

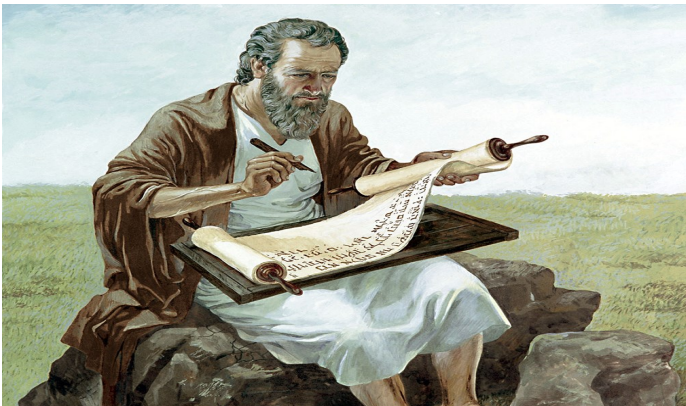
# The Bible



**1** What is the purpose of life? How was the world made? Why is there so much evil in the world? Is there a God? Where do I go when I die?



**2** God gives answers to our questions. He gave us a book to help us understand. This book is The Holy Bible.



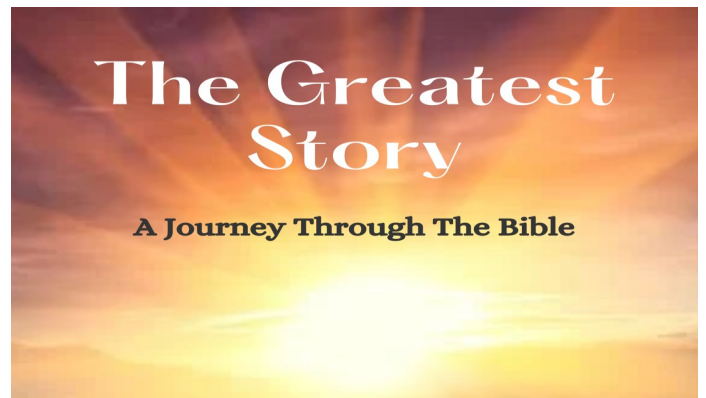
**3** God used 40 different people to write his book. God revealed to them what to write. The Bible is ONE story from beginning to end.



**4** The Bible is different from all other books. God has revealed himself. He wants us to know him.



**5** The Bible has 66 books. Some books tell historical stories, some are poetry and some are letters.



**6** This lesson book has some of the main stories of the Bible. It will help you see how it all fits together into one story, the Greatest Story. The references to the Bible passages are on the top of each page.

## Vocabulary and Discussion

**Discuss the words with your teacher and practice the pronunciation.**

**Match the words with their definitions.**

|             |                                       |
|-------------|---------------------------------------|
| ___ purpose | A. make something known or understood |
| ___ evil    | B. intention, reason                  |
| ___ reveal  | C. writings with poems                |
| ___ poetry  | D. the opposite of good               |

**Talk about these questions in small groups.**

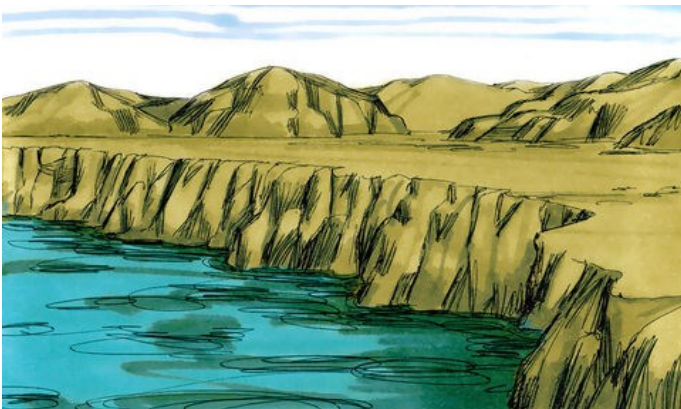
1. What questions do many people have about life?
2. How is the Bible different from other books?
3. Why did God write the Bible?
4. Have you ever read the Bible?
5. What does it mean that God reveals himself? How do you think he reveals himself to people?

# God Created the World

Genesis 1:1-25



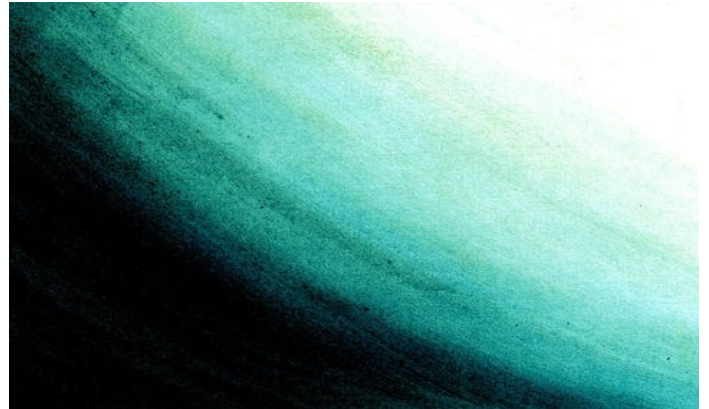
**1** In the beginning only God existed. God has no beginning and no end. He has always been and always will be. He is a spirit-being. He is everywhere at the same time. God doesn't need anything to exist.



