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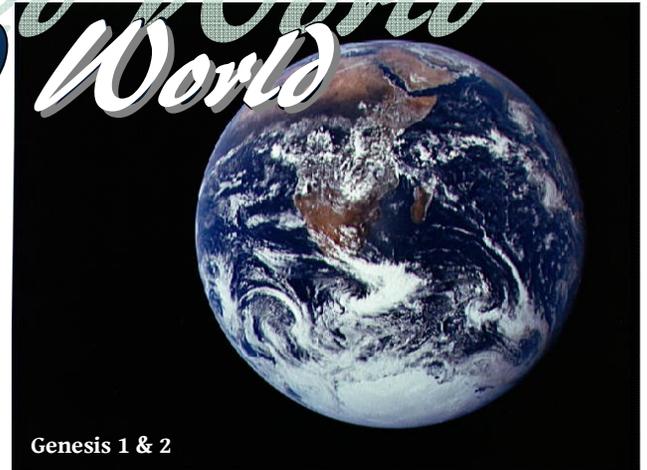
for Children



Psalm 119:105  
Thy word is a lamp unto my feet,  
and a light unto my path.

Spring 2014

## The Created World The Created World



Genesis 1 & 2

**G**od was before the beginning. He has always existed and always will exist. He wasn't born, and He wasn't created. The Triune God—Father, Son and Spirit—were all present and involved in the creation of our world. God the Father spoke things into existence through Jesus the Word, and the Holy Spirit was there, moving above the waters.

### Day One—LIGHT!

When God first created our world, it had no form and it was empty. Darkness was over the depths, and God's Spirit moved above the waters. Then God spoke: "Let there be light!" And light came into existence. God saw the light, that it was good. He called the light "day" and the darkness "night." The evening and the morning were the first day.

### Day Two—SKY!

God spoke again: "Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters..." And it was so. The sky was made, and God called the sky "heaven." The evening and morning were the second day.

### Day Three—LAND! PLANTS!

God spoke His creative Word: "Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together unto one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. The waters gathered together and the dry land appeared. God called the dry land "earth" and the gathered waters "seas." God saw that it was good.

God spoke another time: "Let the earth bring forth grass..." And it was so. The earth sprouted grasses, herbs and fruit trees, and God saw that it was good. The evening and the morning were the third day.

### Day Four—SUN! MOON! STARS!

God's Word went forth: "Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night..." And it was so. God made two great lights—the sun to rule the day and the moon to rule the night—and He made the stars. He placed them in the sky to give light to the earth, and to separate the light from the darkness. God saw that it was good. The evening and the morning were the fourth day.

### Day Five—FISH! BIRDS!

God spoke: "Let the waters bring forth abundantly the moving creature that hath life, and fowl that may fly above the earth..." God made whales and sea creatures, and birds of all kinds. He saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful, and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let fowl multiply in the earth." The evening and morning were the fifth day.

### Day Six—ANIMALS! MAN!

God spoke yet again: "Let the earth bring forth the living creature after his kind, cattle, and creeping thing, and beast of the earth after his kind." God made animals and crawling things, and He saw that it was good.

Once more, God spoke: "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness..." God made humans in His own image, after His own likeness, both male and female. God blessed them and said: "Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth." God saw everything He had made, and, behold, it was very good! And the evening and the morning were the sixth day.

### Day Seven—REST!

Heaven and earth were complete, and everything in them. God had finished all His work, and He rested the seventh day. God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on this day He rested from all His work of creation.

# Toddlers Through Three Years



made the



God made the whole world!  
He made day and night.  
He made the sky.  
He made the land and the water.  
He made the sun, moon and stars.  
He made grass, trees and flowers.  
He made fish and birds.  
He made animals.

God made people.  
He made Mom and Dad.  
He made YOU!

Here's a little song about creation.  
(tune: "Mary Had a Little Lamb")

**Do you know who made the world,  
made the world, made the world?  
Do you know who made the world?  
It was God who made the world.**

Replace the word "world" with other things God created (cows, dogs, trees, etc.).

