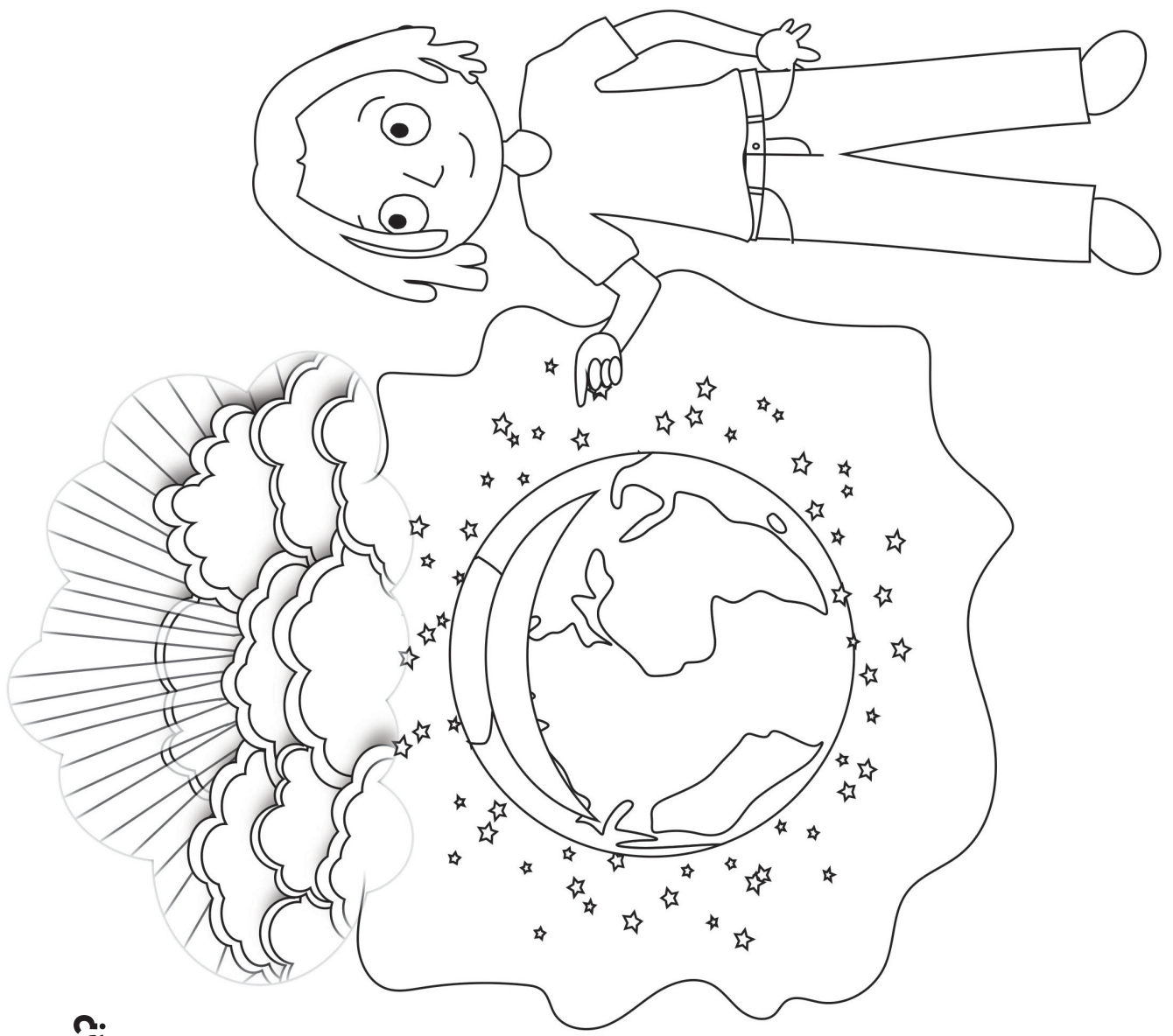


CAN YOU GUESS BIBLE TRUTH!
Can You Tell Me What God Made?
God Made All Things Good...

**God Made Everything Good
in Heaven and**

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**HINT: "What is the name of the world
we live in? It starts with an "e"
and it rhymes with "birth."**



Deep Down Detective Devotion: Unit 5, Bible Truth 1, Lesson 1



Big Question 5: Can You Tell Me What God Made?

Answer: God Made All Things Good... God Made Everything Good in Heaven and Earth!

