

DEEP DOWN DETECTIVES



Simple Story Scenes

Unit 5,

Bible Truth 1

Using Simple Story Scenes as a Curriculum

Introduce the Key Concept and Bible Verse

Simple Story Scenes give you the basics for the core of your lesson. You can use the overview sheet to introduce and explain the key concept and Bible verse.

Give the Case Assignment

Give the children a Detective Dan listening assignment. Two are provided. You can add a third using the ideas on the bonus, third take-home sheet, if desired. Each listening assignment, let's you teach the story with a different learning emphasis.

Show & Tell the Story

Hold up the pictures and tell the story from the story scenes. Alternatively, you can find in the and Pieces section for this unit at praisefactory.org, these same listening assignments and story scenes, gospel and ACTS prayer modified for view on a screen. Simply download them or open them online and show through your own monitor (tablet, big screen, whatever).

Solve the Case

Repeat Detective Dan's listening assignment question and discuss the answer.

Share the Gospel

Share the gospel tie-in with the kids.

Close in ACTS Prayer

Pray the ACTS prayer with the kids. If using the curriculum with older children, give them a chance to think up their own ACTS tie-ins to the story, using the one provided as cues/ideas for you.

Review Time

Give out the take-home sheet (there are three: two that correlates to the two Detective Dan assignments in the Story Scenes, and a bonus third one.) As the children are coloring, use the take-home sheet discussion questions or your own questions to further review and apply the key concepts, Bible verse, and story truths to the children.

Looking for more?

Online, in the Bits and Pieces section for this unit, you will find review games, crafts, storyboard flannelgraph figures, and audio and sheet music for all of the songs. There are also full lesson plans that offer more of a script and take this curriculum's possibilities to much more depth. Don't forget to tell the parents about the Parents Resources section where they can read through the Story scenes and download take homes with their kids.

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

- 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.
- S** God, work in our hearts. Help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to see how wonderful You are when we look at all that You have made. Help us to take good care of the world You’ve given us. Most of all, help us to know You and live for You, as You created us to.
In Jesus’ name we pray, Amen.

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

Extra Bible Verse: Praise the LORD, from the Earth Psalm 148:7-12, NIV 1984

Extra Bible Verse: The Plans of the LORD Psalm 33:11, NIV 1984

listen to or download songs for free at <https://praisefactory.org>: Deep Down Detectives Music page



Can you tell me what God made?



VISUAL AID take out

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ANSWER: God made all things good!

The Big Question

Hold up the Big Question sign for all the children to see, and say:

The Big Question we are investigating today is
Big Question Number 5:

Can You Tell Me What God Made?

and the Answer is:

God Made All Things Good!

Meaning:

Did you ever wonder where everything in this world came from? All of the plants, animals and insects...the fish and birds...the sun, moon, stars and planets...the tall mountains and the beautiful oceans...the people here around us and the angels up in heaven? Did they just get here on their own? No, they did not! God made them. And when God made them, He made them good—perfect and without sin. He made them just right for His good plan for the world.

What was God's good plan for the world? He planned for everything He made to show us what He's like so we could know delight in how wonderful He is.

Let's sing our Big Question Song: "

Big Q & A 5 Song

DDD NIV Songs 5, track 12

(adapted version of "London Bridge Is Falling Down")

