

# The **BIBLE** Story

## God Created the World

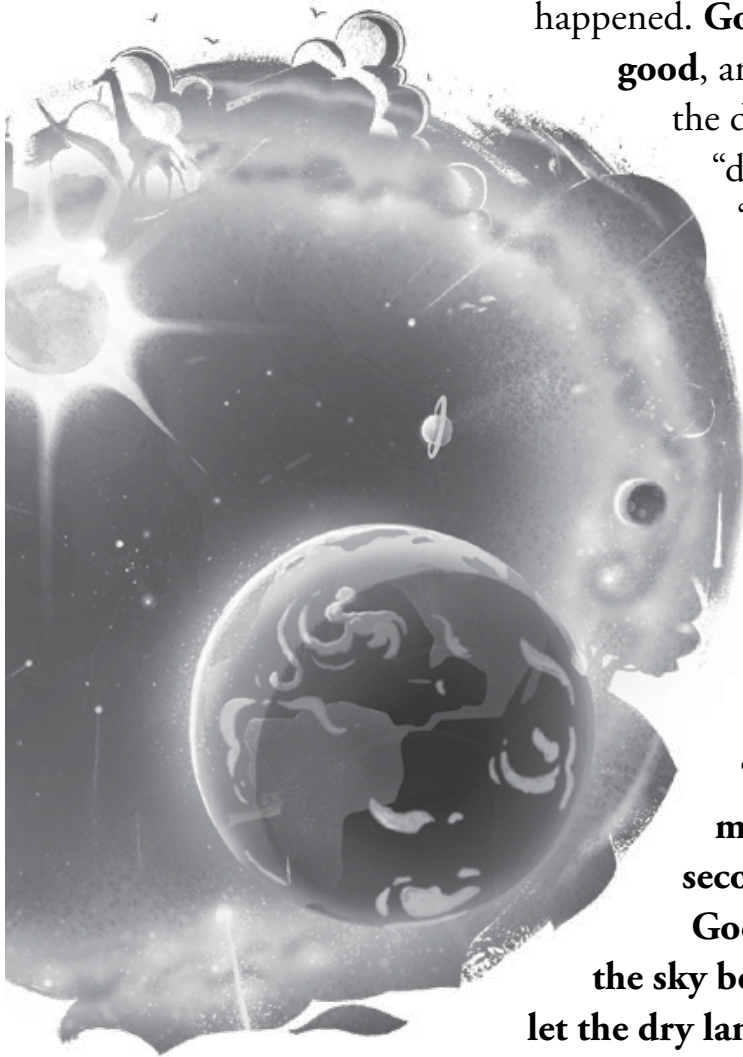
*Genesis 1*

**In the beginning**, nothing existed except for God. **God created the heavens and the earth.** The earth had no shape, and darkness covered the earth. The Spirit of God was there, hovering over the waters.

**God spoke: “Let there be light!”** What God said happened. **God saw that the light was good**, and He separated the light from the darkness. God called the light “day,” and He called the darkness “night.” **Evening came, and then morning came. That was the first day.**

**God spoke again: “Let there be an expanse between the waters to separate them.”** What God said happened. He made a space between the water that was on the earth and the water above the earth. **God called the expanse “sky.” Evening came, and then morning came. That was the second day.**

**God said, “Let the water under the sky be gathered into one place, and let the dry land appear.”** What God said happened. God called the dry land “earth,” and He called the gathered water “seas.” God saw that it was good. Then God said, **“Let the earth make plants and trees with fruits and seeds.”** What God said happened. Plants and trees grew, and **God saw that it**



was good. Evening came, and then morning came. That was the third day.

Next, God placed lights in the sky. God created the sun to shine during the day and the moon and stars to shine at night. God gave us lights to shine on the earth, to separate day from night, and to help us track time in days and years. **God saw that it was good. Evening came, and then morning came. That was the fourth day.**

Next, God made creatures that move and swim in the water. He made birds to flap their wings and soar across the sky. **God saw that it was good.** God told the animals to multiply, and they filled the seas and the sky. Evening came, and then morning came. That was the fifth day.

**Then God made more animals**—livestock, creatures that crawl, and wildlife—to live on the earth. When God said it, it happened. **And God saw that all of it was good.**

*Christ Connection: Jesus is Lord over all of creation. The Son has always existed. The Bible says everything was created by Him and for Him, and He holds everything together. All of creation exists to bring God glory.*

### **Bible Storytelling Tips**

- **Vary your tone:** Speak boldly when telling the words that God spoke. Use pauses for emphasis when identifying the days. Speak cheerfully when describing the creation as “good.”
- **Use props:** Prepare posters with simple drawings for each day of creation. Show each poster at the appropriate point in the story.