# Tots Four-Six Years

*Have you ever been outside in a storm? On a boat?*

Jesus was with His disciples in a boat. There were other little boats with their boat. A great windstorm came up, and the huge waves were crashing against the boat. It was filling up with water.

Jesus was in the back of the boat, sleeping on a pillow. The disciples woke Jesus up, saying, "Master, don't you care that we're going to drown? Save us, Lord!" The disciples were afraid.

Jesus got up and spoke to the wind and the sea. He said:

**"Peace!  
Be Still!"**

Immediately the wind stopped blowing and the sea became very still and calm. Jesus asked His disciples, "Why are you so afraid? How can it be that you don't have any faith?"

The disciples were even more afraid. They were amazed, saying to one another, "What kind of man is this, that even the wind and the sea obey Him?" They had never seen anyone stop a storm before!

Storms can be scary, but Jesus is the Master of the Storm. He has the power to stop the wind and the waves and to make a great calm. When you are afraid, ask Jesus to help you. He may not stop the storm, but He can give you peace in the middle of the worst storm.



## **transfigure:** *change in appearance*

Ages Seven-Ten

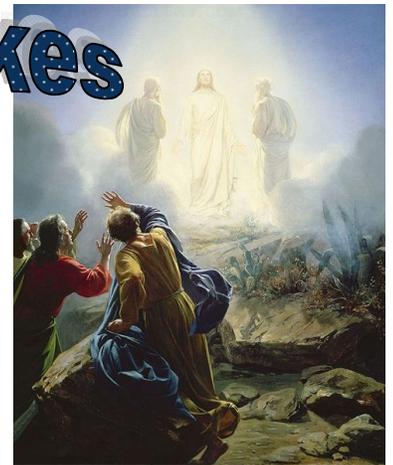
# Tykes

For most of His life, Jesus looked like a normal Jewish male. He was a baby, then a child, then a young man, then an adult man. Jesus didn't look "godly." There was nothing special in the way He looked that was different from any other man. That all changed one day, for a brief time!

Jesus took Peter, James and John up into a high mountain. Jesus was "transfigured" before them. His appearance, the way He looked, was changed. His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became white as light. Moses and Elijah appeared, talking to Jesus. Peter said it was good that they were there, and he asked Jesus if he should build three tabernacles, one each for Jesus, Moses and Elijah. Suddenly, while Peter was still talking, a bright cloud overshadowed them and a voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; listen to Him." When they heard the voice, Peter, James and John were very frightened and fell down with their faces on the ground. But Jesus came and touched them and said, "Get up. Don't be afraid!" When they looked up, they didn't see anyone, except Jesus only.

For a little while, there on the mountain, the glory that Jesus shared with His Father was revealed. His godly brilliance and majesty shone through His human body. He didn't look like a normal man. Peter, James and John could see His glory! When they heard God's voice from heaven, it was too much for them. But Jesus didn't want them to be afraid. He came to them, touched them, and reassured them. When they looked up they saw Jesus only with them.

***Jesus only. Jesus only. That's what we want to see!***



...Let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. Genesis 1:26

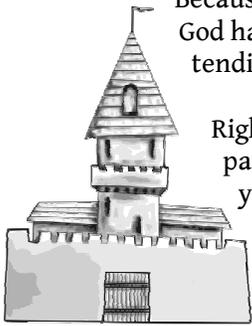
## **dominion:** rule; authority

A king has dominion in his kingdom; he is the one who rules and leads. He has authority and his word is law. A king protects those under his dominion. A good king's thoughts are toward his people, toward those in his kingdom. He wants what is best for them.

Right from the beginning, people were set apart from the rest of creation. God made humans in His own image. He gave them dominion over all the earth. God set a task for Adam: to dress and keep the Garden of Eden (Gen 2:15). Remember that this was before the Fall, so there weren't weeds or thistles, there was no disease attacking the plants, there were no leaf-eating insects or slugs to destroy the beautiful garden. Yet God put Adam in a position of authority. He was to tend the garden and harvest the fruit. It was good for Adam to be busy and to have purpose.

