

# The Creation Story

Genesis 1 (New Living Translation)

**"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.**

{2} The earth was empty, a formless mass cloaked in darkness.



And the Spirit of God was hovering over its surface.

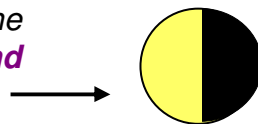
{3} Then God said, "Let there be light," and there was light.



{4} And God saw that it was good. Then he separated the

light from the darkness. {5} **God called the light "day" and**

**the darkness "night."** Together these made up one day.



## DAY 2

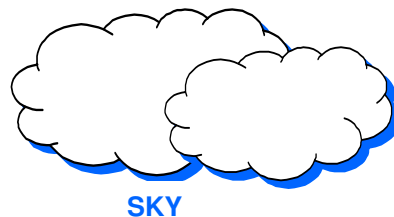
{6} And God said, "Let there be space between the waters, to

separate water from water." {7} And so it was. God made this

space to separate the waters above from the waters below. {8}

**And God called the space "sky."** This happened on the second

day.



## DAY 3

{9} And God said, "Let the waters beneath the sky be gathered into one place so dry ground

may appear." And so it was. {10} **God named the dry ground "land" and the water "seas."**

And God saw that it was good. {11} Then God said, "Let the **land burst forth with every**

**sort of grass and seed-bearing plant. And let there be trees that grow seed-bearing**

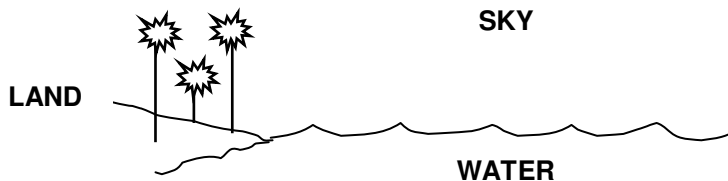
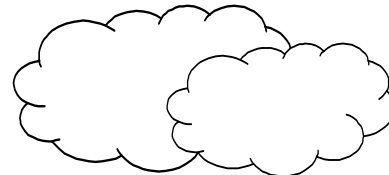
**fruit. The seeds will then produce the kinds of plants and**

**trees from which they came."** And so it was. {12} The land

was filled with seed-bearing plants and trees, and their seeds

produced plants and trees of like kind. And God saw that it

was good. {13} This all happened on the third day.



## DAY 4

{14} And God said, "Let **bright lights** appear in the sky to

separate the **day** from the **night**. They will be signs to mark

off the seasons, the days, and the years. {15} **Let their**

**light shine down upon the earth."** And so it was. {16} For

God made two great lights, the sun and the moon, to shine

down upon the earth. The greater one, the sun, presides

during the day; the lesser one, the moon, presides through

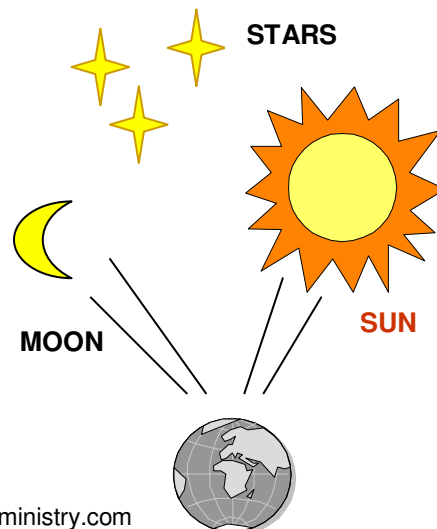
the night. He also made the stars. {17} God set these lights

in the heavens to light the earth, {18} to govern the day and

the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And

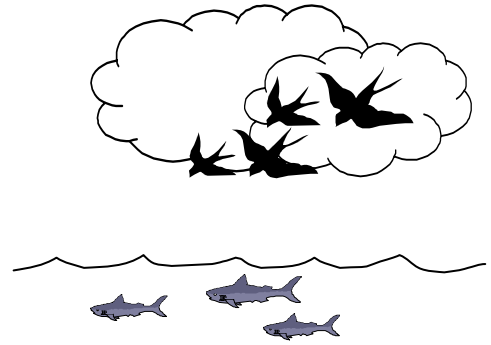
God saw that it was good. {19} This all happened on the

fourth day.



