



## God Made the World

Genesis 1:1-25

A very long time ago, there was no world at all. That's when God decided to make a beautiful world filled with many wonderful things! Listen to what God did. . . .

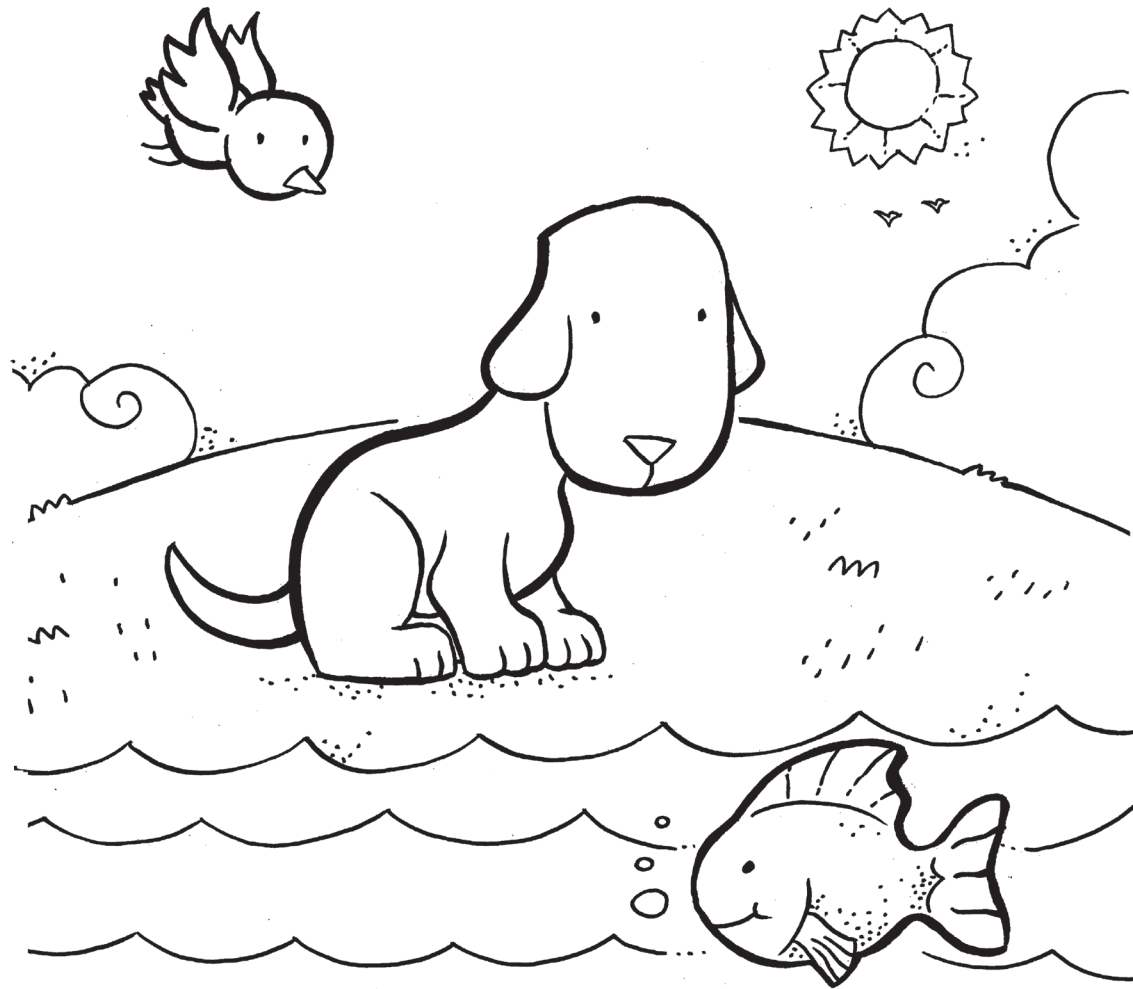
God said, "Let there be light!" and everything became bright. God called the brightness "day." And God kept the darkness for night. "That's good!" God said.

At first there was no sky, so God said, "Let there be sky!" And it happened. The sky was above the world, and the water was below it. And God said, "That's good!"

Next God made dry land and seas, and gave them separate places to be. Then God made plants to grow on the dry land. Trees, bushes, grass, flowers, fruits, and vegetables—they were all exactly the way God wanted them to be. "That's good!" God said.

And in the sky, God placed the sun to light up the day and the moon and stars to shine at night. "That's good too!" God said.





Then God began to fill the world with wonderful creatures.

God said, “Let the waters be full of living creatures and let the sky be full of birds.”

And the water filled up with swimming creatures, slithering creatures, and splashing creatures! The sky filled up with swooping birds, soaring birds, and singing birds! And it was exactly the way God wanted it to be. “It’s very good!” God said.

Then God said, “Let there be living creatures on the land—all kinds of animals.” And it happened. There were scampering animals, swinging animals, hopping animals, and stomping animals!

And it was all good—exactly the way God wanted it to be.

### **For Families**

Keep learning together this week: read this story to your child; look at the pictures and talk about God’s amazing creation; take a walk outside; cuddle under the night sky to look for stars; and—especially!—thank God for the beautiful things you see around you in this world.