Bible Truth 1 Meaning

God made everything in the beginning. He made the angels in heaven. He made the stars and moon we see at night, and the sun we see during the day. He made rivers, and mountains, and valleys. He made all the fish, the birds, the plants, the bugs, and the animals. He even made people. How did God make everything? He made it by His powerful word. He spoke, and everything was created. And it was all good—very good. There was no sin in any of it. It was all made just exactly right for God's good plans.

How do I know this is true? The Bible tells me so!

"I am the LORD, who has made all things, who alone stretched out the heavens, who spread out the earth by myself"
--- Isaiah 44:24

Some Questions for You

1. Who made everything in the beginning? *God did.*
2. Who did He make to live in heaven? *The angels.*
3. What did He make in the skies? *The clouds, the sun, the stars, the moon, the birds.*
4. What did He make to live in the oceans? *Fishes and other creatures that swim.*
5. What did He make on the land? *The plants, the bugs, the animals, and us!*
6. What did God do to make all things? *He just spoke and it came to be.*

Let's Pray!

- A** God, we praise You for being the Good Maker of all things in the beginning.
- C** God, You made people good in the beginning, but we have all chosen to disobey You. We do not take care of the good things You made for us to enjoy. We do not love others as You want us to. We do not love You as we should. We need a Savior!
- T** Thank You, God, for all the wonderful things You made for us to enjoy, like the sun and stars, animals, flowers, snow, oceans, and people. Thank You for what they show us about You. Thank You for making people able to know You and able to see how great You are when we look at all You have made.
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In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Let's Sing about What We're Learning!

Big Q & A 5 Song from *Deep Down Detectives NIV Songs 5, track 12*
(adapted version of "London Bridge Is Falling Down")

Can you tell me what God made?
What God made, what God made?
Can you tell me what God made?
God made all things good!

Big Question 5 Action Rhyme Song from *Deep Down Detectives NIV Songs 5, track 13*

Refrain:

Can you tell me what God made?
Can you tell me what God made?
Can you tell me what God made?
God made all things good,
God made all things good
(through Jesus/for His glory!)
God made all things good,
God made all things good!

Verse 1

Manatees, bumblebees, the air we breathe,
Orca whales, bunny tails and slimy snails,
Furry yaks, yummy snacks, bumpy camel
backs,
God made all things good!
Cookatoos, kangaroos, the sky so blue,
Sparkly gems, cherubim and monkey limbs,
Thunder clouds, peacocks proud,
the lion, big and loud!
God made all things good! *Refrain*

Verse 2

Frogs that leap, woolly sheep,
the shark's big teeth,
Tiny gnats, rivers fast, and chloroplasts,
Mountains high, octopi,
the stars up in the sky,
God made all things good!
Sandy dunes, sun and moon, doves that coo,
Flying fish, rhinoceros, the bugs we squish!
Apple trees, the wavy seas,
yes, even you and me!
God made all things good! *Refrain*

"I am the LORD, who has made all things,



who alone stretched out the heavens,



who spread out the earth by myself." Isaiah 44:24

Deep Down Detective Devotion: Unit 5, Bible Truth 1, Lesson 2



Big Question 5: Can You Tell Me What God Made?

Answer: God Made All Things Good... God Made Everything Good in Heaven and Earth!

How do I know this is true? The Bible tells me so!

"I am the LORD, who has made all things, who alone stretched out the heavens, who spread out the earth by myself."
--- Isaiah 44:24

Learn a Little: "I am the LORD, who has made all things."

Meaning

Who made everything? The LORD did! And who helped Him? No one! He alone made the heavens and everything in them. He alone made the earth and everything in it. Isn't God amazing!

Some Questions for You

1. What is God's name? *The LORD.*
2. What did the LORD make? *All things.*
3. Who helped the LORD make all things? *No one. He did it alone.*
4. What did the LORD put up above? *The heavens.*
5. What did the LORD create for us to live on? *The earth.*
6. What did the LORD make to go in the heavens and earth? *All creatures, all things... even us!*

Let's Pray!