Because we were given dominion over it, we ought to care for God's creation. We should tend this world that God has given to us. We should be busy and have purpose, whether we are caring for family or strangers, tending plants or animals, whether in school or our free time.

Right now, you may feel that your "dominion" is very small because you are not an adult. This may be partly true, but you have authority and responsibility in certain areas: chores at home, caring for a younger sibling, feeding the dog. Your dominion will grow as you age, and always remember that you are under GOD'S dominion. You are part of His kingdom and under His authority.



To the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, **dominion** and power, both now and ever. Amen. Jude 1:25

## **In the Image of God**

And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness... Genesis 1:26

God made humans in His own image, after His own likeness. The Gospel of Luke says that Adam was the *son of God* (3:38). What does it mean to be made in God's image? Did we completely lose the likeness to God when we fell into sin? First, let's see how humans are different from God.

- God is *incorporeal*—He doesn't have a physical body made of flesh—so the human body is not like Him.
- God is *eternal*—He's always existed. Humans didn't exist before God made them.
- God is *omnipotent*—He is all-powerful, but humans have limited power.
- God is *omniscient*—He knows everything, while people only know some things.
- God is *omnipresent*—He's everywhere all the time, but people are only in one place at a time.
- God is *immutable*—He never changes. People change all the time, physically, mentally, spiritually.
- God is *self-sufficient*—He is independent and doesn't need anyone or anything. People have many needs.

Now, let's see how humans bear the likeness of God, and are different from the rest of God's creation.

- Mankind is *immortal*; though our bodies die, our souls will live forever.
- Humans were given *intelligence*, minds that are capable of thought and reason.
- Mankind was given *language* and the ability to communicate at a much deeper level than the rest of creation.
- People are *creative* and animals are not. People create things like music and art and poetry.
- Humans have the *capacity to love*. Animals have the instinct to nurture their young, but they don't love them.
- Humans were *created holy*. Man's holiness didn't last long, but when he was first made, he was perfect and holy.
- Mankind has *independence*; he can rebel and sin against God.

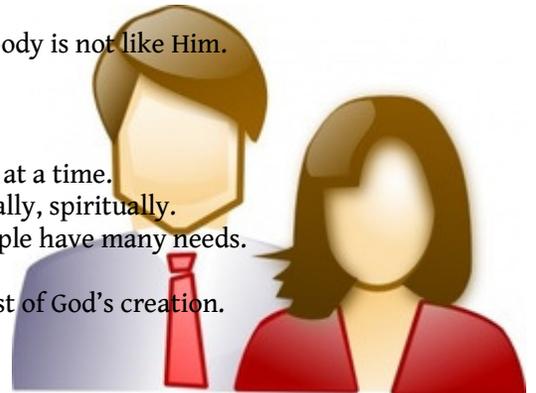
We didn't completely lose our likeness to God when we fell into sin. Our original holiness was replaced by original sin,\* but the other attributes remain. Our holiness can only be restored by faith in Jesus. Through His death on the cross, God's perfect Son Jesus took our sin on Himself and gave us His righteousness. Although we are still sinners, when we are given faith in Jesus to save us, God sees us as holy and sinless.

\* see page 4

# Tweens

Eleven-Twelve Years

# Teens



# Original Sin:

*the tendency to sin inborn in all human beings, inherited from Adam in consequence of the Fall.*

After God's beautiful creation was finished, He put the man He had made in the Garden of Eden. They had a special close relationship. God would come and walk in the Garden with Adam. God gave Adam a command: "You can freely eat the fruit of every tree in the Garden, except the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. The day you eat that fruit you will die." God created a woman for Adam so that he didn't have to be alone and they lived together in Eden.

