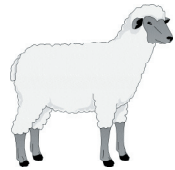


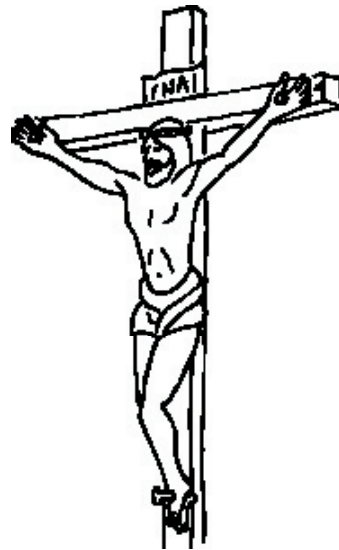
God's plan swung into action. He came to visit Adam and Eve in their garden home. They felt guilty, afraid and naked. God made them clothes so they would feel comfortable and He explained His emergency plan.

A descendant of the woman would save them (see Genesis 3:15). Until that person came to save them, God asked them to do something that made them very sad. They had to kill a little lamb. This was so hard for them to do. Every time this happened, it would remind them of the Perfect One who would die because of their bad choices just like the innocent lamb died even though it had done nothing wrong.

Despite Adam and Eve's mistakes, God made it possible for them to choose to accept His gift of life.



Would other humans accept God's offer of life?



It would be so hard to kill a little lamb. I'm glad that stopped when the Perfect One came.

If you keep studying these lessons, you will learn how to accept God's offer of life today!



GOD SENT HIS SON TO BE MY FRIEND

LESSON 1 God Plans Ahead

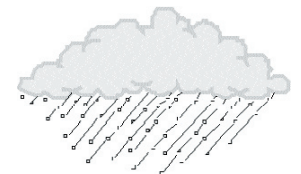
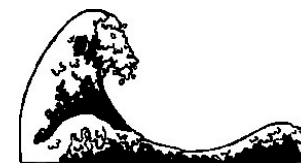
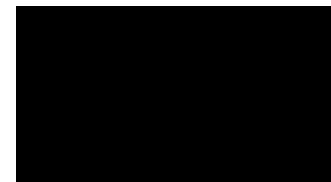
The Bible is a story about God's love for people on this earth. Here is how the story begins ...

Long before the earth existed, God planned ahead.

God, the Creator, planned to make people in His very own image. They would be like Him in many ways. Most important, they would have free choice. They would not live by instinct like most animals, nor like robots who just do as they are programmed. They would be thinking, reasoning people who could choose what to do.

What did God start with when He came to make this earth a home for people? Turn to your Genesis bookmark and find Chapter 1, verse 2.

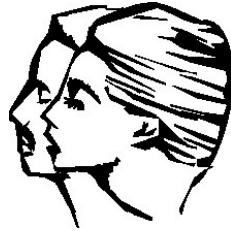
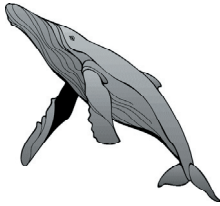
Circle the pictures below that show what verse 2 describes.



God always plans ahead. He knew He wanted a world with flowers, whales, parrots and people.

What did God need to do first?

Under the pictures below, write what would need to be created before they could live. The first one has been done for you.



air
land
water
light



On the first day, God started with light. He knew plants and creatures would need light in order to grow, and the people and animals would also need light to see what they were doing. He created the spectrum of colors, which is what light is made of. Aren't you glad He did not make our world just black, white and gray?



The next day God created something equally important if life was to survive on this planet.

The atmosphere.

The reason we cannot live on the moon is because there is no atmosphere there – no air that we can breathe, no humidity or moisture that humans, animals and plants need in order to live.



God made the seventh day as a special time for rest and friendship with Him, the loving Creator. God's plans were not only for the physical needs of people but for their social and spiritual needs as well. No matter how busy He was, He would take time to be with them every week.

Remember that God created people with the ability to choose. He did not force them to love and trust Him. What if one of them chose to disobey? God knew that life apart from Him was not possible. But He could not bear the thought of losing even one of His children. So God had planned ahead for that emergency.



Sure enough, the two new humans did make a very bad choice.

Did they immediately drop dead?