- A** We praise You, God, for being our Good Creator. You made people, in the beginning.
- C** God, You made people to know and love You with the spirit You gave them. But we all have disobeyed You. We have all chosen to not love You. We have lost the gift of knowing You. We need a Savior!
- T** Thank You, God, for all the wonderful things You made for us to enjoy, like the sun and stars, animals, flowers, snow, oceans, and people. Thank You most of all, for making us in Your image so we can know You and see how wonderful You are in everything we see around us.
- S** God, work in our hearts. Help us to turn away from disobeying You and trust in Jesus as our own Savior. Help us to know You and love You with the spirit You put inside us. Fill us with Your Holy Spirit, that we might live for You and enjoy You forever. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

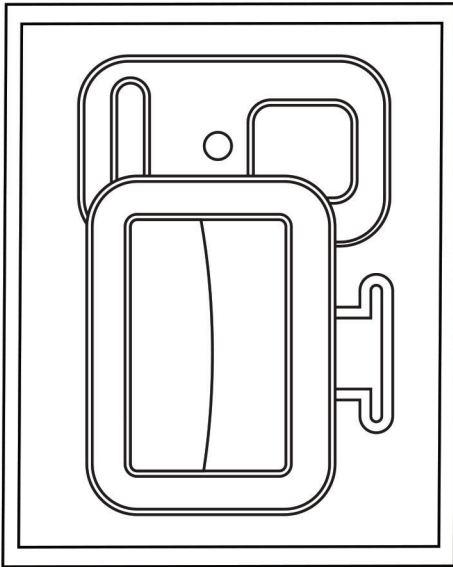
Let's Sing Our Bible Verse!

I Am the LORD: Isaiah 44:24

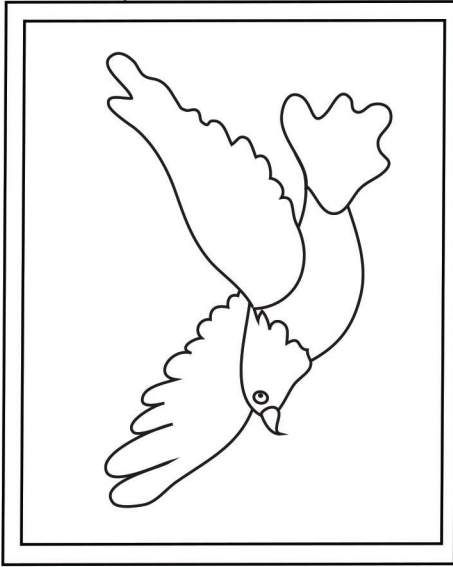
from *Deep Down Detectives NIV Songs 5, track 17*

I am the LORD, who has made all things,
Who alone stretched out the heavens,
I am the LORD, who has made all things,
Who spread out the earth by myself.
I am the LORD (I am the LORD!)
I am the LORD (I am the LORD!)
Isaiah Forty-four, twenty-four.

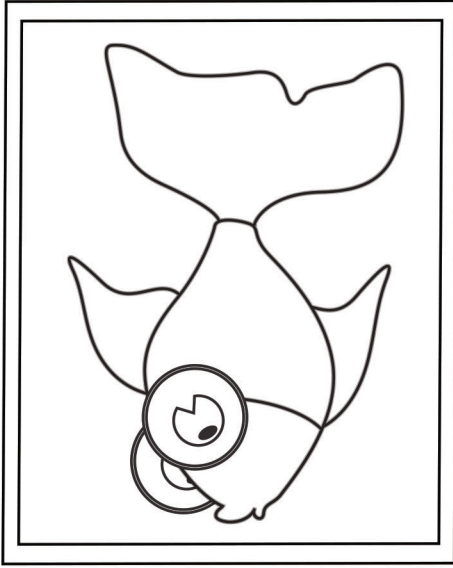
Which four of these clues belong in our story? Which two do not? Put an X in the boxes of the four that belong.