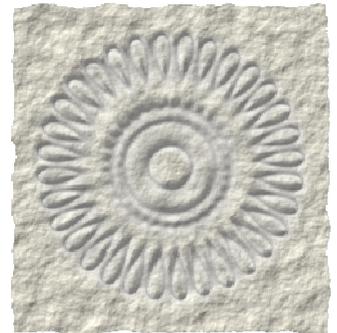
Satan was a sly snake. He came to Eve and tempted her to disobey God's command. She listened to the devil and ate the forbidden fruit. She gave Adam some and he ate it. God's perfect world wasn't perfect any more! Sin had come into the world with one act of disobedience.



Because they had sinned, God fulfilled His promise. Adam and Eve died that day. They began to die *physically*, though their hearts continued to beat for many years, and they died *spiritually*. Their souls had been killed by their disobedience to God's command. This sin affected all of creation: the earth now brought forth thorns and thistles; death and disease permeated plants, animals and humans; and, worst of all, man's close relationship to God had been severed. God drove them out of the Garden and set an angel guard with a flaming sword to keep the way to the tree of life.

**E**VERY PERSON BORN SINCE THAT DAY has inherited Adam and Eve's sinful nature. Because of Adam's sin, this nature has been passed from parent to child through all the generations. This is *original sin*. God, through His Word and Spirit, breathes into man the breath of life and replaces his dead, stony heart with a heart of flesh. God gives people faith to believe in the completed work of Christ. Only by faith in Christ can a person be made righteous. Only through faith in Christ can a person be restored to a loving relationship with the Father.

Have you ever made an imprint of a coin, flower, or your hand, in clay or plaster? The clay bears the exact image of the object you used to imprint the clay. If you look at the imprint, you can tell what kind of coin was used, or you can see your handprint exactly as your hand really is.



## Jesus—the Exact Imprint of the Father

Long ago, God spoke through the prophets, but now He has spoken to us by His Son. Jesus is the radiance of the glory of God, and He is the exact imprint of God's nature. God has shown us exactly what He is like, and He has spoken to us, by His Son. We see who God is by seeing who Jesus is.

Once when Jesus was with His disciples, Philip asked Jesus to show them the Father and they would be satisfied. Jesus said to Philip, "Have I been with you so long, Philip, and you still don't know me? Whoever has seen Me has seen the Father! How can you say, 'Show us the Father?!' I am in the Father and the Father is in Me."

When we look at Jesus, we see that He was sinless and holy, loving and kind. He was gracious and merciful, honest and true. He healed the sick and raised the dead. He loved people with the deepest love. Jesus came to this earth for one purpose: to save mankind from sin. He was deeply grieved by sin. His life was given in service to others.

From these things, we can see who the Father is and what He is like. He is the same as His Son: sinless, holy, loving, kind. Gracious. Merciful. Honest and true. Heals the sick and raises the dead. Loves people with the deepest love. Saves mankind from sin. Is deeply grieved by sin. Gives Himself in service to others.

When we've seen Jesus, we've seen the Father.

# CROSSWORD

Find words from the story on page 1.



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| ANIMALS   | MAN     |
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| DAY       | PLANTS  |
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## Bible Fill-In: Fill in the missing words. See Genesis 1:1-5 for help.

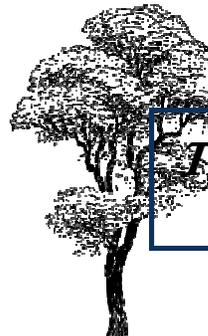
In the beginning God created the heaven and the \_\_\_\_\_.  
 And the earth was \_\_\_\_\_ form, and void; and darkness  
 was upon the face of the deep. And the \_\_\_\_\_ of God  
 moved upon the \_\_\_\_\_ of the waters.  
 And God said, Let there be light: and there was \_\_\_\_\_.  
 And God saw the light, that it was \_\_\_\_\_:  
 and God divided the \_\_\_\_\_ from the darkness.  
 And God called the light \_\_\_\_\_, and the darkness he  
 called \_\_\_\_\_.  
 And the evening and the morning were the \_\_\_\_\_ day.

