



CREATION
CELEBRATION

Creation Celebration

– The true story of the week the world was created—about 6,000 years ago.

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(See Genesis 1 & 2)

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Introduction:

Once upon a time, not too long ago – well, at least not as long ago as some people have thought – a special planet was created. This planet had the ability to sustain life, to grow plants, and to house all kinds of creatures, from oh so big to some so small that they can't be seen, unless you look real hard and use special equipment – like a microscope.

For only half-a-dozen thousand years, the world that you see around you – and the universe that surrounds it – has been in existence. That may sound way too amazing to some people, because it means things would have needed to have been created rather fast. And it did happen fast! But not in a sudden boom. God the creator of the Earth and all that is naturally on it, as well as all that is seen in space, took time to plan it down to the detail. He even planned who would get to live there, once it was made.

When God was ready, He gave the word and brought His plans into being. It took God just one week to complete the creation of the world and the universe and all that is in them, which included creating the first perfectly formed humans.

There were just two people to start out with, that were there by the end of "creation week". They had the job of looking after things, as well as populating the planet with more and more people, through the children they would have, and the children their children would have when they grew up. The world had been made as a place for them – and us – to live and love and learn.

Here's a peek into the week when God created the world.

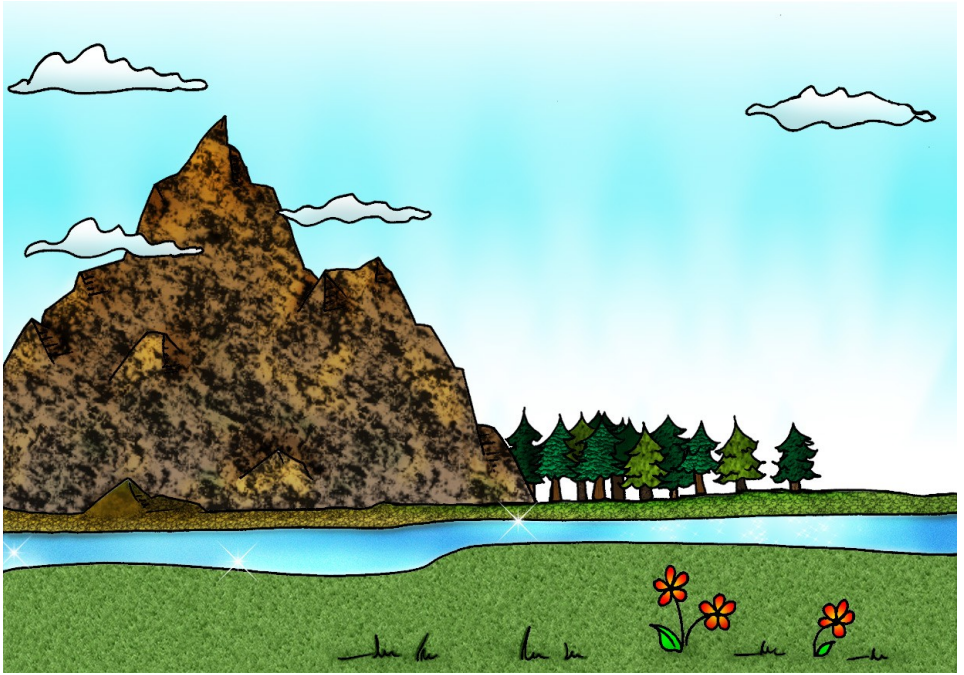


DAY 1

God created the Earth and all the beautiful places in it.

First He created the light.