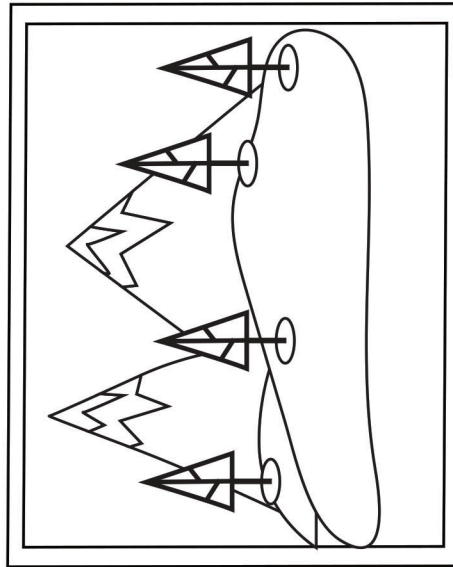
A Computer



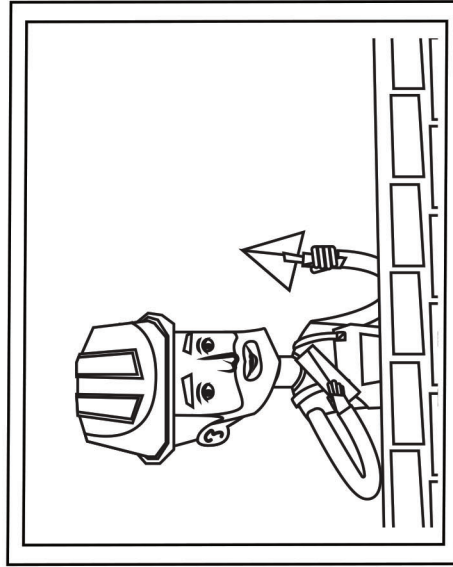
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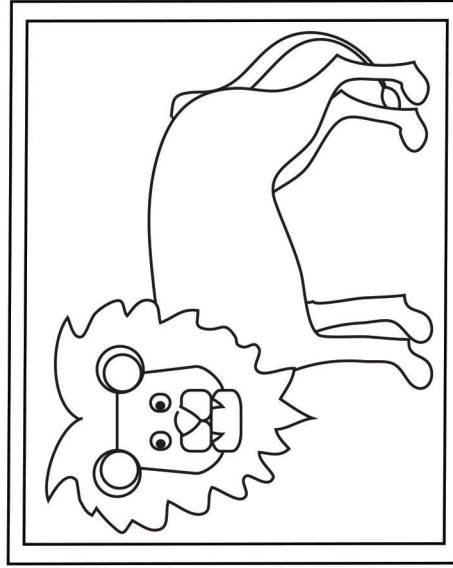
A Fish



A Mountain



A Construction Worker



A Lion

Answer: The bird, fish, mountain and lion belong. The computer and the construction worker do not.

Deep Down Detective Devotion: Unit 5, Bible Truth 1, Lesson 3



Big Question 5: Can You Tell Me What God Made?

Answer: God Made All Things Good... God Made Everything Good in Heaven and Earth!

Bible Truth 1 Meaning

God made everything in the beginning. He made the angels in heaven. He made the stars and moon we see at night, and the sun we see during the day. He made rivers, and mountains, and valleys. He made all the fish, the birds, the plants, the bugs, and the animals. He even made people. How did God make everything? He made it by His powerful word. He spoke, and everything was created. And it was all good—very good. There was no sin in any of it. It was all made just exactly right for God's good plans.

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Some Questions for You

1. What kinds of things do we see in the world around us? *Name various things.*
2. Who made all the things that we see? *God did.*
3. Which of the things God made do you like best?
4. Did God make the world because He was lonely? *No. He made it because He wanted to show what He is like.*
5. Did God start with stuff when He made the world? *No. He just spoke and it came to be.*
6. What was the most special of all the things God made? Why? *People because He gave only to them a heart to know and love Him.*
7. Who does God want us to think about when we look at what He has made? *What He is like.*
8. What do you think about God when you look at a?

Let's Pray!

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Let's Praise God Right Now!

Big Q & A 5 Hymn: All Things Bright and Beautiful

from *Deep Down Detectives NIV Songs 5, track 15*

Refrain

All things bright and beautiful,
All creatures, great and small,
All things wise and wonderful,
The Lord God made them all.

Verse 1

Each little flower that opens,
Each little bird that sings,
He made their glowing colors,
He made their tiny wings. *Refrain*

Verse 2

He gave us eyes to see them,
And lips that we might tell,
How great is God Almighty,
Who has made all things well. *Refrain*

Big Question 5 Praise Song: The Days of Creation from *Deep Down Detectives NIV Songs 5, track 16*

On Day One, God made light,
Made the difference in day and night.
God just spoke the words and it came true.
Wonder what else God will do?

Two.... On Day Two, God split in two,
Skies above, the water blue,
God just spoke the word and it came to be.
What will happen on Day Three?

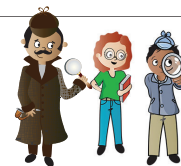
Three.... On Day Three, God made land,
Then He put plants in the sand.
God made herbs and grass and fruit on the trees,
This was all done on Day Three.