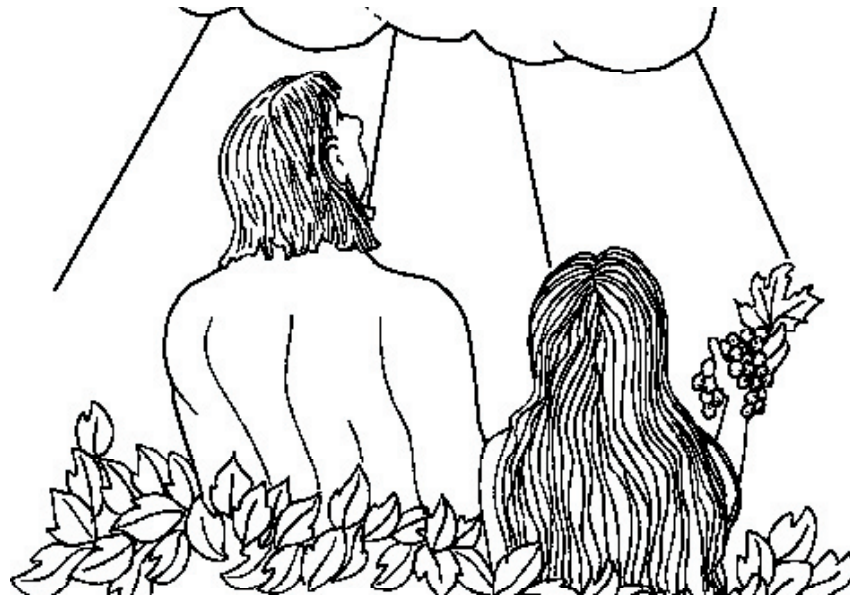


You can read this sad story in Genesis, chapter 3:1-7.

After seeing all the animals in pairs, Adam was lonely, even with all those “pets.”

Did God know this?

He certainly did! God caused Adam to fall into a deep sleep and then took a rib out of Adam’s side and used it to make a woman!



Why do you think God used a body part of Adam to make Eve?

Read the answer in Genesis 2:23, and write the reason on the line below.



That’s right! Adam loved Eve because she was a part of him.



On the third day, God created **dry land** so we wouldn’t have to swim all the time. After that, He just kept on creating.

God created **food** for the creatures He planned to place on His new planet.

He created **shelter** for them under and in the massive trees. He created **plants** in the sea to provide food and shelter and oxygen for the sea animals He was planning.

He also created automatic air purifiers. That’s right! **Leaves**, and all plants with green in them, work as air cleaners and make more oxygen for us to breathe.

Isn’t God awesome! He thinks of EVERYTHING!



In the pictures below, decide if each picture is food, air cleaner or shelter. Draw lines from each word to the correct pictures. You may choose more than one answer.



FOOD



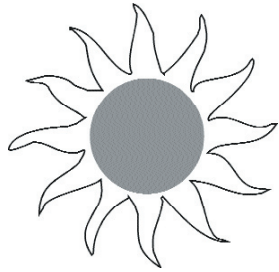
SHELTER

AIR CLEANER



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On the fourth day, God set up more ways of keeping time besides just counting the days. The lights for both day and night that we call the sun, moon and stars appeared.



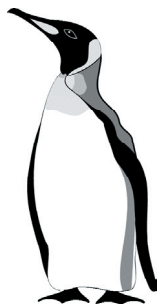
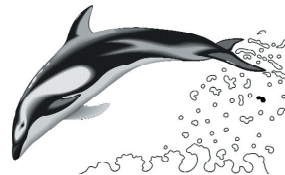
Read about this in Genesis 1:14-19.



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God had said everything was good so far, but don't you think He really had fun on the fifth day?

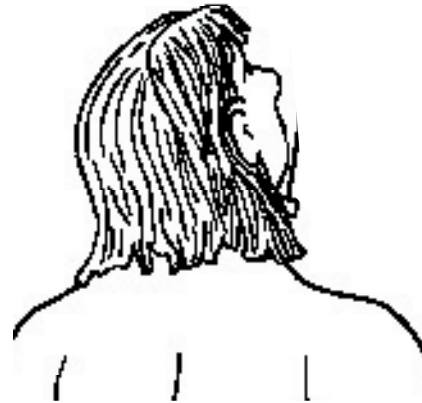
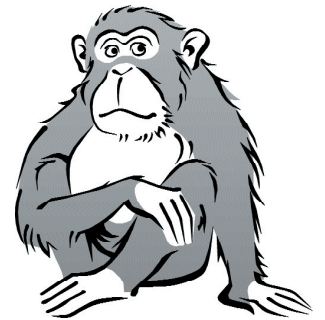
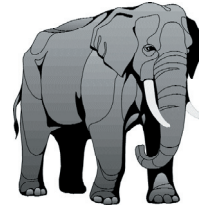
Read Genesis 1:20 and circle what God created on the fifth day.



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The sixth day was another busy day! What did God create?

Read Genesis 1:24-25 and put an X through the creatures God did not create on the sixth day.



God was not finished yet. He formed a man out of clay and named him Adam.

Then God introduced Adam to a lot of new friends. You can read about this in Genesis 2:19, 20.