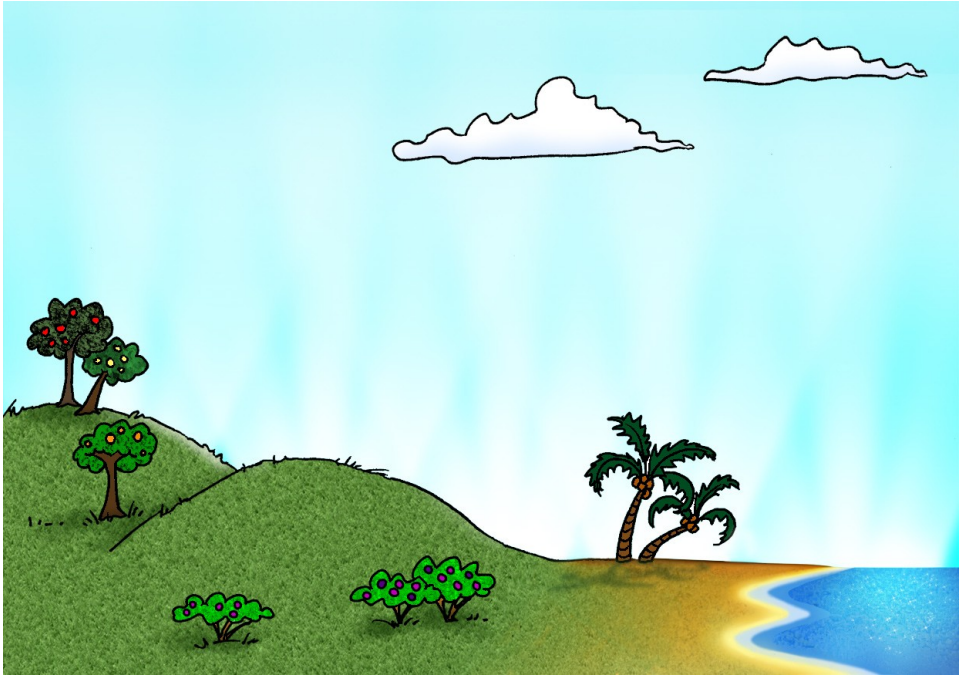
“Let there be light”, He said, and then there was light!



DAY 2

Next, God spoke and created the sky and air around the world.

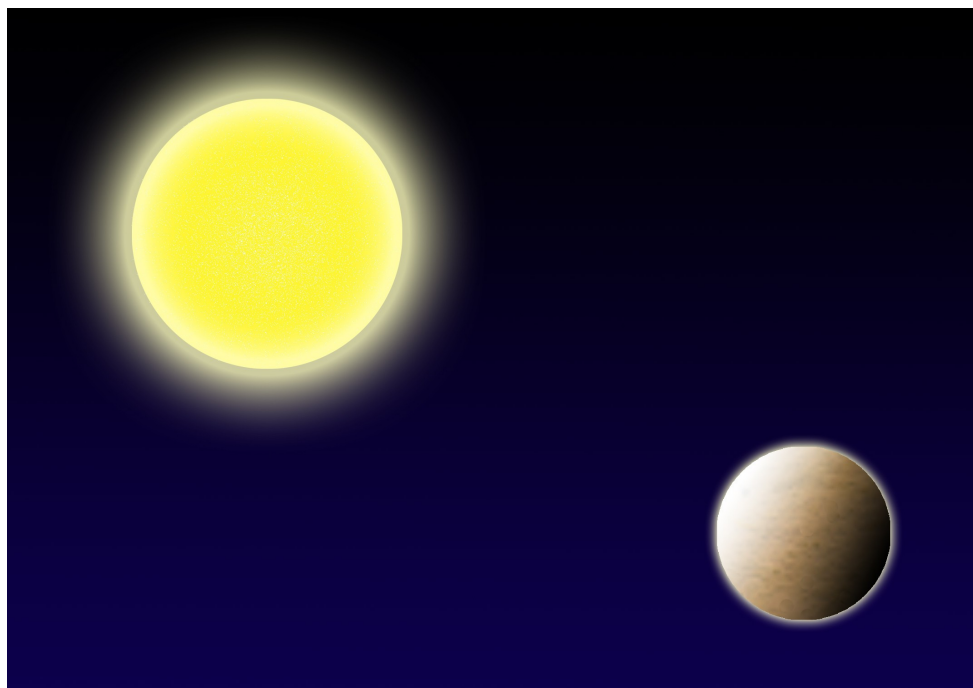
He separated the water, leaving some below on the Earth, and placing some way up above.



