

# God creates the world

Genesis 1:1–2:3

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In the beginning there was only darkness.

Wind swept over the waters, and God said, "Let there be light!" and there was light. God called the light "day" and the darkness "night." And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

God said, "Let there be a dome that separates the waters above from the waters below." God made the dome and called it "sky." And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered into one place, and let the dry land appear." God called the dry land "earth" and the waters "seas." Then God said, "Let the earth be filled with plants and trees and fruits and seeds." God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

God said, "Let there be lights in the sky to separate the day from the night." And it was so. God made the sun to shine by day and the moon to shine by night. God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

And God said, "Let the waters be filled with fish and living creatures. Let the sky be filled with birds flying above the earth." God saw that it was good. God blessed them saying, "Fill the seas and the sky." And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

And God said, "Let the earth be filled with creatures of every kind." God said, "Let us make humans in our image, who can care for the fish and birds and animals of the earth." God made humans, male and female. God blessed them and said, "Fill the earth and care for the earth and for all living things." God saw that everything was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

On the seventh day, God rested. God blessed the seventh day and set it apart as a special day of rest.