

Questions / Answers

1. What was the earth like in the beginning?
Dark, empty, covered in water, spirit of God moved over water
2. What did God make on each of the 6 days?
*1 light; 2 clouds/sky/seas; 3 land, plants; 4 sun, moon, stars;
5 fish and birds; 6 animals and man*
3. What did God do on the 7th day? What should we do?
God rested; we need to rest and use the day to worship God
4. What is God's spirit?
His word or breath, which is His power
5. How should we respond to seeing God's creation?
Believe in God, love God because He has shown love to us
6. How did God make man?
Made a model out of dust, breathed into his nose breath of life
7. What is a soul? *A living being*
8. What job did God give Adam to do?
Look after the garden and the animals
9. How did God make woman?
Put Adam into a deep sleep, made woman from one of his ribs
10. What does this teach us about marriage?
Companions; one man, one wife for life; leave home and marry

Memory verses Genesis 2:7; Matthew 19:4—6

Discussion *Can a soul live for ever?*

Read the Bible verses below. Talk about what they mean and you will find the answer to the question. *Genesis 2:7; 1 Timothy 6:15—16; Psalm 89:48; Ecclesiastes 9:5—6; Ezekiel 18:4*

Writing How and why did God make woman? What do we learn about the relationship between husband and wife? (Matthew 19:4—6)

CBM Senior Lessons

Lesson 2 God creates the world



READING Genesis 1 and 2

LESSON

God is the Creator. God's almighty power made our world and all living things in it. God is the Maker of heaven and earth.

In the beginning The first verse of the Bible says, "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." This happened many, many years ago. We do not know when this happened or how long it took to make the heavens and the earth. At that time the earth was dark, empty and covered with water.

Six days of creation Some time later, God decided to create the world we live in. God planned to make man and He wanted to make a beautiful world for man to live in. This would show man how much God loved him. On the first day of creation God said, "Let there be light." God made light. There was light and dark. There was day and night.

For six days God created our world.
On each day He created:

Day 1—Light.

Day 2— He separated seas and clouds.

Day 3—Land and plants.

Day 4—Sun, moon and stars.

Day 5—Fish and birds.

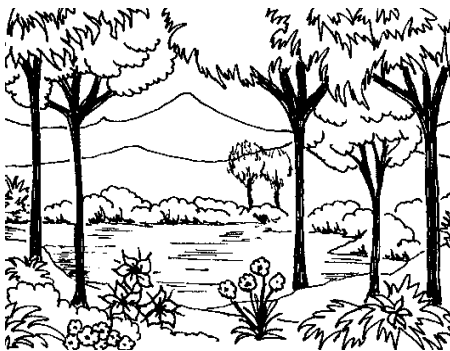
Day 6—Animals and man.



The spirit of God God created our world in six days. Each day God gave a command. We read that God said, "Let there be ... " And each day what God commanded was created. And God saw that it was good. Everything was created by the words that God said.

Psalm 33 verse 6 says, "By the word of the Lord were the heavens made, the starry host by the breath of his mouth." This tells us that everything was created 'by the word of the Lord.' God spoke and it happened. The second part of the verse repeats the same idea saying that all the stars were made by the breath of God's mouth. When we speak we use the breath in our mouth, so this is saying that God's word made the world. God's word is God's breath. Spirit means breath, so God's word is sometimes called His spirit. God's word, or breath or spirit is His power. It was this power which God used to create the world. God uses His power to make things happen.

Proof that God exists



Everything in the world around us shows that God does exist. Everyone can see the world God created, but many ignore God's creation and do not worship Him. When we look at the things around us, we should marvel at their beauty and the wonderful way in which everything works. It is obvious that everything was designed by a great Creator.

We should respond and believe that God is the Creator. We should believe in God and that God loves man and wants him to live in a beautiful world. We worship a great and loving God.

Romans 1: 20—21 "For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse. For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened."

God makes man God made man on the sixth day: the same day that God made the animals. God made man from the ground. God took some dust, or soil, and made a model of a man. Then he breathed into the man's nose and the man became alive. The model made from soil needed the gift of life from God to make it alive. When God breathed into the man's nose he became a living being or a living soul.

God made Adam the ruler over all the animals and gave him the plants and trees for food. God made a wonderful garden for him to live in. His job was to look after the garden.

God made man with a mind that is able to think and reason. Man is able to learn about God and to love Him. Adam saw all the animals and gave them names. But none of the animals were able to be a good companion for Adam. They could not talk to him and share his life. They could not learn about God and help Adam to love and obey God.

God makes woman So God made Adam sleep deeply. He took a rib out of Adam's side and made a companion for him. Adam called her 'woman' which means 'taken out of man'.



A man needs company and help. God knew this and provided a wife for Adam. God has given us marriage to give us the help and support we need. God made one man and one woman to be company for each

other. The lesson is that God made **one man and one wife for life**. God intended the husband and wife to work together and to help each other.

Jesus said that these verses in Genesis teach us about marriage. When a man marries, he and his wife should move out of their parents' homes and set up a home of their own. They then become a new family and must work together throughout their lives and be faithful to one another. The most important way to help your partner is to encourage them to love and obey God.

Choose your marriage partner carefully. He/she needs to be a good companion to you all your life. He/she will share your joys, sorrows, problems and difficulties until you die. He/she should be someone who will help you to love and obey God.

The seventh day After six days God had finished creating the world and everything in it. God looked at the world which He had made and it was very good. On the seventh day God rested. We also need to rest one day in the week. Our rest day is often Sunday, but it does not matter which day it is. We can use our rest day to worship God, but we should try to love God and obey Him every day.