DAY 3

Then it was time for the land to be formed. After that, God filled the world with many pretty things like plants, fruit, food to eat, grass, trees, beaches, rocky mountains, and flower-filled meadows.

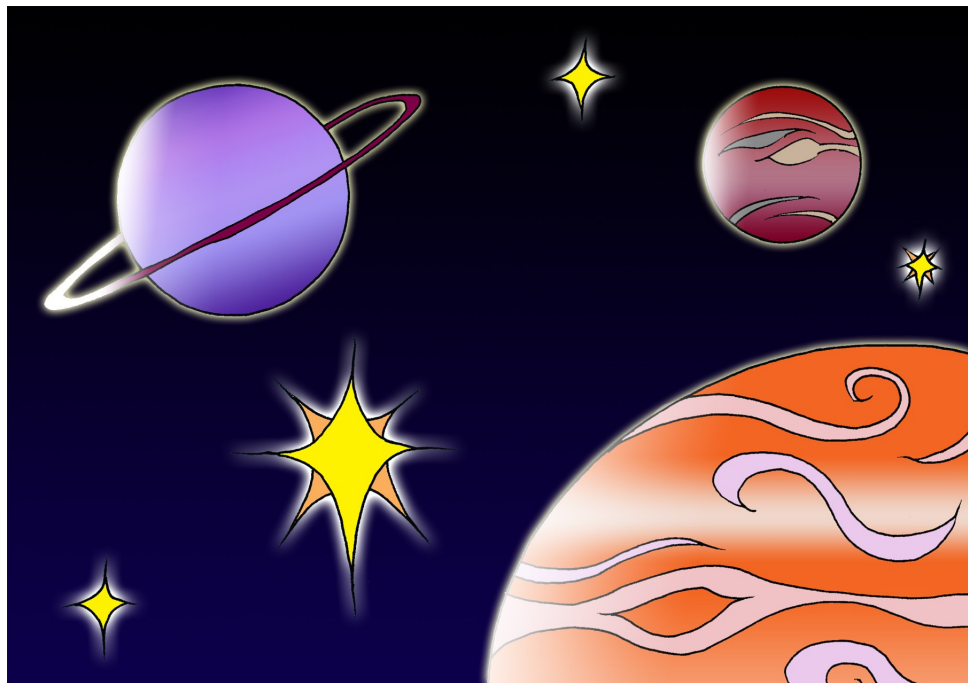
It was a lovely place!



DAY 4

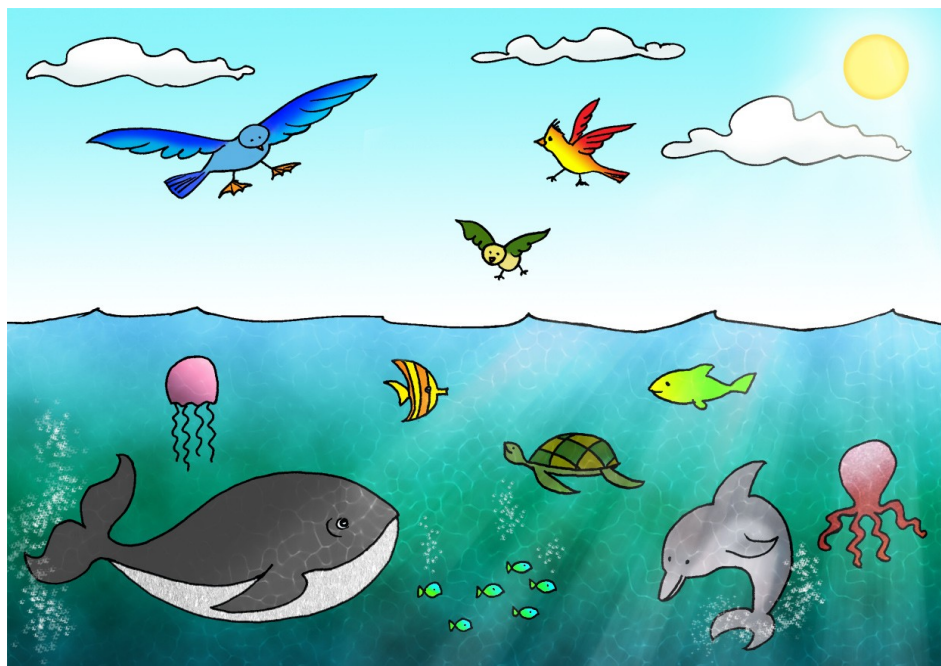
God made some lights in the sky, so the Earth could have what it needs.