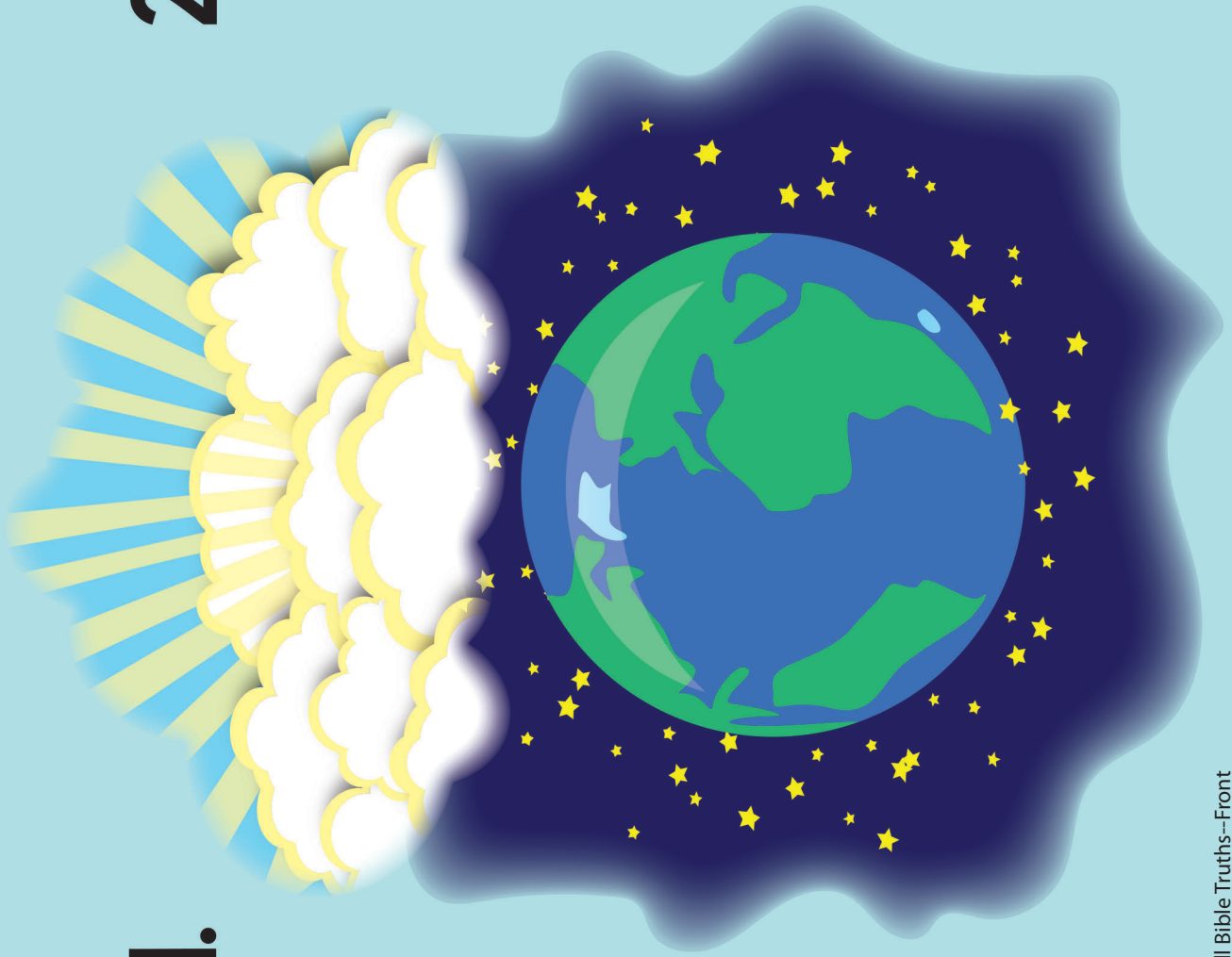
Can you tell me what God made?
What God made, what God made?
Can you tell me what God made?
God made all things good!

BIG QUESTION 5: Two truths about what the LORD made

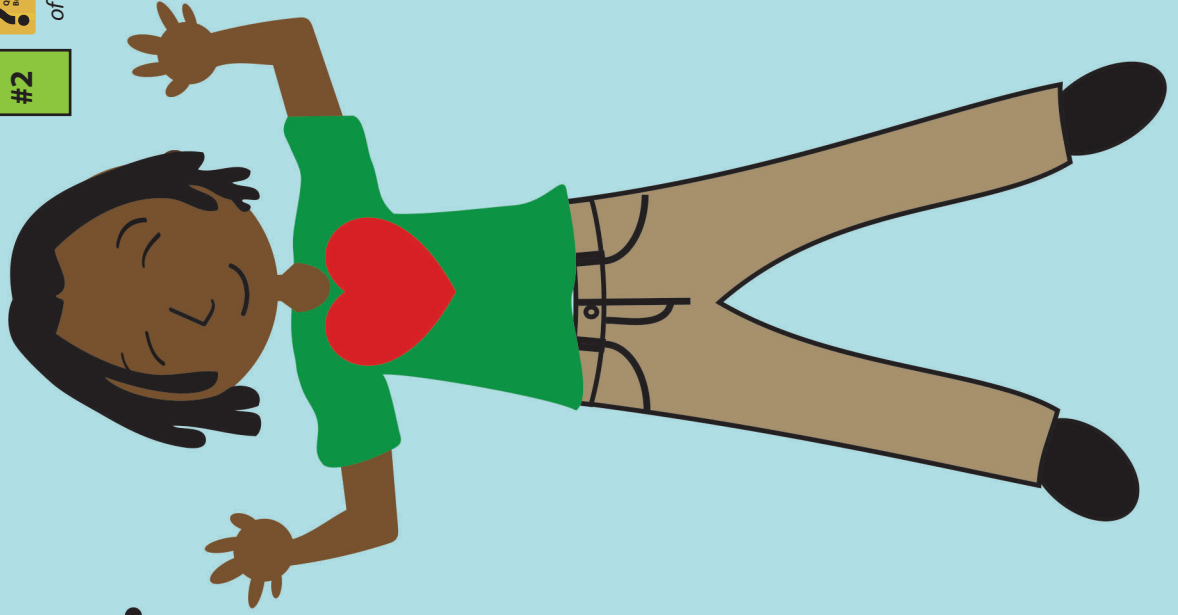
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take out
Big Question
Directions

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This Unit's Bible Truths

"God made all things good" is a good beginning, but there's so more to learn. So it's time for us to dig down even deeper for more answers to our Big Question about God. We're going to be learning TWO Bible truths that all tell us more about the good things that God made.

Who would like to hand me the picture with our two Bible truths on it? It's in the Big Question Box/Briefcase." Choose a child to get it and hand it to you, then hold it up and show them the pictures of the two truths they will be learning.

After everyone has had a good look, say...

"Ok, now let's look at our Bible Truth Clue sign and see if we can figure out which of these two truths we will be learning about today. Who would like to get it out of the Big Question Briefcase for me?"

