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God Made It All

The Bible is a very important letter¹ from God and is written directly to each one of us. That's right. The Bible says that God sent a very special message just to you.

Although the letter was written many years ago, what it has to say is just as important today as when it was first written.

Every boy and girl needs to know what the Bible says to them.

All Scripture is God-breathed... 2 Timothy 3:16

*... you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation.
For prophecy never had its origin in the will of man, but men spoke from God... 2 Peter 1:20,21*

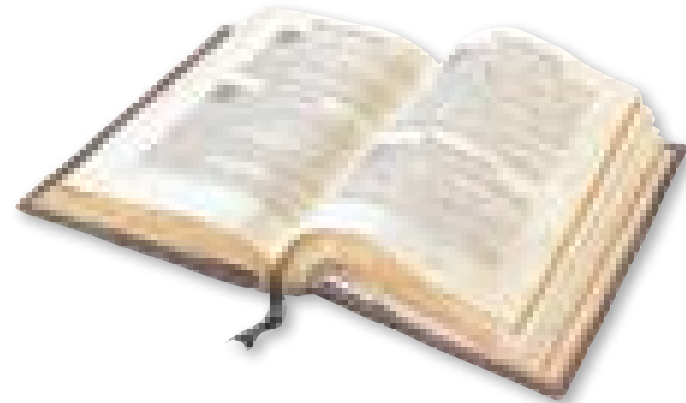


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The first pages in the Bible tell us that God was never born and he will never die.² His life had no beginning and it will never end. God has always been and will always be.

The Bible says that, in the beginning, there was only God. There were no plants, animals or people. There was no earth, moon or sun. There were no other gods. Nothing!

Only God was alive in the beginning.



Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the earth...from everlasting to everlasting you are God. Psalm 90:2

I am the LORD, and there is no other; apart from me there is no God. Isaiah 45:5

Before me no god was formed, nor will there be one after me. Isaiah 43:10

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The Bible says that God made all the things we can see and all the things we cannot see.

One of the first things God did was to make angels. We cannot see angels, just like we cannot see God. Both angels and God are what we call *spirits*. They're like people,³ but they don't have bodies of muscle and bone.

The angels were made to be God's special messengers. They were to do what God asked.

All the angels watched and sang as God made the world.

God is spirit... John 4:24

Are not all angels ministering spirits sent to serve... Hebrews 1:14

Praise the LORD, you his angels, you mighty ones who do his bidding, who obey his word... Psalm 103:20



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The Bible tells us that when God made the world, he did it in a very special way. When we make things, we need pencils, paper and scissors. Sometimes we make things using wood, nails and glue. At other times, we use a needle and thread.

But the Bible says that when God made the world, he didn't use any tools at all. God just spoke—and there it was!



... the universe was formed at God's command ... Hebrews 11:3

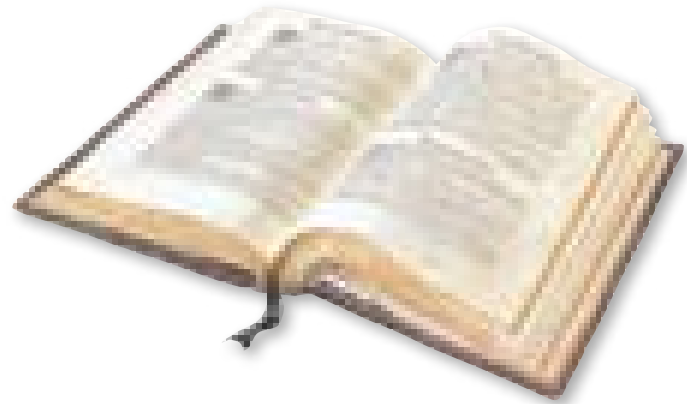
*By the word of the LORD were the heavens made, their starry host by the breath of his mouth
... Let all the earth fear the LORD; let all the people of the world revere him. For he spoke,
and it came to be; he commanded, and it stood firm. Psalm 33:6,8,9*



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God said, "Let there be light!" And do you know what?
Just like that, light appeared in the darkness.