He created the sun to shine and light up the day, and the moon to shine at night. The sun helps plants to grow and keeps the Earth warm.



God also added stars and planets in the space surrounding the Earth—a whole universe!

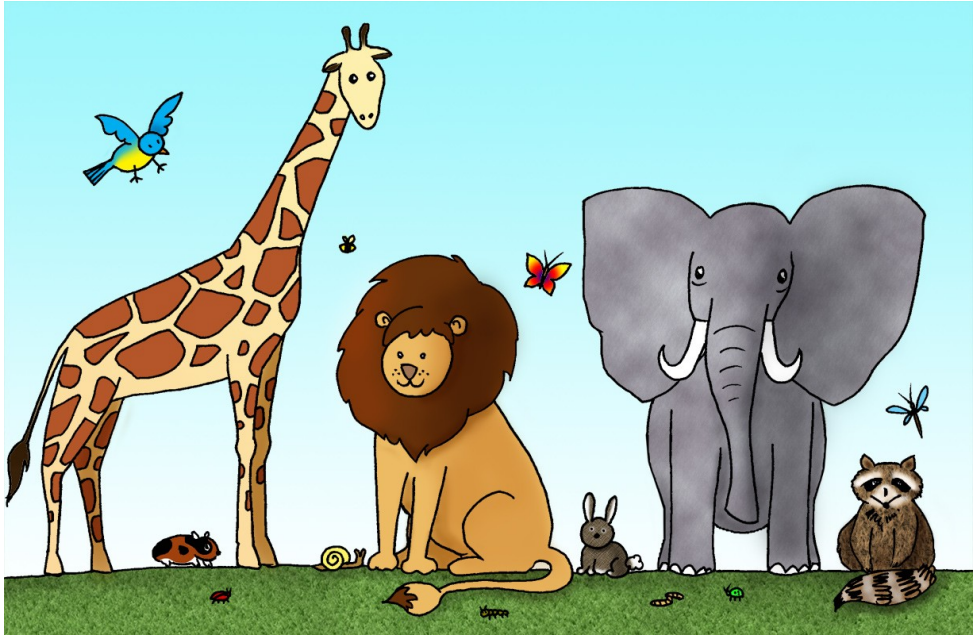
God created and placed everything just right so that Earth would be a great place to live.



DAY 5

God put fish and sea creatures in the oceans and rivers, lakes and ponds.

He made birds that can travel through the sky, on land, and on the water's surface. He made birds that build their nests in trees, and birds that sing.