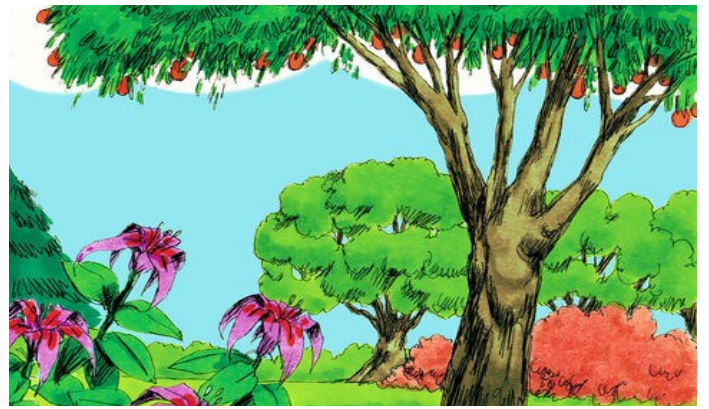
**3** Then God made the sky and the waters. He separated the water and the dry land. Everything he made was perfect and good because God himself is perfect and good.



**5** God made the endless universe with the sun, the moon and billions of stars. He made everything orderly and wisely, so that life could be sustained. Nothing is too hard for him!



**2** God created the world out of nothing. Nobody helped him and he didn't use anything. God is all-powerful! He is all-knowing! The first thing he created was light. He just spoke, and everything he said happened.



**4** God filled the earth with beautiful trees and plants. The plants have seeds, so that they can reproduce. God knew exactly how to do it. He was preparing the earth for his most special creation. Everything he made was very good.



**6** God created fish, sea animals and birds. Then he created all the land animals. He created them so that each would reproduce its own kind. Dogs give birth to dogs, and cats give birth to cats. They ate the plants that God had already created.

## Vocabulary and Discussion

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**Match the words with their definitions.**

|                  |                                              |
|------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| ___ exist        | A. a being without a body                    |
| ___ spirit-being | B. make something out of nothing             |
| ___ create       | C. have children                             |
| ___ powerful     | D. keep up or keep going                     |
| ___ sustain      | E. to be or to live                          |
| ___ reproduce    | F. have the ability to control and influence |

**Talk about these questions in small groups.**

1. The Bible says that God has always existed and always will exist. How is this hard to understand?
2. Many people believe that the world randomly evolved. The Bible says that the world was made by an all-powerful and all-wise God. What are your thoughts?
3. Everything God made was perfect and good. What does this teach us about God's character?
4. How did God make everything to be sustained?

# Man and Woman Genesis 1:26-31, 2:15-25



**1** God had prepared the earth for his most wonderful creation. He made people in his own likeness and image. They could think, talk, learn, feel and choose. God made them like this, so that they could have a relationship with him.



**2** God made people with a spirit that could never die. God created the man, Adam, first. He named all the animals. But no animal was like Adam. There was nobody just right for him. God said it was not good for him to be alone.



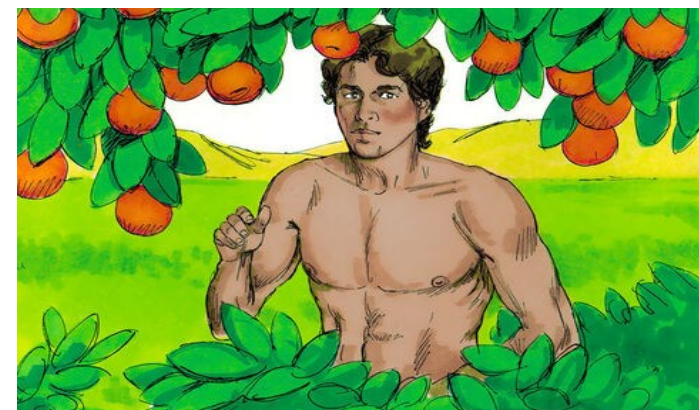
**3** God made a woman, Eve, and brought her to Adam. God said that a man is to leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife. This was the first marriage, a commitment and a beautiful relationship between a man and a woman.



**4** God told them to have children and fill the earth. He made them managers over everything he had created. They had work to do and a purpose in life.



**5** God loved Adam and Eve, and he was their friend. They lived in a perfect relationship with each other and with God. No evil existed. God provided all their needs. God made the people to depend on him for everything.



**6** God put Adam and Eve in a beautiful garden. They had plenty to eat and lacked nothing. God gave one rule to test Adam and Eve, "Don't eat fruit from the tree in the middle of the garden. If you eat of it, you will die."

## Vocabulary and Discussion

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**Match the words with their definitions.**

|                 |                                            |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------------|
| ___ join        | A. make available, supply                  |
| ___ manager     | B. bring together                          |
| ___ image       | C. someone in charge, a leader             |
| ___ provide for | D. the real person inside the body         |
| ___ spirit      | E. likeness or representation of something |
| ___ commitment  | F. more than enough                        |
| ___ depend on   | G. an agreement or promise                 |
| ___ plenty      | H. need somebody or something              |

**Talk about these questions in small groups.**

1. What does it mean that God created people in his likeness and image?
2. What do you learn about marriage in this passage?
3. What did God tell the man and woman to do?
4. God gave Adam and Eve work to do. Do you think work is good or bad for people?
5. How was the relationship between the man and the woman?
6. How are people's relationship to each other in the world now? What do you think has changed?
7. In our culture independence is valued. Did God make people to be independent?