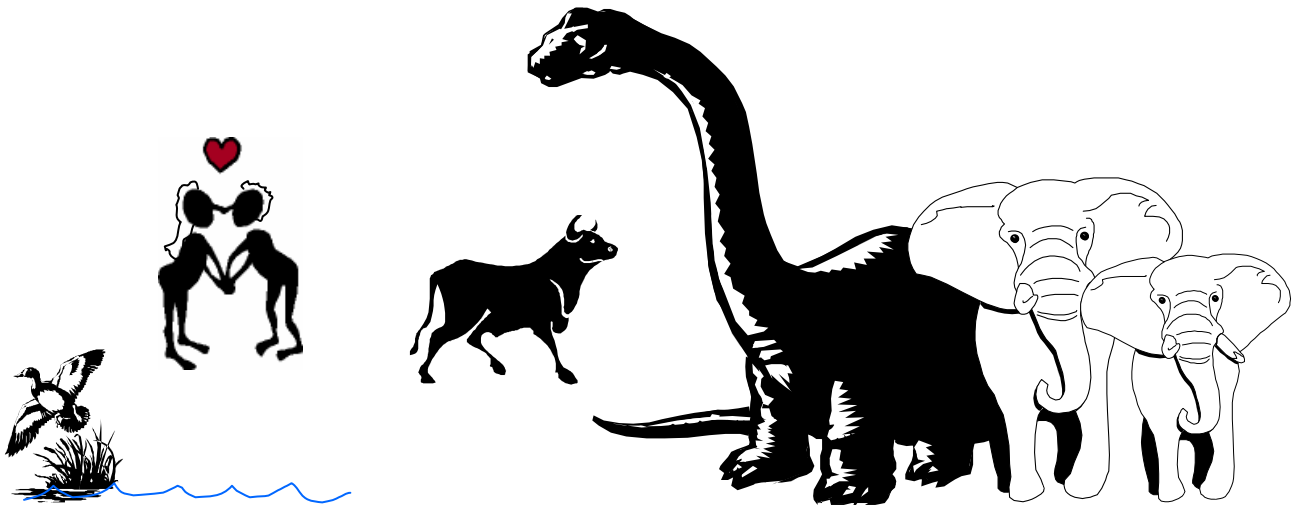
## DAY 5

{20} And God said, "Let the **waters** swarm with **fish** and other life. Let the **skies** be filled with **birds** of every kind."  
{21} So God created great **sea creatures** and every sort of **fish** and every kind of **bird**. And God saw that it was good.  
{22} Then God blessed them, saying, "Let the **fish** multiply and fill the **oceans**. Let the **birds** increase and fill the **earth**." {23} This all happened on the fifth day.



## DAY 6

{24} And God said, "Let the **earth** bring forth **every kind of animal--livestock, small animals, and wildlife**." And so it was. {25} God made all sorts of wild animals, livestock, and small animals, each able to reproduce more of its own kind. And God saw that it was good.  
{26} Then God said, "**Let us make people in our image, to be like ourselves**. They will be masters over all life--the fish in the sea, the birds in the sky, and all the livestock, wild animals, and small animals." {27} **So God created people in his own image**; God patterned them after himself; male and female he created them. {28} God blessed them and told them, "Multiply and fill the earth and subdue it. Be masters over the fish and birds and all the animals." {29} And God said, "Look! I have given you the seed-bearing plants throughout the earth and all the fruit trees for your food. {30} And I have given all the grasses and other green plants to the animals and birds for their food." And so it was. {31} Then God looked over all he had made, and he saw that it was excellent in every way. This all happened on the sixth day."



## DAY 7

### Genesis 2:1-3

**"So the creation of the heavens and the earth and everything in them was completed. {2} On the seventh day, having finished his task, God rested from all his work. {3} And God blessed the seventh day and declared it holy, because it was the day when he rested from his work of creation."**