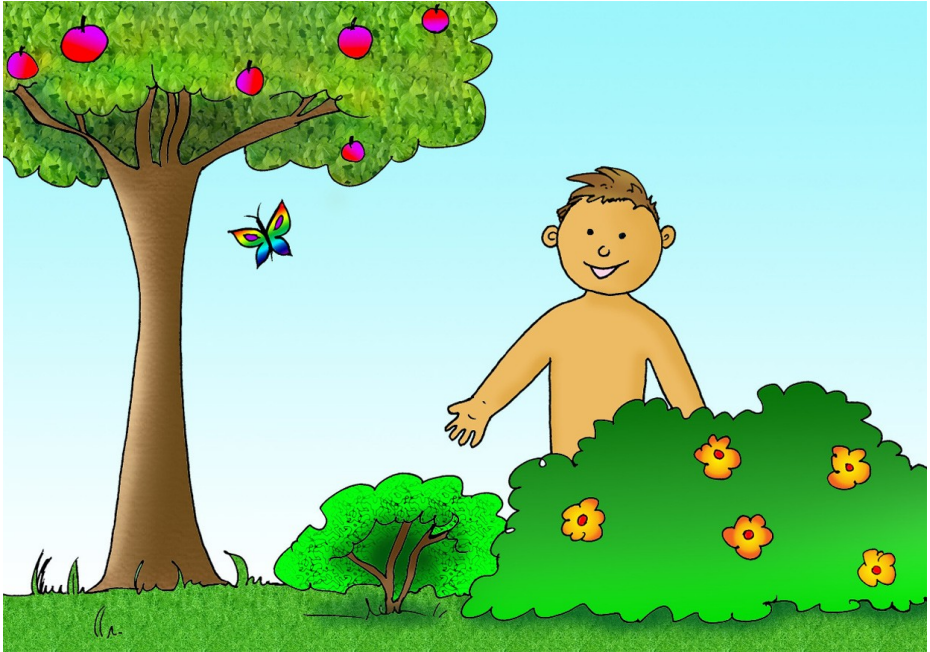
DAY 6

Then land animals, both large and small, began to explore the new world God had made.

There were huge and heavy animals, and tiny little flying bugs. There were fast-moving creatures and some very slow animals.



Some had feathers, some had fur, some had scales, some had skin, some had shells, and some had wings. God liked them all, and they were all friendly and happy animals.



The world was a beautiful place to be, and ready for the first human beings.

God then used some soil from the ground to do the most amazing thing. Out of the dirt He made a man!

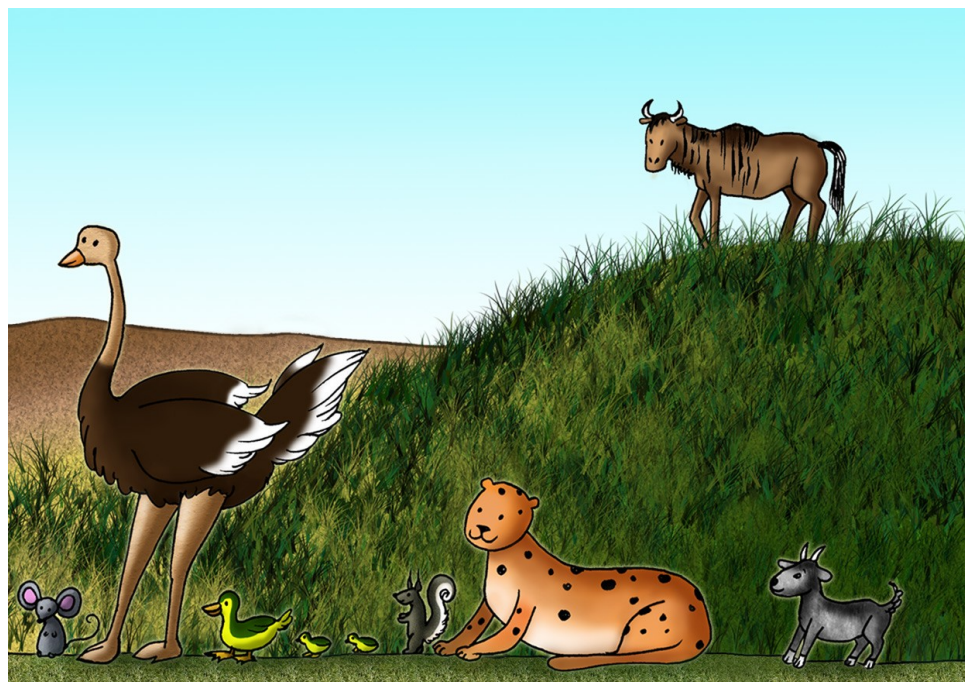


Then He breathed life into him.
The first man's name was Adam.

God loved Adam! He then gave
Adam a fun job to do—to choose
what each animal should be called.
Adam named all the animals.