Choose a child to open the briefcase, take out the Bible Truth Clue sign and hand it to you.

CAN YOU GUESS BIBLE TRUTH!?

Can You Tell Me What
God Made?

God Made All Things

Good...

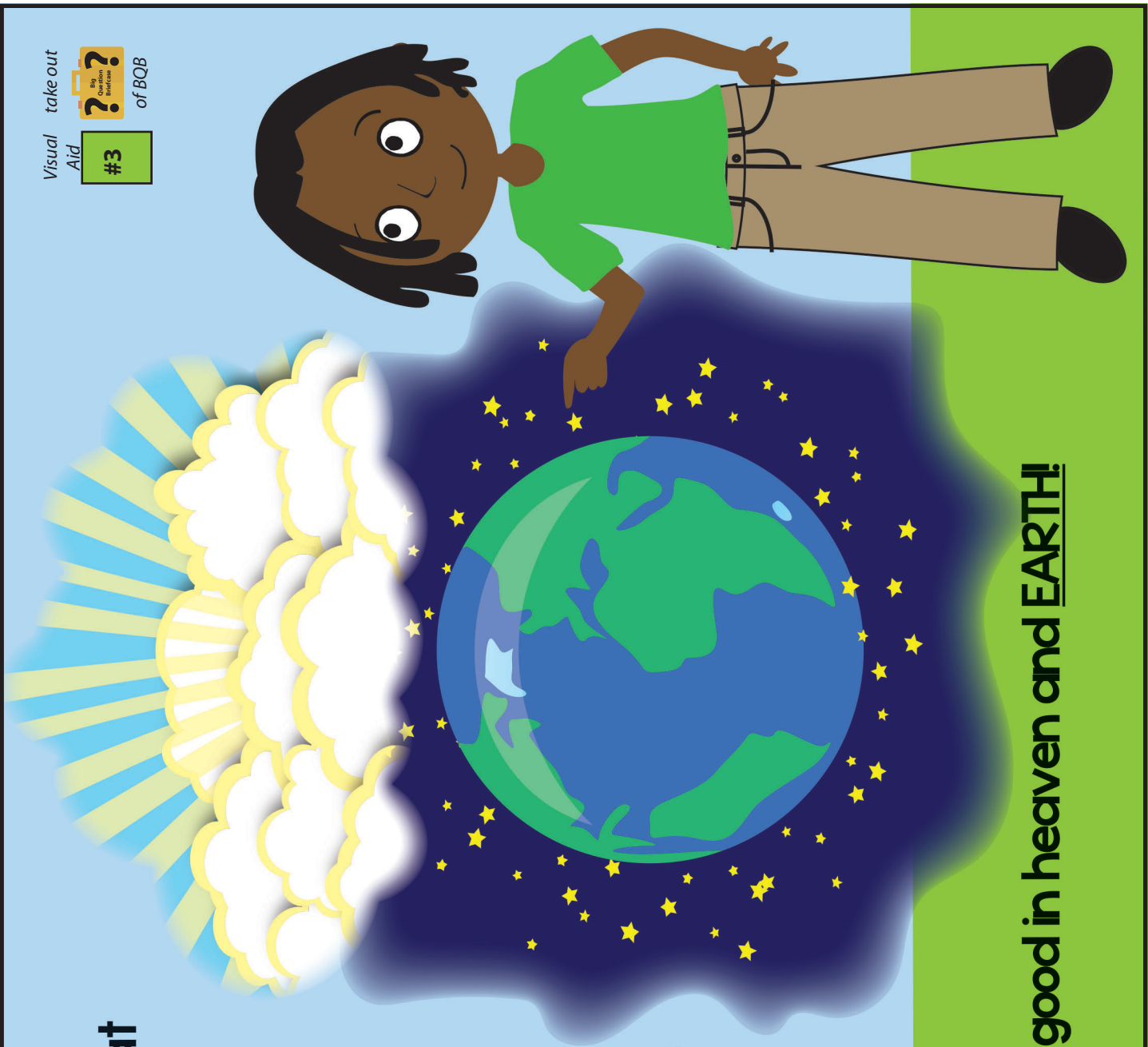
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heaven and ???!

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

ANSWER:

He made everything good in heaven and EARTH!



Visual take out

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Revealing the Bible Truth

We Are Learning

Hold up the front side for the children to see. Cover up the answer, written along the bottom, and say:

**“Can You Tell Me What God Made?
God Made All Things Good!
He Made Everything in Heaven and ????”** !”

We’re missing one word. Here’s the hint to what the missing word is. It says: “What is the name of the world we live in? It starts with an “e” and it rhymes with “birth.”

Can you guess? It’s “earth.”

So the Bible Truth we are learning today is:

(uncover answer from bottom of sign, show it to them and say:)

**“Can You Tell Me What God Made?
God Made All Things Good!
He Made Everything in Heaven and Earth!”**

And here is what this Bible Truth means:

(read the meaning off of the back of the sign, say:)

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.