The Bible says that God made everything we see
simply by speaking words out of his mouth. God
has so much power—he can do anything!



And God said, "Let there be light," ... Genesis 1:3

No one is like you, O LORD; you are great, and your name is mighty in power. Jeremiah 10:6

Ah, Sovereign LORD, you have made the heavens and the earth by your great power and outstretched arm.

Nothing is too hard for you. Jeremiah 32:17



The Bible tells us that God made the sun, moon and stars. He placed them in the sky exactly where he wanted them. God could do that because he is everywhere.

We should be happy to know that God is everywhere. This means he can be with you, and at the same time he can be with your family and friends no matter how far away they go or where they live.

That is just how big and great God is.



God made two great lights—the greater light to govern the day and the lesser light to govern the night. He also made the stars. Genesis 1:16
“Can anyone hide in secret places so that I cannot see him?” declares the LORD.
“Do not I fill heaven and earth?” declares the LORD. Jeremiah 23:24



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The Bible says that God made the world in six days. Only God could do that.

He made the food we eat, the air we breathe and the water we drink. He made the rivers, oceans and mountains. God made all the trees and flowers.



*In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Genesis 1:1
For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them ... Exodus 20:11*



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God made the fish that swim in the sea.

He made minnows and whales, crabs and seahorses.



God created the great creatures of the sea and every living and moving thing with which the water teems, according to their kinds ... And God saw that it was good. Genesis 1:21

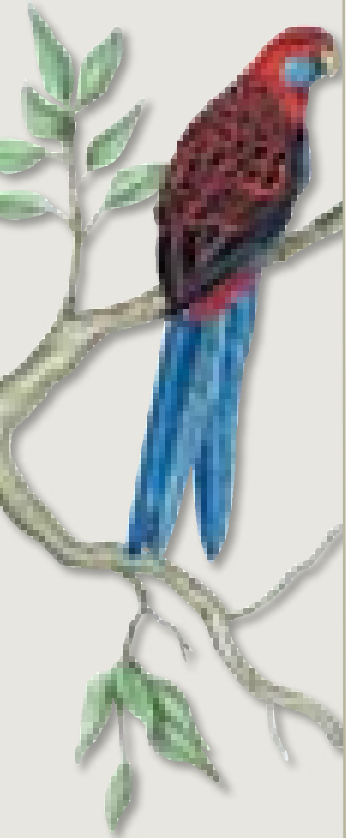


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God made the birds that fly in the sky.
Whether big or small, he made them all.



*God created... every winged bird according to its kind.
And God saw that it was good. Genesis 1:21*



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God made the animals that slither and crawl,
walk and hop.

Tiny or tall, fast or slow, the Bible tells us that
God created them all.



*God made the wild animals... the livestock... and all the creatures that move
along the ground according to their kinds. Genesis 1:25*



Last of all, God made people, both man and woman. Their names were Adam and Eve. God loved them and cared for them. He made a perfect garden full of all sorts of trees, flowers and tame animals—just for them—so that they could enjoy all that he had made.

God would come and visit Adam and Eve. They would walk together in the garden. They were very close friends. Can you imagine that? Walking and talking with the Creator.

What do you think they talked about?

... the LORD God formed the man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being. Genesis 2:7



Questions on Chapter One

1. The Bible is a very important letter sent to us. Who is it from?
2. The Bible says God was never born. Will he ever die?
3. Was there anyone else living with God in the beginning?
4. Who created the angels?
5. What does the word *create* mean?
6. You cannot see God. You cannot see angels. They do not have bodies of muscle and bone. What are they called?
7. What special job were the angels given?
8. We need a hammer and nails to make something, but when God made the world, how did he do it?
9. God made everything simply by speaking. What does this tell us about God?
10. God made the world in how many days?
11. Who made Adam and Eve?
12. If God can be with you, your family, and your friends all at the same time, what does that mean?