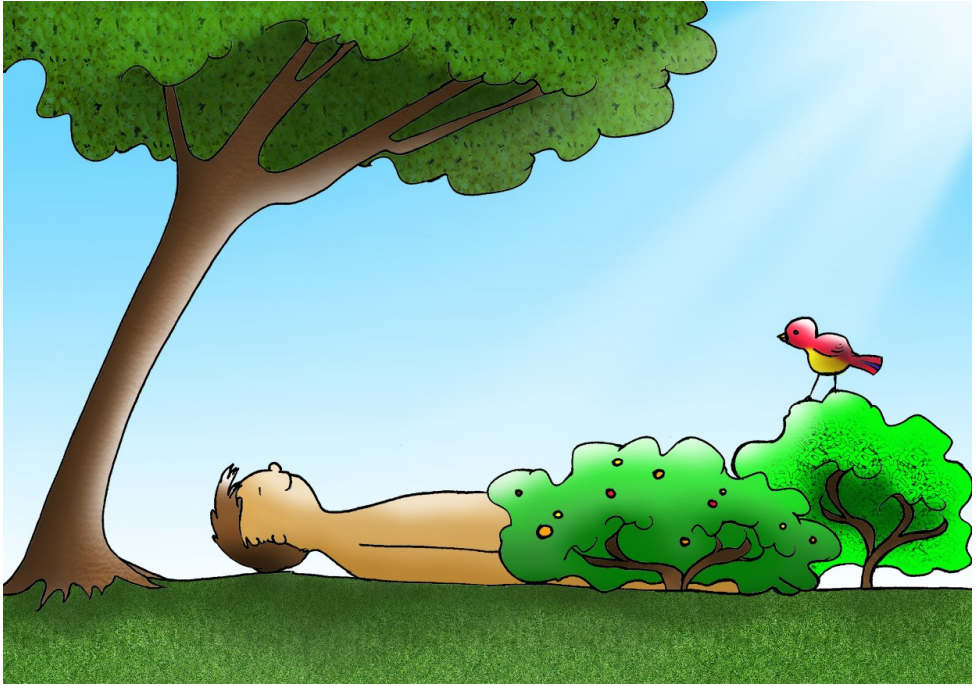


Do you like friends? Even though Adam—the first man to live on Earth—had a beautiful world filled with only good things, and had great things to see and lots of animals around that were kind and friendly, Adam wanted something more.



He liked his new animal friends, but he was also lonely, as he was the only person on Earth.

Adam wished for a friend, a person he could live with and talk to, and love—someone made like him.



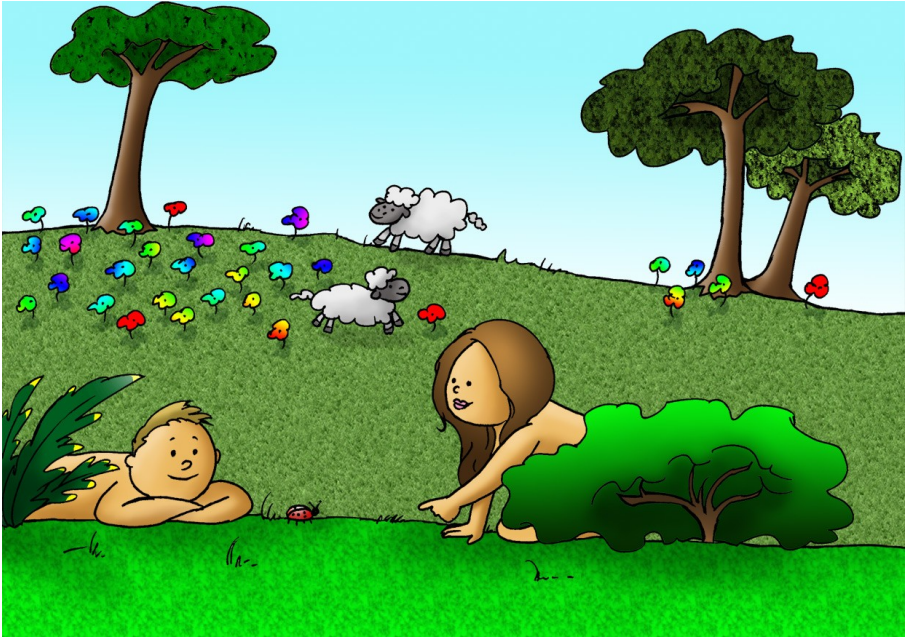
God knew he needed a friend, a person to live with, talk to, and to be a companion for him.