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

Visual Aid #4 Place verse in DDD Bible of BQB



who alone stretched out the heavens,



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

Bible Truth | Bible Verse

Remove the Bible Verse Picture from the "Bible" folder and hold it up for all the children to see, then say:

Isaiah 44:24 tells us:

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

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What does that mean?

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"Now it's time to do a bit more deep down investigating. Let's see what Detective Dan wants us to help him figure out. Would someone like to get it out for me?"

"We've said our Bible verse, now let's sing it!"

I Am the LORD:

Isaiah 44:24

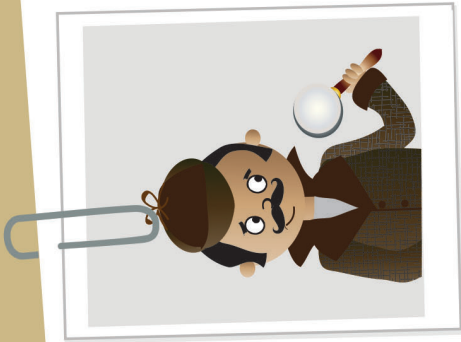
DDD NIV Songs 5, track17

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.

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“The Case of the Big Nothing” Genesis I

Detective Dan’s Listening Assignment #1



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Detective Dan’s Listening Assignment #2



Isaiah 44:24, NIV

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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?

(more listening and discussion questions are included in the curriculum at praisefactory.org)

I. Look around you. Look out the window. What do you see? Trees? Flowers? Birds? Squirrels? Dogs? The sun? The sky? People? This story is about how all these things came to be.



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4. But the LORD 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 in this world was made.

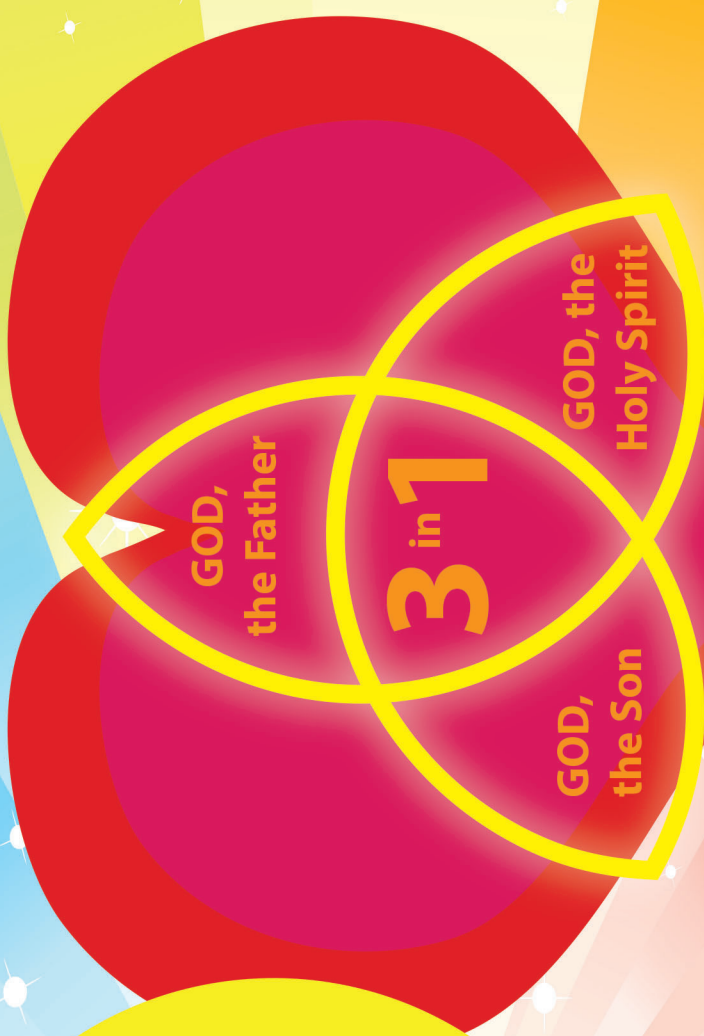


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5. How could He be that happy? Because the LORD is always perfectly happy just in Himself—God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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 any of those little reflections to be happy. He already had Himself!

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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 in millions of different ways. And, He would share this amazing display with one, very special kind of creature: people! Best of all, He planned for these people to know and enjoy Him, in all His Perfect Wonderfulness.