Four.... On Day Four, God made lights,
Some for day and some for night.
Stars are dim, but the sun and moon are bright.
Aren't you glad that God made light?

Five.... On Day Five, God made alive,
All the things that swim and the birds to fly,
These were made on Day Five.

Six.... On Day Six, God did fix,
Animals, people and even ticks,
God made lizards, cats and other things that lick.
Critters and people were made on Day Six.

Seven.... On Day Seven, God in heaven,
Rested from all the work He'd He done.
He'd made in perfect wisdom.
It was good what God had done.

**The Case of the Big Nothing***Genesis 1*

Dear Parents,

Big Question #5 is: "Can You Tell Me What God Made?" Your child is learning that "God Made All Things Good..God Made Everything Good in Heaven and Earth."

Here's a copy of the Bible story they are learning along with the "Listening Assignment" for each lesson. These assignments provide a different teaching emphasis for each lesson, helping the children dig deeper into each Bible truth. They match up with your child's take home for each lesson. We hope that these resources help your family to dig down deeper into the truths of God's Word!" Happy digging!

•many more resources for this Big Question came be found online at www.praisefactory.org•

Listening Assignments

"Hey, Kids! Detective Dan, here. Listen carefully to the story and help me answer these questions:

Detective Dan's Lesson #1 Listening Assignment:

I need to find out:

- 1. What started out as a big nothing?**
- 2. Who changed the big nothing into something? What did He change it into?**

Detective Dan's Lesson #2 Listening Assignment:**Our Bible Verse is Isaiah 44:24**

"I am the LORD, who has made all things, who alone stretched out the heavens, who spread out the earth by myself."

I need to find out:

- 1. What did the LORD start with when He made the heavens and the earth?**
- 2. What did the LORD use to stretch out the heavens and spread out the earth?**

Detective Dan's Lesson #3 Listening Assignment:

I found six clues, but only 4 of them are in the story.

Our six clues were: a computer, a bird; a fish; a mountain; a construction worker; and, a lion.

Hold each of them up for the children to see as you identify them.

I need to figure out:

- 1. Which four belong in the story and which two don't?**
- 2. Who did the LORD give a special spirit so they could know Him and praise Him?**

Read the assignment questions, THEN SAY,

"Ok, Deep Down Detectives! Put on your best listening ears and see if you can hear the answers to Detective Dan's questions. When I finish telling the story, we will see if we can answer all the questions."

Read the Bible Truth story, answer questions, present the gospel and lead in prayer.

Answers to questions; the gospel; and, ACTS prayer are included with the story text.

The Case of the Big Nothing *Genesis 1**Story with lines separating paragraphs (text in bold, optional interaction cues in italics)*

Look around you. Look out the window. What do you see? Trees? Flowers? Birds? Squirrels? Dogs? The sun? The sky? People?

What do you see?

This story is about how all these things came to be.

Now, close your eyes. Shut them tight. What do you see? Nothing? Our story starts out in a time when there was not even the darkness you see when you shut your eyes. It was back when everything was a BIG NOTHING! That's right! Nothing at all! Nothing, that is, except God, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. God has always lived. He had no beginning and He will have no end! How amazing He is!

I don't know about you, but I don't LIKE nothing. I love all of the beautiful and enjoyable creatures and things I see around me in this world.

What do you like in the world around us?

Now, I can't imagine being very happy living in a world of BIG NOTHING. I can only imagine being lonely!

But God wasn't lonely at all, when our world was just a BIG NOTHING. He was happy.

And God wasn't just a LITTLE happy, He was COMPLETELY happy. Yes, He was as happy as He could be back then, before everything was made.

Can you guess why?

It is because God is always perfectly happy just in Himself—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. After all, there is no one more wonderful to know and love than God. All the creatures and things we love and enjoy in this world are just little reflections of how wonderful He is. God didn't need all those little reflections to make Him happy. He already had Himself! And that was best of all! Perfect Wonderfulness!

But even though God wasn't lonely and didn't need anyone or anything else to be happy, He CHOSE to make something...actually A LOT of somethings. He chose to make our whole world. He did it, just because He wanted to. He did it, because He had a great plan for it—a plan to display His beautiful goodness and share it with a very special kind of creature who could know and enjoy Him.

But how DID God make everything? Well, if you or I make something new, we have to start with some sort of STUFF: clay, or paper, or cardboard, or sticks, or something.

What do you think God started with?

