

The Beginning of the World

God Creates Everything

This is how God made the world. First He said, “Let there be Light!” and instantly everything changed from darkness to light. And God saw that the light was good. And God called the light Day, and the darkness He called Night.

Then God made the Earth and the Sky. And in the sky He placed the Sun for the daytime, and the Moon and the Stars for the nighttime. The water He gathered into big oceans and wide rivers and pleasant little streams. The dry land He formed into high mountains and lovely valleys. Then He covered the earth with growing things, like beautiful green grass and trees and flowers.

Then God said, “Let the waters of the earth be filled with all kinds of fishes and living things.” And that is just what happened. The oceans became full of fishes of all kinds—like tremendous whales and octopuses, silvery mackerels and tiny minnows—every kind of big or little fish you could possibly imagine. In all the waters of the world, even in the littlest brooks, there were fishes.

After that God made all the birds of the air—everything with wings—the robins and the bluebirds, the pigeons and the chickens, the eagles and the ostriches. Next, God made all the animals of the world—the wild animals that live in the forests, like the lions and the tigers; the gentle animals that harm no one, like deer and the rabbits; the pretty animals, like the lambs and the zebras; and the crawling animals, like the snakes and the alligators. God made hundreds and hundreds of animals.

And last of all God made a Man and a Woman, and He said to them, “See, I give you the whole world to be happy in. May you have many children, and may you be the masters of all the animals! For your food I give to you all the fruit of the trees and the plants of the earth. To the animals, also, I give the plants and trees for their food, for they must live, too.” God showed the man all the wonderful animals He had made and told the man to give each animal a name. Then God blessed the man and the woman and all the birds and beasts and everything that grew.

So it was that God made the world. He made it all in six days. Then, on the seventh day, He rested.