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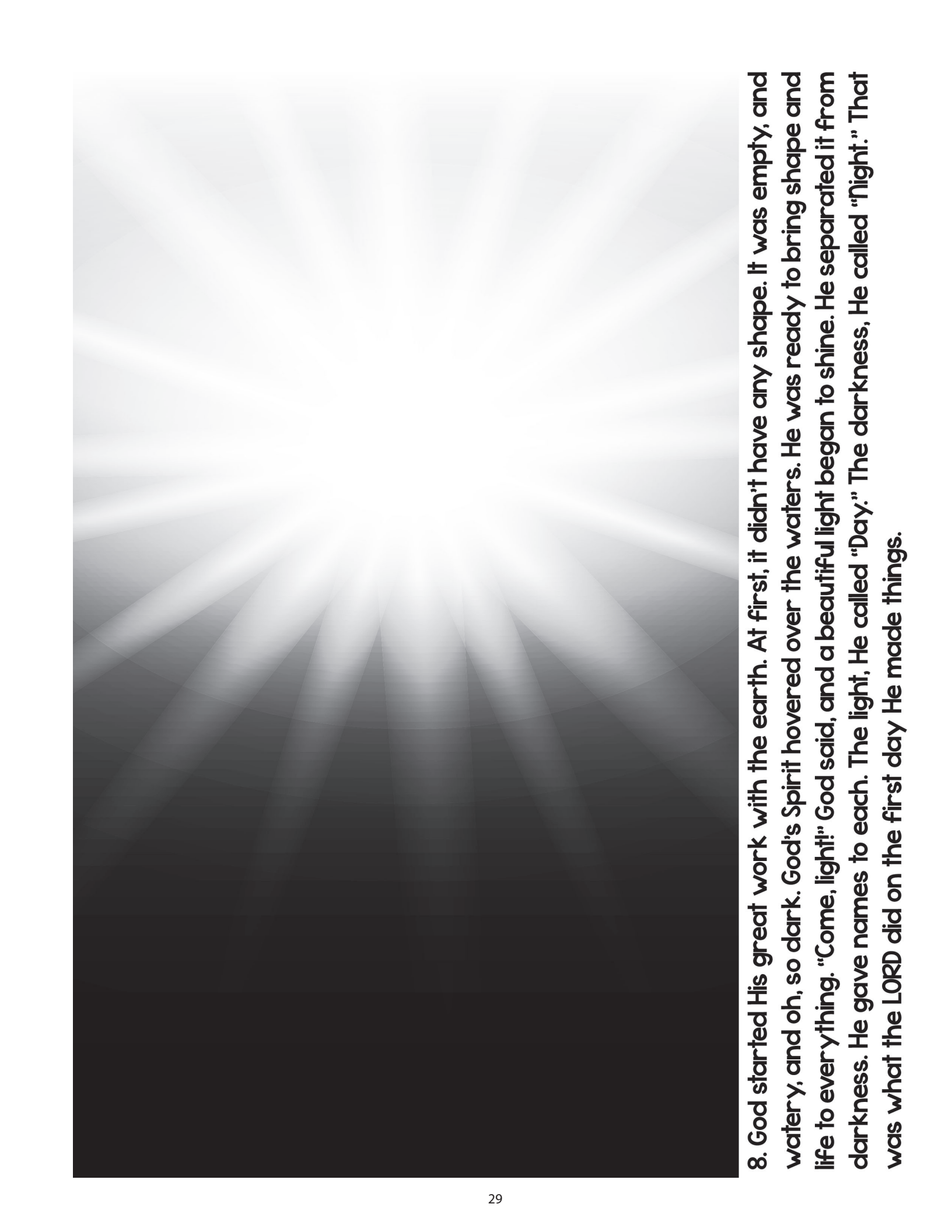


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God's Spirit hovered over the waters. He was ready to bring shape and life to everything. "Come, light!" God said, and a beautiful light began to shine. He separated it from the darkness. He gave names to each. The light, He called "Day." The darkness, He called "Night."

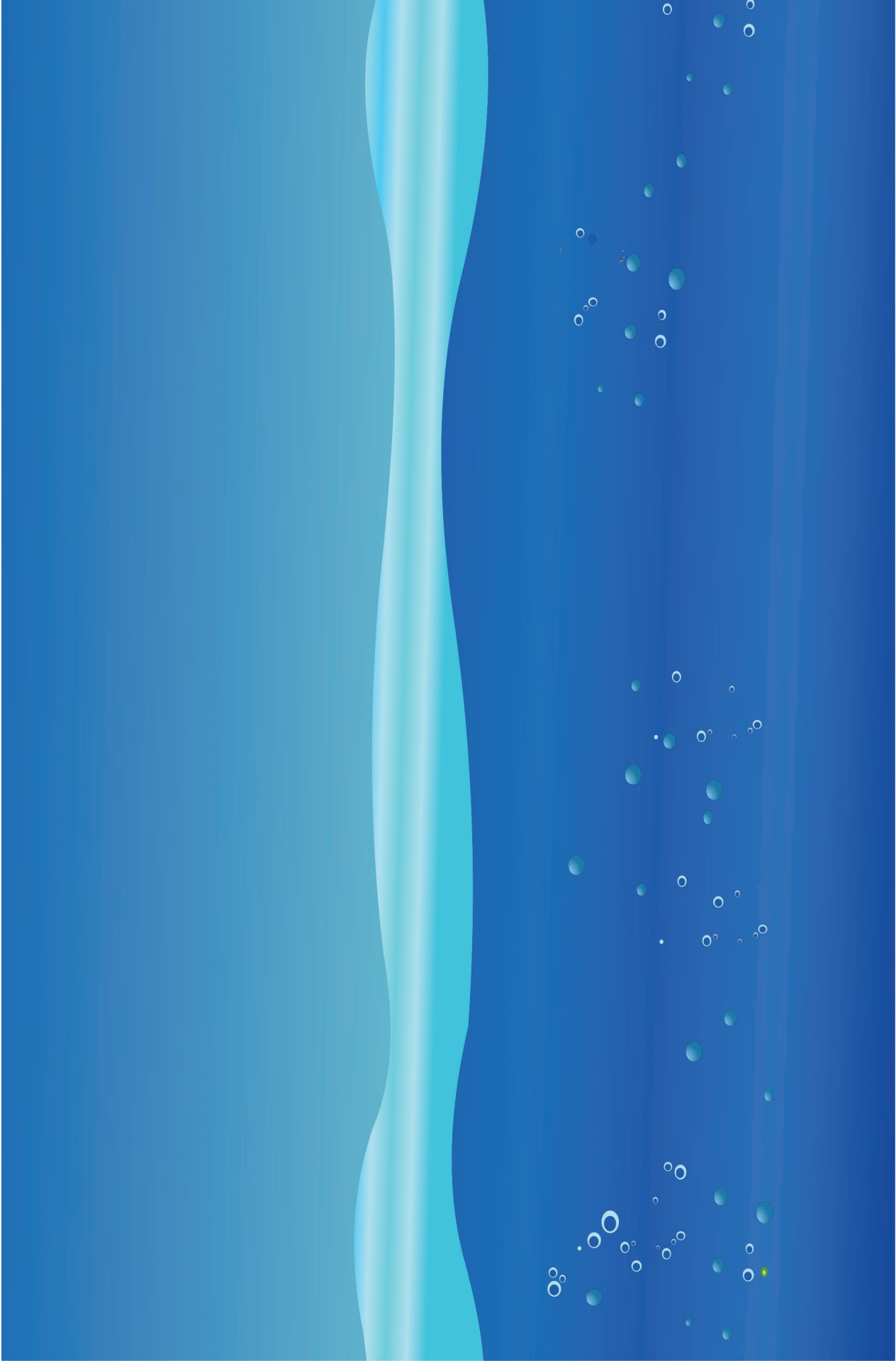
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9. On the second day, the LORD separated the watery stuff into two parts. He called the watery stuff up above the earth, “Sky” (this is where rain and clouds would come from). The rest of the waters stayed down on the earth.