## Number Fill-In

- The missing numbers are integers between 0 and 9.
- The numbers in each row add up to totals to the right.
- The numbers in each column add up to the totals on the bottom.
- The diagonal lines also add up the totals to the right.

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How many trees are on this page?



## THE CREATED WORLD!

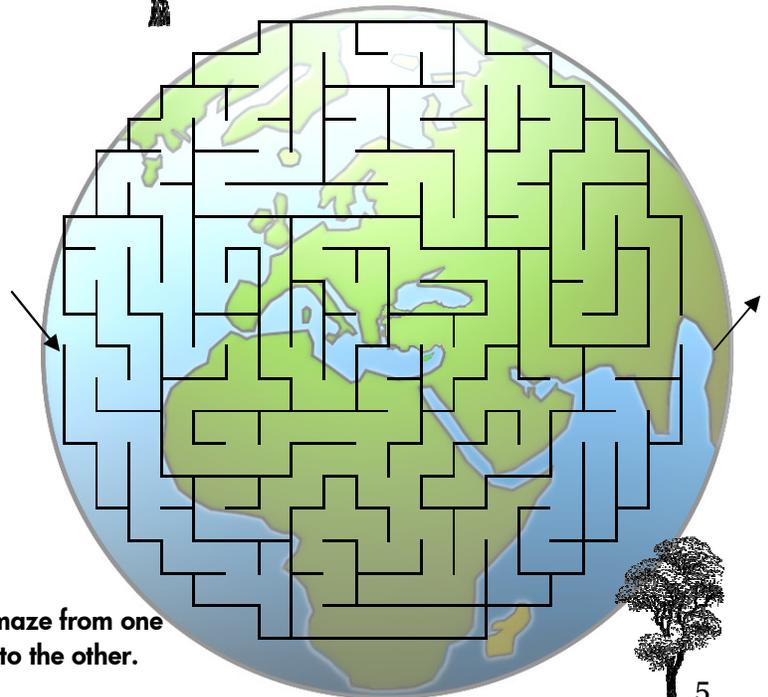
Puzzle Fun

Answer Key: page 7

## Interesting Facts about God's BIG world:

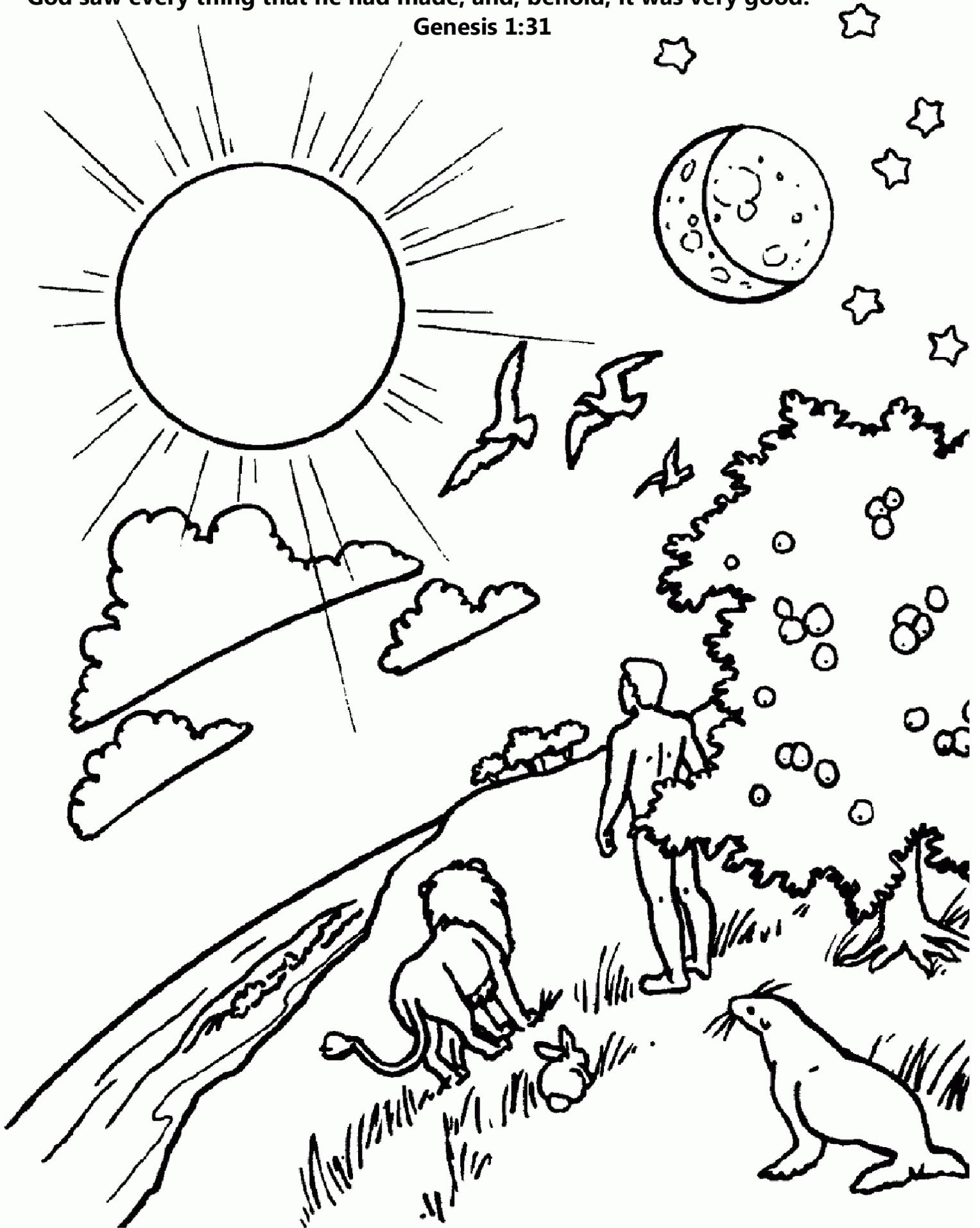
- 24,901 miles (circumference of the Earth)
- 93,000,000 miles (distance to the Sun)
- 29,029 feet (height of Mt Everest)
- 4,258 miles (length of Nile River)
- 326 million cubic miles (amount of water on Earth)
- 3,600,000 square miles (size of Sahara Desert)
- 379 feet (tallest tree in the world)
- 6.831 miles (depth of Mariana Trench)

Travel through the maze from one side of God's earth to the other.



God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good.

Genesis 1:31



# All Creatures Of Our God And King

St. Francis of Assisi

Geistliche Kirchengesänge, Cologne

Choir

1 All cre-atures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us  
 2 O ru-shing wind that art so strong, you clouds that sail in heaven a-  
 3 O flo-wing wa-ter, pure and clear, make mu-sic for your Lord to  
 4 All you who are of ten-der heart, for gi-ving o-thers, take your  
 5 Let all things their Cre-a-tor bless, and wor-ship him in hum-ble-

sing Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia! Thou bur-ning sun with gol-den  
 long, O-praise him, Al-le-lu-ia! O-ri-sing morn in praise re-  
 hear, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia! O-fire so mas-ter-ful and  
 part, sing prai-ses, Al-le-lu-ia! All you who pain and sor-row  
 ness, O-praise him, Al-le-lu-ia! Praise, praise the Fa-ther, praise the

beam, and sil-ver moon with sof-ter gleam, O-praise him, O-  
 joyce, O-lights of eve-ning, find a voice, O-praise him, O-  
 bright pro-vi-ding us with warmth and light, O-praise him, O-  
 bear, praise God and on him cast your care, O-praise him, O-  
 Son and praise the Spi-rit, Three in One, O-praise him, O-

praise him, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia!