So after putting Adam to sleep, God prepared a special friend for him.



When Adam woke up, he saw what God had made—a woman!

Adam was very happy. He loved her and called her "Eve". She was the world's very first woman.



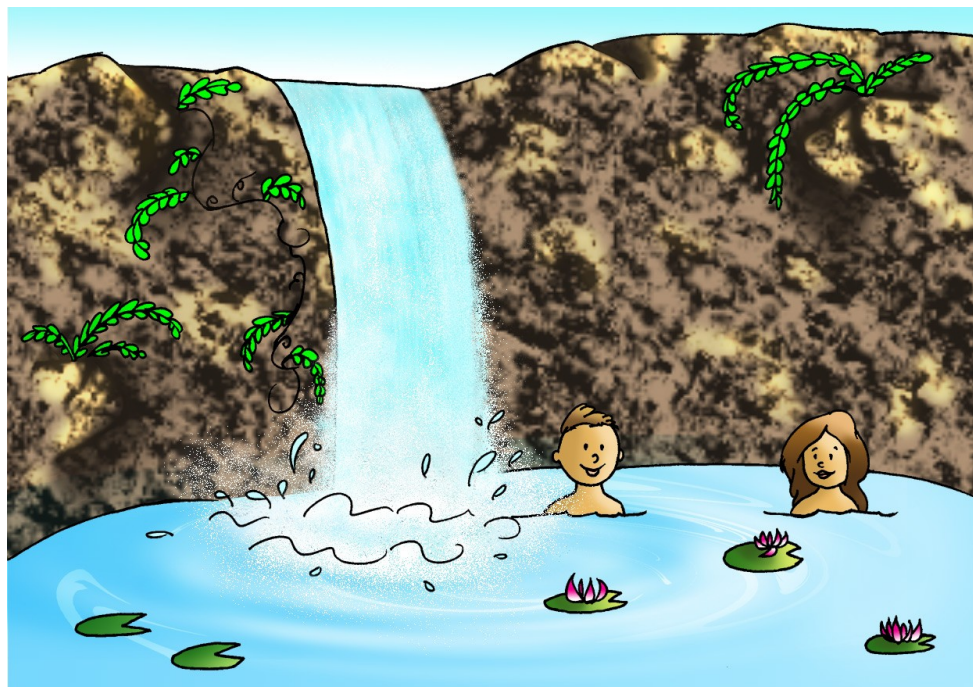
God liked watching all the neat and cool things that His creation could do! He could see the people running and exploring a new area they had just discovered, and a bright-coloured bug finding its way across the grass.



DAY 7

God saw the funny animals at play, the birds in the trees and sky, singing their songs.

He gazed at the colourful display in the sky at sunset, and at all the beautiful types of flowers. It was so much fun for Him.



God saw all that He'd made, and said it was good! God took time to stop and look and listen and enjoy it all. He took a day to rest.

We can and should do the same—take time to rest, to talk with God, to enjoy nature, to laugh.



The whole world was like one big, beautiful garden. It was a fantastic place to be. God wanted to make a really special place, a garden for Adam and Eve to live in and have all that they needed.

LATER



God created a place called "The Garden of Eden" and there He put the first people He'd made. It was such a wonderful place to be.

There were no thorns or harmful plants. The trees had plenty of fruit, and other types of food were growing in the garden.

It was the most beautiful place that ever existed on Earth.



Adam and Eve were perfectly safe there, and enjoyed exploring and helping to care for this garden that God had given them the job of looking after.

The whole world was lovely, the animals friendly, and it was all good!

What made things different now on Earth? Why are there harmful things? Find out in "The Fall and the Flood" booklet.



***In the beginning God created
the heaven and the earth.***
(Genesis 1:1)