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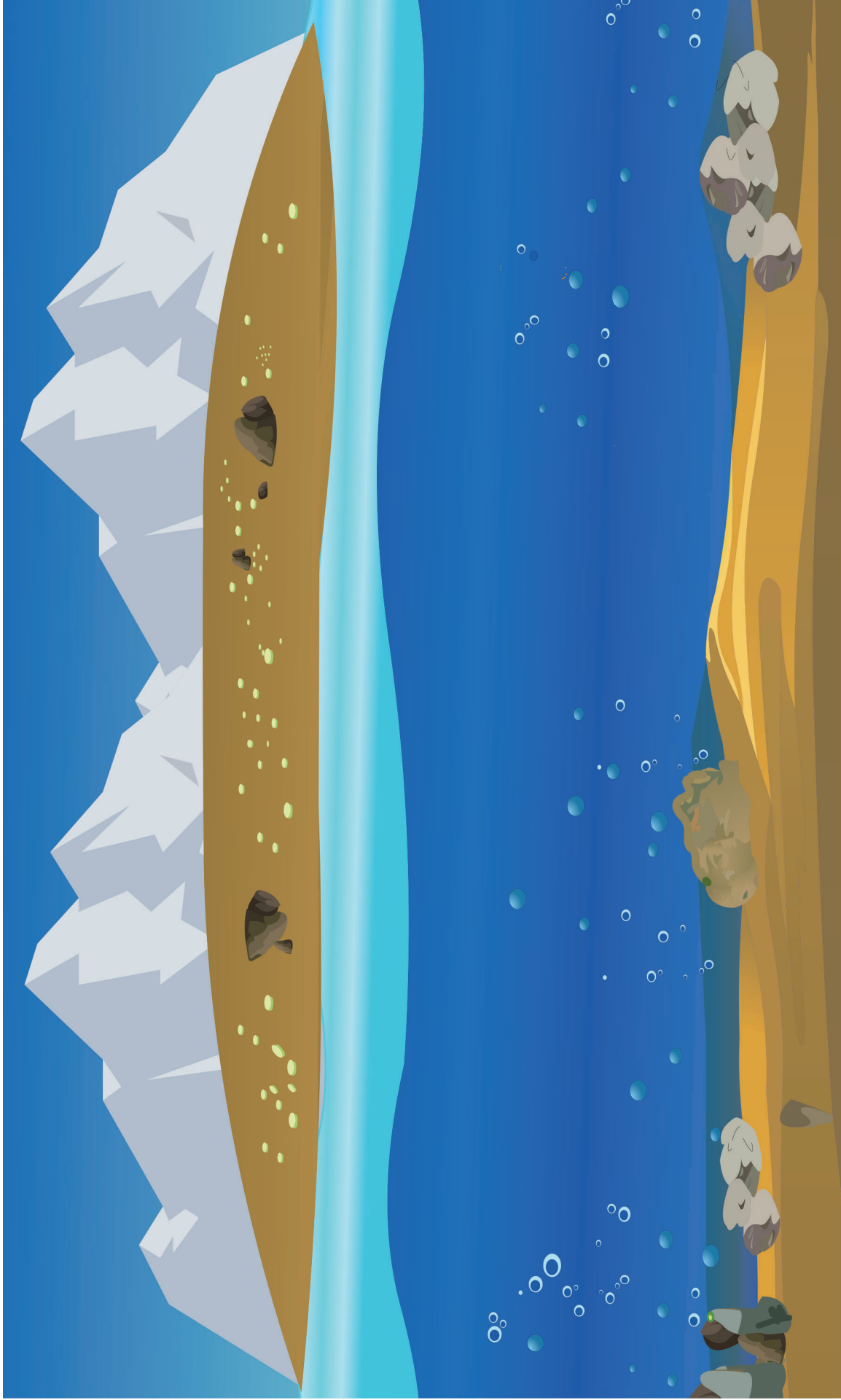


