

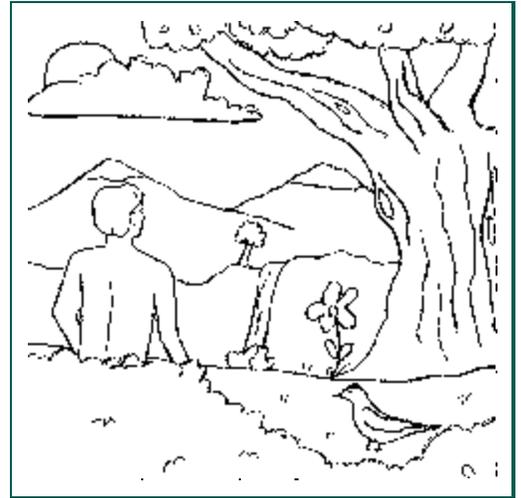
Creation

Genesis 1 - 2:7; 2:18-25

What do you think it means to be created in the image of God?

How do you see God's great power at work in the Creation account?

How do you see God's great love at work in the Creation account?



Prayer

Dear Triune God, You are the One who created the universe, from the greatest oceans and mountains to the smallest flowers, animals, and minerals. You also created me and all people. In all this You have shown Your incredible power and love. Thank You for being a God who so loves His people that You would come to this earth in order to die for us. We look forward to being with You in the new paradise of heaven. Please guide our study of creation today. We offer You praises in Jesus' Name. Amen

The Story - Genesis 1-2:7; 2:18-25

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. {2} The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

{3} Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. {4} And God saw the light, that it was good; and God divided the light from the darkness. {5} God called the light Day, and the darkness He called Night. So the evening and the morning were the first day.

{6} Then God said, "Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters." {7} Thus

God made the firmament, and divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament; and it was so. {8} And God called the firmament Heaven. So the evening and the morning were the second day.

{9} Then God said, "Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear"; and it was so. {10} And God called the dry land Earth, and the gathering together of the waters He called Seas. And God saw that it was good.



{11} Then God said, "Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb that yields seed, and the fruit tree that yields fruit according to its kind, whose seed is in itself, on the earth"; and it was so. {12} And the earth brought forth grass, the herb that yields seed according to its kind, and the tree that yields fruit, whose seed is in itself according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. {13} So the evening and the morning were the third day.

{14} Then God said, "Let there be lights in the firmament of the heavens to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs and seasons, and for days and years; {15} "and let them be for lights in the firmament of the heavens to give light on the earth"; and it was so. {16} Then God made two great lights: the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night. He made the stars also. {17} God set them in the firmament of the heavens to give light on the earth, {18} and to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. {19} So the evening and the morning were the fourth day.

{20} Then God said, "Let the waters abound with an abundance of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the face of the firmament of the heavens." {21} So God created great sea creatures and every living thing that moves, with which the waters abounded, according to their kind, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. {22} And God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." {23} So the evening and the morning were the fifth day.

{24} Then God said, "Let the earth bring

forth the living creature according to its kind: cattle and creeping thing and beast of the earth, each according to its kind"; and it was so. {25} And God made the beast of the earth according to its kind, cattle according to its kind, and everything that creeps on the earth according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.

{26} Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

{27} So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

{28} Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

{29} And God said, "See, I have given you every herb that yields seed which is on the face of all the earth, and every tree whose fruit yields seed; to you it shall be for food. {30} "Also, to every beast of the earth, to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, in which there is life, I have given every green herb for food"; and it was so.

{31} Then God saw everything that He had made, and indeed it was very good. So the evening and the morning were the sixth day.

(Genesis 2) Thus the heavens

and the earth, and all the host of them, were finished.

{2} And on the seventh day God ended His work which He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had done. {3} Then God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because in it He rested from all His work which God had created and made.

{4} This is the history of the heavens and the earth when they were created, in the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens, {5} before any plant of the field was in the earth and before any herb of the field had grown. For the LORD God had not caused it to rain on the earth, and there was no man to till the ground; {6} but a mist went up from the earth and watered the whole face of the ground. {7} And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.