But not God. He didn't need any stuff to make this world. God started with a BIG NOTHING... and Himself. He would create everything by His own powerful word. He simply said what He wanted to be and it was made. Just as simple as that.

Story with lines separating paragraphs (text in bold, optional interaction cues in italics)

God started His great work with the earth. At first, it didn't have any shape yet and it was empty and watery and oh, so dark. God's Spirit hovered over the waters. God was ready to bring shape and life to everything.

"Come, light!" God said, and a beautiful light began to shine. He separated it from darkness and gave a name to each. The light was called Day. The darkness was called Night. That was what God did on the first day He made things.

On the second day, God separated the watery stuff so that there was open air around the earth. He called the watery stuff up above, "sky". The rest of the waters stayed down on the earth. That was what God did on the second day He made things.

On the third day, God said, "Waters on the earth, gather together! Dry land, appear!" So, the waves of the water bunched together and soon land could be seen. Mountains and flatlands. Hills and valley. God named the dry land "Earth," and the waters He called, "Seas." God looked at the wild, splashing waves. He looked at the rich, dark ground, and it was good. There was no sin in it. It was just the way He wanted it to be for His great plan.

Now God began to fill all the spaces He had made. "Trees and plants, sprout up on the earth!" And as soon as He said it, up popped grass and leafy plants all over the earth-- all over the mountains; and the hills and valleys; and the flatlands. And oh, what wonderful trees with such yummy fruit! God looked at the beautiful green world and it was good. There was no sin in it. It was just the way He wanted it to be for His great plan.

On the fourth day, God said, "Lights, fill the sky!"

What are the lights God made for the sky?

God made soft lights for thenight: the stars and the moon. A big, blazing light for the day: the sun. "Give light to the earth, day and night. Make hot summer, crisp fall, cold winter and warm spring, year after year," the LORD commanded them. And so they did. That was what God did on the fourth day He made things.

On the fifth day, God made creatures to live in the beautiful sky and in the wavy waters. "Fish and sea creatures, fill up the waters!" God said. "Wriggle and splash! Have families and make lots more fish! Birds, fill up the skies! Flap around and soar! Have families and make lots more birds!" He commanded. And so, they did.

Brightly colored fish, mighty sharks, and whales, twisty-turny dolphins swam about in the seas. Eagles glided on the wind, parrots squawked from the trees, and hummingbirds buzzed busily around all the flowers. That was what God did on the fifth day He made things.

On the sixth day, God filled the earth with land animals.

What are some of the land animals God made?

"Come, cows and horses, goats and sheep! All you farm animals! Come, bears and lions and elephants! All you wild animals! Come, ladybugs and lizards! All you little creatures that creep along the ground! All of you: have families and fill up the earth!" God said. And so, all those creatures came to be, by God's command.

God looked at the beautiful, busy world of creatures He had made. There was no sin in it. It was just the way He wanted it to be for His great plan.

Story with lines separating paragraphs (text in bold, optional interaction cues in italics)

God had only one more creature left to make. It was that one, very special kind of creature that He planned to share Himself with.

Can you guess which creature God had not yet created?

It was people! People were to be the best creature of all, for He planned to give them a special gift no other creature would have.

“Let’s make people in our own image. They will have a spirit --a special heart-- to know and love Me and each other,” God said.

So, God made man and woman with a special heart inside. And He gave them names.

Do you know what the names of the first man and woman were?

God called them “Adam and Eve.” He put them in Eden, the garden home He made for them. “Eat the good fruit from the trees. Have a family, and fill the earth!” He told them. “I’m putting you in charge over everything I’ve made on earth. Explore it all and make it your home.

Adam and Eve were happy to obey. What a beautiful world God had given them! How wonderful it was to live in it! How fun it would be to explore it and make it their very own home! There was so much to do. So much to enjoy. And most enjoyable of all, was knowing and loving God.

At the end of the sixth day, God was done creating everything He had planned to create. He looked at it all and was very pleased. It was all good. It was all VERY GOOD. There was no sin in it. It was just right. It was perfect for His good plans. And then, God rested from His work.

Cracking the Case: (story wrap-up for Listening Assignments)

It's time to see how we did with our Listening Assignment.

Detective Dan's Lesson 1 Listening Assignment:

1. What started out as a big nothing? The world we live in.

2. Who changed the big nothing into something? What did He change it into? God did. He created it with His powerful word.