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10. On the third day, the LORD said, “Waters on the earth, gather together! Dry land, appear!”

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.

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II. Now, the LORD began to fill all the spaces He had made.

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12. On the fourth day, the LORD said, “Lights, fill the sky!”

He made soft lights for the night: the stars and the moon. He made 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.

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13. On the fifth day, the LORD made creatures to live in the sky and seas.

“Fish and sea creatures, fill up the waters!” He 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, huge whales, and twisty-turny dolphins swam 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.

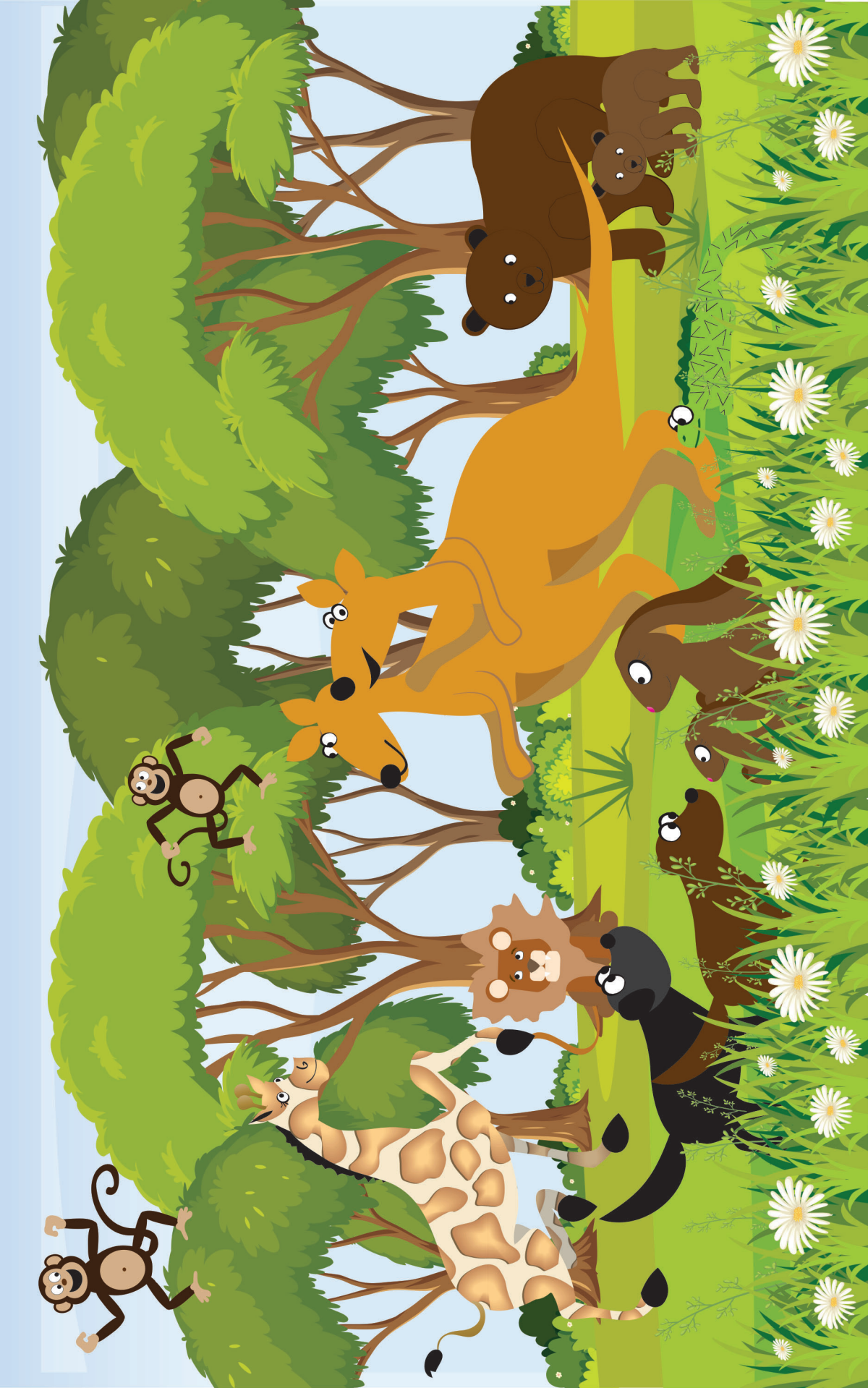


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14. On the sixth day, the LORD filled the earth with land animals.

