

**Old Testament  
Lesson 2: Creation**

Text: Genesis 1

Memory Verses:	Genesis 1:1	In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.
	Genesis 1:26,27	And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and 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.  So God created man in His own image, in the image of God created He him; male and female created He them.

Goal:	Student will learn: • God Almighty created our world and every living creature. Scientific theories regarding the origin of the universe and man are not scientific facts and conflict with the truth of God's word.
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*Outline:*

- I. God's creation. Genesis 1
  - A. First day - light.
  - B. Second day - firmament.
  - C. Third day - dry land, vegetation.
  - D. Fourth day - sun, moon, stars.
  - E. Fifth day - fish, fowl.
  - F. Sixth day - beast, cattle, man
  - G. Seventh day - God rested.
  - H. Food supply.

*Facts:*

1. "Genesis" means origin, source, or beginning. The book of Genesis gives a majestic account of all the Creator brought into being, the establishment of the family, the origin of sin, the inauguration of God's divine plan of redeeming His chosen people. (Genesis 3:15) Genesis deals with matters far beyond known scientific realms. It includes the "prehistoric age."
2. Genesis was written by Moses. He was educated by the Egyptians. Moses had the privilege of the closest fellowship with God on Mt. Sinai.

3. God is one almighty God. He is the beginning, the cause, the source of all that is. The word for God in Hebrew is “Elohim.” (John 1:1) God created the universe, the heavens and the earth, the world above, around and below. Science reveals our galaxy contains more than 100 billion stars. It is one of nineteen known galaxies, the nearest of which is thirty million light years away. Many think there could be more than a billion galaxies. The revelations of science make us more aware of the wisdom, power, and awesomeness of God.
4. The earth had no form, was empty and dark. God spoke and instantly there was light. (Psalms 33:6,9) He was pleased that it was perfect and complete. With the creation of light, the first day began and the darkness was called night.
5. On the second day God created the firmament or heavens. This was an expanse above the earth able to hold great reservoirs of water for rain, snow, or similar precipitation.
6. On the third day God spoke and created the dry land with grass, trees and every form of vegetation. Prior to this, water had covered everything.
7. On the fourth day God created the sun, moon and stars to fill the heavens. The greater light (sun) would rule the day and the lesser light (moon) would rule the night.
8. On the fifth day God created all the many species of fish and sea animals and the many species of birds. God was pleased with His creation and instructed them to multiply.
9. On the sixth day, God created all land animals which included every large beast, from cattle to the smallest creeping reptile or insect. God was pleased with His creatures. Then, for the grand finale that day, He created man in His image. Man would stand on a higher, immortal plateau above the rest of creation. He would have fellowship and communicate with God and be a responsible steward to Him. He was given the privilege of choice. He would have dominion over all of God's other living creatures. God was pleased with His creation. He had provided food for each creature. Everything He created fit perfectly together as a beautiful symphony.
10. On the seventh day, God declared His work finished and sanctified/set aside a day to be honored for rest. (The Sabbath, the first institution of the Bible.)
11. Our science books today often include man-created theories for creation that are incorrect and unsupported. Charles Darwin's theory of evolution states that all life gradually changed and “evolved” from non-living matter to a single celled organism, 3-4 billion years ago. Scientific facts on DNA alone would prove this theory wrong. God's creation of man alone is very complex. Consider all the different species of vegetation, marine life and animal life (both male and female) or the design of our solar system; this theory that some would like to believe, is preposterous. Where did this single-celled organism come from?

In 1965, astronomers came up with the “Big Bang Theory” which states the universe began as the result of an explosion 10-20 billion years ago. The explosion caused strong radiation and a fireball of hydrogen and helium. The fireball broke apart and became galaxies. Smaller clumps became stars. One clump became a group of planets called our solar system. Again, we have to ask

- where did the elements that caused the “explosion” come from? What caused the fireball to break apart? How could a clump of a fireball become a galaxy and stars and planets? Where did man and animal life, sea life, and vegetation , etc. come from? Scientific fact cannot support this theory either. (Remember those “false teachers” Paul warned so much about? Beware!)
12. The universe is filled with secrets men would like to know. Little by little, God is allowing scientists to uncover clues to these mysteries. Scientists have divided all things into: time, force, energy, space, and matter. All of these are supported by Genesis 1:1.

*Visuals:*

- Characterization props:
  - globe of the earth
  - picture, mobile, model, ornament: stars, sun, moon, solar system
  - clay - earth without form
  - flashlight, small lamp, candle - light
  - firmament - sky picture
  - dry land - sample of dirt, clay, grass, flowers, vegetables, tree branch
  - sun, moon, stars - string of Christmas light punched through black background
    - poster board, orange - moon, grapefruit - sun
  - fish, birds, land animals - toy, craft items, pictures of different species
  - Adam, Eve - dolls, clay forms, paper dolls, boy/girl cut out cookies
  - rest - pillow, blanket, sleeping bag
  - dust, dirt
  - science book, encyclopedia
  - available resource books in the library on dinosaurs, Christian evidences
- Flannelgraphs
- Flipchart for days of creation
- Puppets/Dolls
- Sandbox Map
- Storybook
- Video

*Songs:*

- All Things Bright And Beautiful
- Blue Skies And Rainbows
- Day 1 (Creation Song)
- Father, I Adore You
- For The Beauty Of The Earth
- God Is Not Dead
- God Made Adam Of The Dust
- God Made The Animals
- God Made The Round Round Sun
- I Love The Father
- My God And I
- My God Is So Big

- Old Testament Books
- Our God He Is Alive
- Thank You Lord
- This Is The Day The Lord Hath Made
- Twinkle Twinkle Little Star
- You Are Special

*Activities:*

- File-Folder Activities:  
    “Creation”
- Age-appropriate handwork
- Make a mobile showing things God made
- Make a mural of the days of creation
- Make a match up activity poster. Match the days of creation to what was created (numbers/pictures)
- Make a scientific facts chart of proven/discovered scientific facts supported by the Bible.

*Discussion Questions:*

1. What is the book of Genesis about? Who wrote Genesis?
2. What did God create? How did God create them?
3. Which days did He create what?
4. How was God's creation of man different from the other living creatures?
5. When was the Sabbath day established? Why?
6. Compare the Bible account of creation to man-made theories of creation. Which is most logical? Which is supported best by scientific and historical fact?

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