
Detective Dan's (Shorter/Simpler) Version of Bible Story for Big Question 5, Bible Truth 1

The Case of the Big Nothing *Genesis 1*

(Numbers correspond to Bible story picture pages in Detective Dan's Big Question Box)

1. Long ago, before the beginning, everything was a BIG NOTHING! Nothing, that is, except the LORD. He's always lived, and always been perfectly happy in Himself, as God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Always, Perfect Wonderfulness!
2. The LORD didn't NEED anything else, but He CHOSE to make this world as an amazing display of Himself. Would He make it using paint or scissors like we do when we're making something? No! He would use NOTHING but His powerful words. Here's what He did...
3. On Day One, God's Spirit hovered over the waters of the shapeless, empty, dark world. "Come, light!" God said, and a beautiful light began to shine. The light, He called "Day." The darkness, He called "Night." And it was good.
4. On Day Two, the LORD separated the earth's watery emptiness into two parts —Sky and Seas. The sky would be where rain and clouds would come from. The seas covered the earth. And it was good.
5. On Day Three, the LORD said, "Waters on the earth, gather together! Dry land, appear!" God looked at the wild, splashing waves, and the rich, dark ground, and it was good.
6. Now the LORD began to fill the spaces He made. "Trees and plants, sprout up on the earth!" Up popped leafy plants and trees. God looked at the beautiful, green world, and it was good.
7. On Day Four, the LORD said, "Lights, fill the sky! Give light to the earth, day and night. Bring spring, summer, fall, and winter each year," the LORD told them. And so, they did. There was soft starlight and moonlight for the night, and bright, blazing sunlight for the day.
8. On Day Five, the LORD filled the sky and seas with creatures. "Come, fish and sea creatures!" He said, and the waters splashed with life. "Come, birds and flying things!" He said, and the air was alive with birdsong and swoopings.
9. On Day Six, the LORD filled the land with creatures. "Come, farm animals! Come, wild animals! Come, creepy bugs and reptiles!" the LORD said. From the mountains to the valleys, the earth awoke with life. What a lot the LORD did in just six days!
10. But God's Day Six work wasn't done yet. "Let's make people in our own image," said God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. So, He made Adam and Eve, with a spirit inside their hearts, so they could know Him and enjoy His world in a way no other creature could.
11. "Fill the whole earth. Make it your home," the LORD told Adam and Eve. They were happy to obey. What a beautiful world the LORD had given them! And what happiness it was to know and love God with the spirit He gave them! It was all Perfect Wonderfulness.
12. At the end of Day Six, the LORD looked at all He made, and He was very pleased. It was all good ...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.