

CREATION CAMPFIRE STORY 1

Adapted from Genesis 1:1–2:4

In the beginning God created the Heavens and Earth. God created everything you see and everything that you don't see. At first, the earth was a dark, watery abyss. But God's breath swept over the waters.


God said, "Light." And there was light. God saw that the light was good and separated light from darkness. God called the light Day and called the darkness Night. And on the first day, there was evening and there was morning.

God said, "Sky." And there was sky. God separated the water under the sky from the water above the sky. And on the second day, there was evening and there was morning.

God said, "Dry land." And the waters beneath the sky gathered into one place. Dry land appeared. God named the land Earth and called the waters that had gathered together Ocean. God saw that everything was good.

Then God said, "Earth, grow all varieties of seed-bearing plants and fruit-bearing trees." And Earth produced all sorts of seed-bearing plants and fruit-bearing trees. God again saw that everything was good. And on the third day, there was evening and there was morning.

God said, "Lights, shine in the Sky to separate Day and Night. Mark the days and the years and the seasons, and give light to the Earth." God made two big lights—the greater light to preside over Day and the lesser light to preside over Night. God placed the lights in the heavens to light the Earth and to preside over Day and Night. And on the fourth day, there was evening and there was morning.



God said: “Ocean, bring forth all varieties of fish and sea creatures. Birds, fly through the Sky over the Earth.” God created great whales and sea creatures and all the life living in the Ocean; and God created all sorts of birds in the Sky. God saw that everything was good and blessed these new creatures, saying, “Multiply and fill the Ocean. Birds, reproduce throughout the Earth.” And on the fifth day, there was evening and there was morning.

God said, “Earth, bring forth every sort of animal—cattle and reptiles and all kinds of wild creatures.” And God made animals of every kind and saw that everything was good.

Then God said, “Let us create human beings in our image, so that they are like us. Let them be responsible for the sea creatures, the birds, the land animals, and the Earth itself.” God created human beings in God’s image and made them male and female. God blessed them, saying, “Fill the earth and have dominion over it. Be responsible for all the creatures of the Ocean, the Sky, and the Earth.”

Then God said to the human beings, “I’ve given you every seed-bearing plant and fruit-bearing tree as food for you and for all of the animals and birds—everything that moves and breathes.”

God looked over everything that God had made, and everything was very good. On the sixth day, there was evening and there was morning.

God finished the heavens and the Earth. On the seventh day, having finished all of this work, God rested. God blessed the seventh day and made it a holy day, because that was the day that God had rested from doing the work of Creation.

This is the story of God’s Creation and how it all began.