

God Made all Things

Genesis 1:1-25; Isaiah 44:24

There was a place, an empty place, so quiet and so dark—no people, animals, or trees, no sun or wind or seas. But there was God; He always was (and always will be too.)

He looked into this empty space and said, "Let there be light!"

Bright light shone through the darkness and God made the day and night. He set some waters down below and some above for rain, then pushed the waters to their place, and made dry ground between.

Aha! Now we can see what God has made for you and me. It is the earth! A big round place with oceans, hills and empty space that makes the sky around.

But all the ground was bare and brown so God called for some green: "Let trees and plants, let grass and fruit appear," and so they did! And each time that the Lord our God looked at the things He made, He saw that they were good for He was making something wonderful, a world that would bring Him glory.



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I can't make something out of nothing, not at all! Can you? The only One who can is God, and that is why we call him the Creator.

The sky was empty still and, so, God said, "Let there be lights!" The sun appeared to shine by day; the moon and stars by night—and they were good! For God is great and God, Himself, is good.

Now water sparkled silently beneath the sun's bright rays; the grass grew green and still, but all was quiet...until God spoke again! And now the ponds were full of fish that flashed and splashed with leaping frogs, while ladybugs and dragonflies and bumblebees buzzed by. Great whales and dolphins swam the seas and eagles cried above with honking geese and quacking ducks. Bright parrots filled the trees, and sparrows, duller, sweetly sang with all the songbirds God had made. The sun began to slip away and darkness ended day. God saw what He had made that day, and, yes, it all was good!

When morning came, God made some more things for this brand-new earth. A tiger creeps through waving grass; a baby lamb skips by! The tiger doesn't hurt the lamb, for everything is good. No killing and no pain or death, are here in this new place. The tiger munches grass just like the sheep and cows and deer.



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God made strong goats to leap up on the mountains' rocky slopes, loud monkeys swinging through the vines as sloths creep slowly by. Fat moles began to burrow, while small penguins took their turns waddling along the ocean's edge and jumping in. Big and small, fast and slow, dull and colourful, God made them all.

And when God looked at all He'd made, He saw that it was good! The earth was teeming with new life—creation sang glory, glory to its Maker.

1. Who made all things? How did He make them? (By speaking powerful words.)
2. Why wasn't the lamb afraid of the tiger?
3. Can you think of another animal that God made?
4. Why did God make all these things? (Revelation 4:11, for his own glory.)
5. Later, the Lord Jesus would come down to this earth to teach the people. Already, He was creating animals that would be good examples to use in his teaching (Colossians 1:16-17). Can you tell what we can learn from each animal in Isaiah 53:6 and Matthew 10:16?
6. Read what Jesus says about birds in Matthew 6:25-26. What does this mean? (That God feeds the birds but cares even more for you. What a caring Creator we have!)

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