

Story Time with Jesus

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God Creates the Earth

The first part of the story starts with My very first friends on Earth. Can you imagine a time when the Earth had only two people on it? Well, even before that, there weren't any at all! Let Me tell you about it.

Before people were made and began living on Earth, it was a mass of nothing. Nothing but darkness and water, but that was going to change, and in only one week's time it was a thriving, beautiful planet.

God made the world, the sky, and then, to fill them, He created everything else. With just the word of His mouth, everything was formed.

He took six days to make the planet we are on, as well as the surrounding stars, planets and Sun which contribute to life on Earth.

What do you think was the first thing that God created?

What makes things grow and brings beauty? Light! God said, "Let there be light!" and that was all it took. Right then and there, light was created.

So, on the first day of His creation project He made light, and all the amazing aspects of light. Light makes it possible for people to see colour, it gives energy and helps things grow, and there are many other things light can do.

God, of course, doesn't need it in order to look around; the Bible says He can see in the light and in the dark (Psalm 139:12). It's not as if He had to turn on a light in order to see what He was doing, but God loves light! He's called "the Father of lights" (James 1:17). Wherever He is, in whatever He's doing, He brings light.

On the second day of the world's creation, another very important thing was made—air! Air to breathe, the atmosphere, the sky. God put a layer of air all around the world. He divided the water and put some down on the Earth, and a layer of water way up above the atmosphere or firmament, as it was called.

On the third day things really started to get fun, because that's when Earth started to take shape—like the way you do with a big mud pie, or Play-Dough!

God formed the land, the islands, the mountains; He chose where to put seas and oceans, and where to place the continents, and what shape the land should have.



He didn't just leave it all brown, though. God turned it into the most amazing art project!

He added new beauty to the planet, covering it and decorating it with plants, trees, flowers, bushes, vines, grass, waterfalls, trickling streams, forests, meadows, beaches, grassy hills, orchards, and on and on.

Of course, the vegetation did more than just look pretty. God knows how to make anything look beautiful, since He loves beautiful things.

He's like an artist, and can make each thing that is useful and needed look wonderful, colourful, and perfect.



Trees, grass, plants, and all sorts of greenery would provide food, shade, and shelter for the people and animals He was about to create.

What kinds of food did He make? Fresh, juicy fruits like oranges, mangos, pineapples, watermelons, and strawberries. Crunchy coconuts, cashew nuts, walnuts and other nuts.

Grains like rice, corn, oats, wheat and many more. Beans of many types and colours.

Vegetables of all sorts, like carrots, beets, cucumbers, tomatoes, lettuce, zucchini, bell peppers and countless others. He made food that grew rich and full of the nutrients and vitamins that Earth's new inhabitants would need.

There was still something to do before man and animals could live there, though. (We'll learn about that in our next story!) ■



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