{18} And the LORD God said, "It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him."

{19} Out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field and every bird

of the air, and brought them to Adam to see what he would call them. And whatever Adam called each living creature, that was its name. {20} So Adam gave names to all cattle, to the birds of the air, and to every beast of the field.

But for Adam there was not found a helper comparable to him. {21} And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall on Adam, and he slept; and He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh in its place. {22} Then the rib which the LORD God had taken from man He made into a woman, and He brought her to the man.

{23} And Adam said: "This is now bone of my bones And flesh of my flesh; She shall be called Woman, Because she was taken out of Man." {24} Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.

{25} And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.

Outer Aim - The Triune God created all things.

What the Story Tells Us - Fill in the blanks below. Place the letters in parentheses () in order on the blanks at the bottom to find the attributes of God see in His creation.

1. In the beginning, God created the _____ and the earth.
2. The __ () _____ was hovering over the face of the waters.
3. The earth was without __ () _____ and void.
4. On the first day, God spoke and there () _____ .

5. On the second day, God created the _____ () _____.
6. On the third day, God made the _____ and _____ () _____.
7. On the fourth day, God used His () _____ to create the _____, _____, and _____.
8. On the fifth day, God created the _____ and winged _____ () _____.
9. On the sixth day, God created land _____ () _____.
10. God used His _____ () _____ to create all these things.
11. God crowned His creation by making _____ and _____ () _____.
12. God commanded them to be _____ and _____ () _____.
13. He also _____ () _____ them to _____ the earth. (Gen. 1:28)
14. On the _____ () _____ day God rested.
15. All that He made was _____ () _____ . (Gen. 1:31)

God's attributes: _____, _____, and _____.

<u>ANSWER WORDS</u>				
commanded	multiply	Spirit of God	fruitful	man
firmament	very good	seventh	heavens	Word
Word	form	woman	subdue	sea creatures
was light	moon	stars	sun	seas
animals	birds		dry land	

Inner Aim - I am God's creation whom He still preserves.

What God's Word Tells Us - God uses His power, wisdom and love to daily care for you! List 10 ways that He does so. (Hint: Use the explanation to the First Article below for ideas.)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____

Passages - Read the passages and answer the questions.

1. *Genesis 1:27 – 28 “So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. Then God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”*

Was the creation of man unique? How?

2. *Ephesians 4:24 “...and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in righteousness and true holiness.”*
Colossians 3:10 “...and have put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him...”

What is the image of God?

3. *Genesis 8:22 “While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and winter and summer, and day and night shall not cease.”*

How does this verse reassure you?

4. *Psalm 145:15-16 "The eyes of all look expectantly to You and You give them their food in due season. You open Your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing."*

What is the Holy Spirit telling you about your Lord?

Psalm 139: 13-14 - "You have formed my inward parts; You have covered me in my mother's womb. I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvelous are Your works, and that my soul knows very well."

Hebrews 11:3 - "By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the Word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible."

First Article

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

What does this mean?

I believe that God has created me and all creatures. He has given me my body and life, eyes, ears, and all my bodily members, my mind and all my senses, and still keeps them for me.

God also preserves me by richly and daily providing clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all my property and all I need to support this body and life. He protects me from all danger. He guards me from every evil.

Hymn - TLH 39 1, 2, 5

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty,
The King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is
Thy Health and Salvation!
Join the full throng;
Wake, harp and psalter and song;
Sound forth in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things
So wondrously reigneth,
Who, as on wings of an eagle,
Uplifteth, sustaineth.
Hast thou not seen
How thy desires all have been
Granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him!
Let the Amen sound from His people again;
Gladly for aye we adore Him.

Prayer

Dear God, thank You for Your amazing creation! Teach me to remember how You created all things so that when I see all the wonderful things in the world, I will remember that You are the one who gives them to me. Thank you for making me and taking care of me each day. Amen.