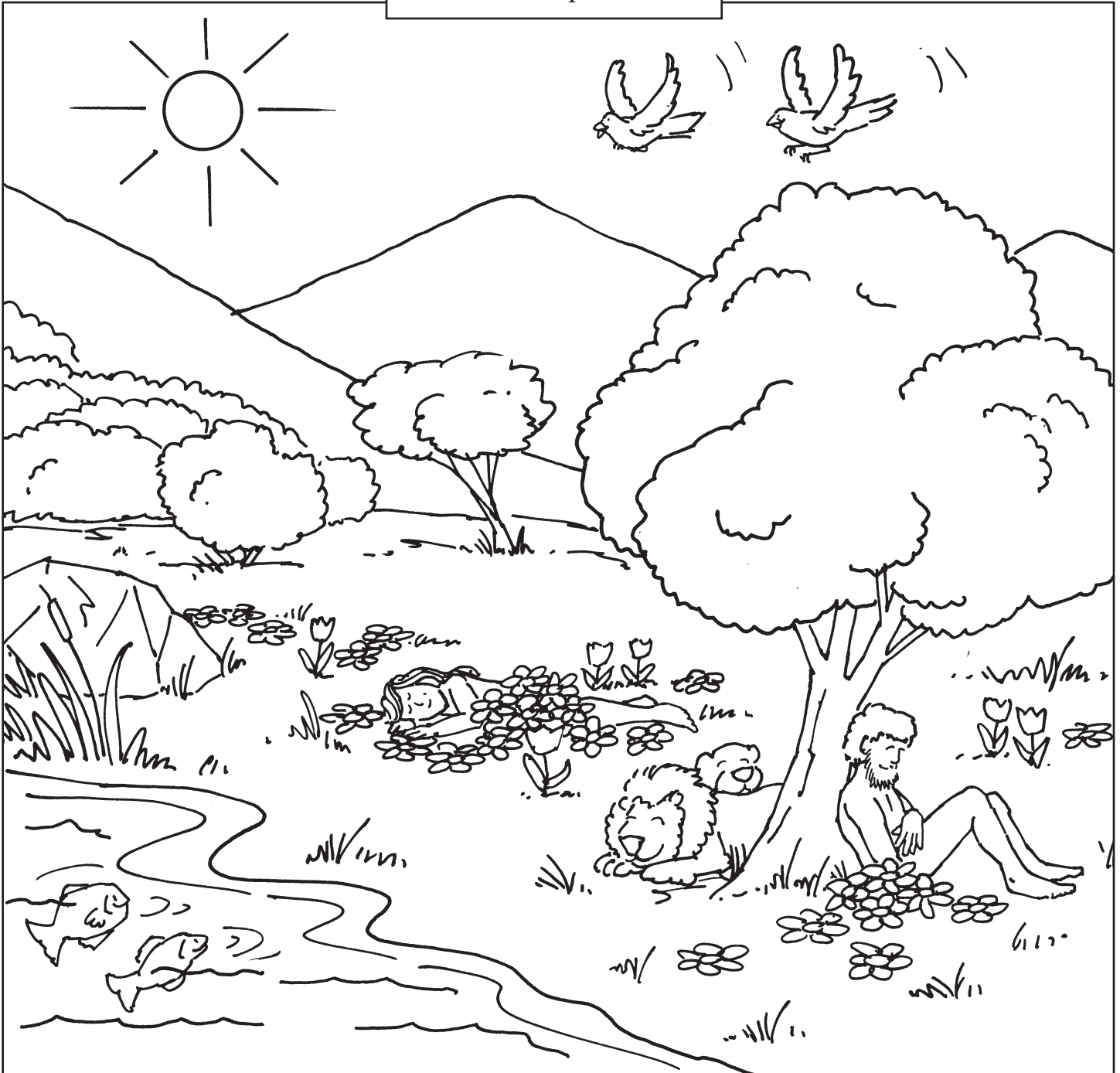
ANSWER KEY:

day, night, sky, dry land, plants, seas, sun, moon, stars, marine life, birds, livestock, reptiles, wild animals, man, woman

The, seventh, day, was, special, God, rested, And, God, said, that, it, was, very, good

God created everything.
He said it was "very good," and then He rested.

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