## Dear God,

Thank You for the world You created. We see how large Your creation is and we feel small. You are ever so much greater than the universe You made!

Thank You for sending Jesus to this earth to save us from sin and to show us what You are like. Please help us to know You, to learn more of You daily. Help us, Father, to see You in Jesus and to understand Your great love for us.

Thank You for Your power that was displayed in Jesus, when even the wind and sea obeyed His voice and when the dead were raised to life by His call. He is Your Word which brings life and a new creation.

Let the Light of Your Gospel shine into this dark world. So many are lost and hurting, broken and dying, and You are the only remedy for their pain. Help those with addictions know Your strength and power to overcome the Adversary. Help those who are lonely to know Your love.

Help us to love our neighbor as ourselves, to be the hands and feet of Jesus in our community. Let people see Jesus in us, and let us love and serve and give so that You would be glorified by our walk in this world. Let our loved ones who do not know You come to the knowledge of their need for a Savior, and let Your Gospel speak peace to their hearts. May You always receive the glory! May You always be magnified and praised!

We worship You for Your holiness and perfect Majesty. You are enthroned in light and we are unable to behold You face to face in this age, but some day we will see you face to face.

Thank You for Your mercy to the children of men, for forgiving our sin for the sake of Your dear Son, in whose Name we pray,

**Amen.**

### Puzzle Answer Key



How many trees? There are nine trees on the puzzle page.

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Number Fill-In:

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## For Parents:

### ***Simul justus et peccator:*** (Latin) “simultaneously righteous and a sinner”

Simultaneously saint and sinner. What an amazing concept! We, through faith in Christ’s work of redemption, are justified before God. At the same time, we are sinners, still living in this broken world. We believe that Christ gave us His perfect righteousness and took on Himself all our sin, but we see the effects of sin within and around us.

Our children, through faith, are also saints and sinners. They have the righteousness of Christ and they have sinful natures that battle against authority, ours and God’s. They (and we) are fully saint and fully sinner, as Christ was wholly God and wholly man, but children need to be taught both concepts. Teach your children early of their dual nature in proper measure, lest an imbalance cause either self-righteousness or despair. Always remind them that their sainthood is not their own, that it was purchased for them at great price, and that their sin is paid for because of Christ’s sacrifice.

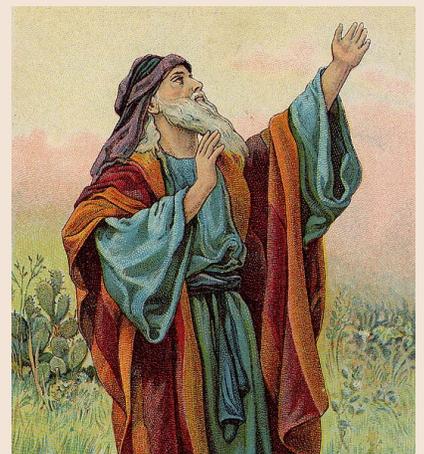
When your children know both natures to the depths of their beings, it causes an outpouring of thankfulness to God for His goodness, and a proper fear of God. We never want our children to rely on their own righteousness, and we never want them to lose sight of the pit from which they were pulled.

When Isaiah saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up, and the seraphim glorifying the LORD of hosts, he said:

***Then said I, Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts. Then flew one of the seraphims unto me, having a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with the tongs from off the altar: And he laid it upon my mouth, and said, Lo, this hath touched thy lips; and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged. Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me.***

**Isaiah 6:5-8**

Isaiah knew his sinful nature and despaired over it, yet the Lord purged his iniquity. Isaiah was both sinner and saint. What was his response to the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send?” He said, “Here I am! Send me!”



God has put your children into your family, and He has “sent you” to a task, that of raising your children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. When you teach them of grace and sin, of life and death, you are fulfilling the commission God has set before you. It isn’t always easy, but it’s always worth it.