For You and Me:

Isn't it amazing to think that God created the whole world with just His word! How very powerful He must be! But God didn't just use His great power to create the world. He even uses His great power to do great things inside of us. When we turn from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior, God not only forgives us our sins, but He makes us His people. He changes our hearts so that they can know and love Him. He helps us to live His good ways. Ask Him to help you. He delights to do this!

Detective Dan's Lesson 2 Listening Assignment:**Our Bible Verse is Isaiah 44:24:**

"I am the LORD, who has made all things, who alone stretched out the heavens, who spread out the earth by myself."

1. What did the LORD start with when He made the heavens and the earth? Nothing.

2. What did the LORD use to stretch out the heavens and spread out the earth? His powerful word. He spoke and it came to be!

For You and Me:

God created the heavens and the earth to be a wonderful display of His goodness. He created people with a special heart to know and love Him, and to see and enjoy His goodness as they lived in His creation. Sadly, we have all chosen to disobey God, since those perfect, first days when God created the world. We have broken what God made so perfectly. But God has made a way for us to come back to Him. How? By turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior. God will forgive our sins and make us His people. He will restore the friendship He made us to have with Him. Ask God to help you. He loves to answer this prayer.

Detective Dan's Lesson 3 Listening Assignment:

Our six clues were: a computer, a bird; a fish; a mountain; a construction worker; and, a lion.

1. Which four belong in our story?

The bird, fish, mountain and lion belong.

2. Who did the LORD give a special spirit so they could know Him and praise Him? People.

For You and Me:

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The Gospel (story wrap-up if NOT using Listening Assignments)**Our Bible Truth is:****Can You Tell Me What God Made?****God Made All Things Good...****God Made Everything Good in Heaven and Earth!**

How wonderful life would have been, if people had kept on loving God as He created them to! How wonderful life would have been, if nothing bad had ever come into God's good world!

But bad things DID come into God's good world. People have not kept on loving or obeying God, have they? Why, even you and me, we disobey God. We do bad things. And now, we all deserve God's punishment. This is such sad news!

But there's good news, too! God loved us so much that He sent His Son, Jesus, to suffer and die on the cross, taking all the punishment for the sins of God's people. On Day Three, Jesus rose from the dead, proving He had really beaten sin and death for them. Now, God will forgive all who turn away their sins, and trust in Jesus as their Savior. That's how we become God's people.

If we do, what a wonderful beginning that will be! We will get to know God in our hearts, now. And one day, we will get to live with Him in heaven forever.

Close in prayer.

Closing ACTS Prayer

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Big Question 5, Bible Truth 1 Overview: Key Concepts**P.1****Unit 5: God, the Good Creator**

Unit Big Question (and Answer): Can You Tell Me What God Made? God Made All Things Good!

Unit Bible Verse: “In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth...God saw all that He had made, and it was very good.” Genesis 1:1,31

Bible Truth 1 Concept: God Made All Things Good.. God Made Everything Good in Heaven and Earth

God made everything in the beginning. He made the angels in heaven. He made the stars and moon we see at night, and the sun we see during the day. He made rivers, and mountains, and valleys. He made all the fish, the birds, the plants, the bugs, and the animals. He even made people. How did God make everything? He made it by His powerful word. He spoke, and everything was created. And it was all good—very good. There was no sin in any of it. It was all made just exactly right for God’s good plans.

Bible Truth 1 Bible Verse: Isaiah 44:24

“I am the LORD, who has made all things, who alone stretched out the heavens, who spread out the earth by myself.”

Learn a Little: “I am the LORD, who has made all things.”

Meaning

Who made everything? The LORD did! And who helped Him? No one! He alone made the heavens and everything in them. He alone made the earth and everything in it. Isn’t God amazing!

Bible Truth 1 ACTS Prayer

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Bible Truth 1 Story**The Case of the Big Nothing**

Genesis 1

Songs Used in Bible Truth 1

Big Q & A 5 Song

Big Question 5 Song: Can You Tell Me What God Made?

Big Question 5 Bible Verse Song: God Saw All He Had Made Genesis 1:31, NIV 1984

Big Question 5 Hymn: All Things Bright and Beautiful, vs.1,2

Big Question 5 Praise Song: Days of Creation

Bible Truth 1 Bible Verse Song: I Am the LORD Isaiah 44:24, NIV 1984

Extra Bible Verse: You Alone Are the LORD Nehemiah 9:6, NIV 1984

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