“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.

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16. This special gift was a spirit --a special heart-- to know and love God and each other.

“Let’s make people in our own image,” said God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. So, God made man and woman, each with a spirit inside. And He named these first people “Adam and Eve.”



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17. The LORD put Adam and Eve 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.”**



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18. Adam and Eve were happy to obey the LORD. What a beautiful world He had given them. How wonderful it was to live in it. How fun it would be to explore it and to 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! It was all Perfect Wonderfulness.

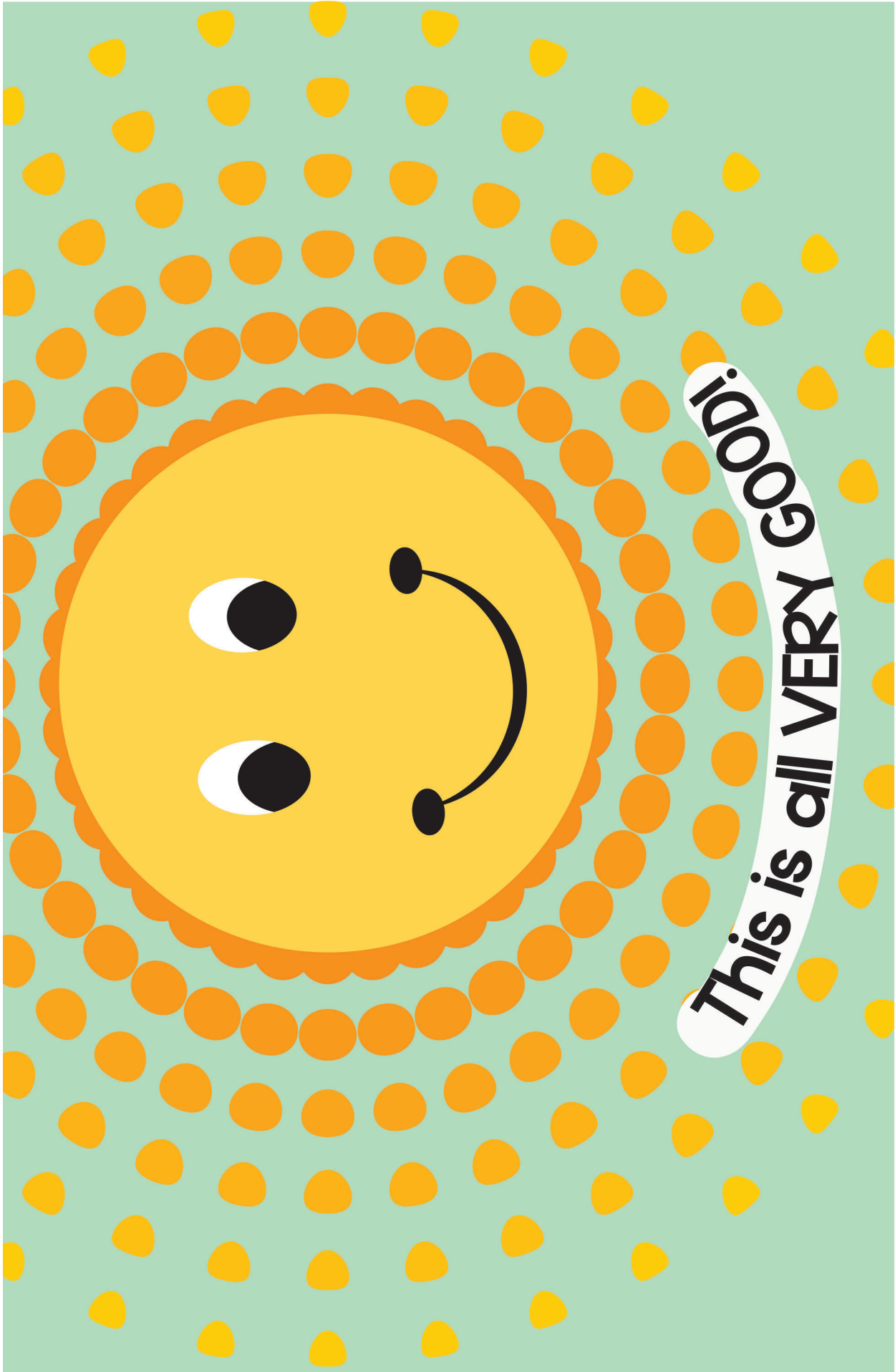


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19. At the end of the sixth day, the LORD was done creating everything He had planned.

He looked at it all and He 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.

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“The Case of the Big Nothing” Genesis I

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Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

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 also can use 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 we 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 Listening Assignment #2

Isaiah 44:24, NIV

“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 do this!

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Can You Tell Me What God Made? God Made All Things Good...
God made everything good in heaven and earth!

The Gospel



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 from their sins, and trust in Jesus as their Savior. That's how we can 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.



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A Prayer

A We praise You, God, 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 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 our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to see how wonderful You are when we look at all that You have made. Help us to take good care of the world You've given us. Most of all, help us to know You and live for You, as You created us to.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



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