

**BLAST FAITH5
FAMILY DEVOTION
Weeks of September 13 & 20, 2020**

**The God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light.
Genesis 1:3**



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How to do the FAITH5

Gather the gang up in one place and do the following.

1. **SHARE** *your highs and lows for the day (or week)*. This helps you understand one another's lives better than asking, "How was school today?" or "What did you do today?" Parents, don't forget to share YOUR highs and lows, too.
2. **PRAY** *about your highs and lows*
3. **READ** *the Bible story or verse together*. Choose one story or verse from the readings on the next page. I will use Bible translations or paraphrases because they are easier to understand. You also might want to find the verses in a children's story Bible or in the Bible itself (an easy translation like the New Living Translation or the Common English Bible might be useful). Switch things up. Have fun with it.
4. **TALK** *about the readings (also see the questions below each reading)*
 - a. What did you hear?
 - b. What would you have done or said if you were in the story?
 - c. What did you hear, see, taste, smell or feel in the story?
 - d. What do you think the verse means?
 - e. What has this got to do with your highs or lows? With our lives?
5. **BLESS** each other. You make this as simple or as complex as you want. Trace the sign of the cross on each other's forehead or on the back of your hands. Say, "God bless you" or make up a blessing based on one of the readings.

OPTIONAL: If you have time or interest, activities, such as coloring, projects, and so on, are attached.

The Whole Story in One Place

New Revised Standard Version

Genesis 1:1-2:3

Genesis 1:1-2:3

1 In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, **2** the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God^[b] swept over the face of the waters. **3** Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. **4** And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. **5** God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

6 And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." **7** So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. **8** God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

9 And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. **10** God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. **11** Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so. **12** The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. **13** And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

14 And God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, **15** and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth." And it was so. **16** God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. **17** God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, **18** to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. **19** And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

20 And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky." **21** So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. **22** God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." **23** And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

24 And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so. **25** God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

26 Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth."

27 So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

28 God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." **29** God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. **30** And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the

breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. ³¹ God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

2 Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. ² And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. ³ So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

Daily Readings

New Revised Standard Version

Genesis 1:1-2:3

Sunday, September 13

Genesis 1:1-2

1 In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, **2** the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters.

What do you think a great big, dark nothingness was like? Where did God come from? The word "inspired" contains a root that will also find in "spirit" and "respiration." The word "wind" sometimes is translated as "breath." Can you imagine God breathing on the nothingness and giving it life? Talk about it.

Monday, September 14

Genesis 1:3-5

3 Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. **4** And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. **5** God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

The first day happens when God creates light and dark! Why do we need light? Why do we need dark? Why did God see that light was good?

Tuesday, September 15

Genesis 1:6-8

6 And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." **7** So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. **8** God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

The ancient people believed that everything was water and that God created a dome that split the waters in two parts. (They believed that the blue we see in the sky are those waters.) What do you think of God so far? Is God an artist? A master builder?

Wednesday, September 16

Genesis 1:9-10

9 And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. **10** God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good.

Why did God create dry land? Why do you think God saw that having seas and dry land was a good thing?

Thursday, September 17

Genesis 1:11-13

11 Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so. **12** The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. **13** And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

Plants! What is your favorite flower or plant or tree? What is your favorite fruit or vegetable? Are they good? God thinks so, too!

Friday, September 18

Genesis 1:14-19

¹⁴ And God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, ¹⁵ and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth." And it was so. ¹⁶ God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. ¹⁷ God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, ¹⁸ to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. ¹⁹ And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

Do you like to look at the stars and the moon at night? Why or why not? If you have ever done this, talk about a time when you were far away from "light pollution" and could see the stars clearly.

Saturday, September 19

Genesis 1:20-23

²⁰ And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky." ²¹ So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. ²² God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." ²³ And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

Talk about your favorite bird, bug, or water creature. What do you like best about them? God saw that these creatures were good. But God also blessed them. What do you think it means to "bless" someone or something? Finally, what did God tell them? Why do you think God said that?

Sunday, September 20

Genesis 1:24-25

²⁴ And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so. ²⁵ God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

Now come the land animals. What is your favorite animal or snake or reptile? Why? How can a fly or some other creature you don't like be considered "good"?

Monday, September 21

Genesis 1:26

²⁶ Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth."

Finally, God creates human beings. What do you think God meant by telling the humans that they had "dominion" over everything else? Does it mean doing what you want to the rest of creation or does it mean something else?

Tuesday, September 22

Genesis 1:27

²⁷ So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

You are made in God's image! What do you like the best about you? (It could be a physical feature, or a talent, or a skill.) How can people who are so different from one another all be made in God's image?

Wednesday, September 23

Genesis 1:28-30

²⁸ God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." ²⁹ God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. ³⁰ And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so.

What did God do to care for the humans and the other creatures God created?

Thursday, September 24

Genesis 1:31

³¹ God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

The sixth day was very busy for God! God saw that everything – everything – God had created was good. How can everything be good? What does that mean?

Friday, September 25

Genesis 2:1-2

2 Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. ² And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done.

On the last day, God took a rest. What makes you tired and need to take a rest? How do you think God felt after all that creating?

Saturday, September 26

Genesis 2:3

³ So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

God blessed the seventh day and made it "holy." Holy means to "be set apart" or "to be different." As Christians, we are supposed to rest on Sunday. We are supposed to step away from our day-to-day lives, thank God, and rest. How can or how do you and your family make Sunday a different, special, and relaxing day?

Activities

Learn the Song for This Theme!

Sign language tutorial:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fDhC1cj2YXw&list=PL3CD1195B9D89E402&index=30>

Song with Sign Language

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xeneGfS7MNk&list=PL3CD1195B9D89E402&index=29>

Sculpture (idea from Bible Song Curriculum Materials)

Supplies: Play-Doh or other modeling clay; copy of the Bible Song Journal or handout

Activity: Read the Bible story from the handout or Bible Song Journal. Ask: "What is your favorite picture" or "Who is your favorite character? Give everyone a piece of clay and invite them to make a shape that reminds them of their favorite picture or character from the story. When finished, everyone can talk about their work of art. Photograph the artwork or video your family talking about it, so we can post it on our Facebook Page.

Creation Collage (idea from Sermons4Kids.com)

Supplies: internet connection, paper, poster board, paste or glue, markers or crayons

Activity: find pictures of creation (animals, land, sun, moon, stars, water, etc.) on the internet, print them out and then paste them on the poster board with the verse "And God said 'Let there be...'" This can be done as individual projects or a family project.

Creation Walk (idea from The Spark Story Bible)

Supplies: shoes and jackets/sweaters if it is cool outside.

Activity: Take a walk in a park or around your community. Look around. Think about how God made it all. Say a prayer and thank God for all of creation.

Tidy It Up (idea from Janet)

Supplies: Trash bags, gloves, masks

Activity: Is there a place in your area that needs tidying up? Grab your supplies, go out, and pick up the trash! Think and talk about how God gave us dominion (the power to care for) creation.

Pay It Forward (idea from Janet)

Supplies: internet, jar or box, crayons or markers, stickers, other decorative items

Activity: Do some research to see if you would like to donate to an environmental organization of your choice. Then decorate a special jar or box and save your spare change or put a weekly offering in until you have enough to donate to the organization.

And It Was Very Good

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Genesis 1:1 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Genesis 1:1-2:4a (NIV).

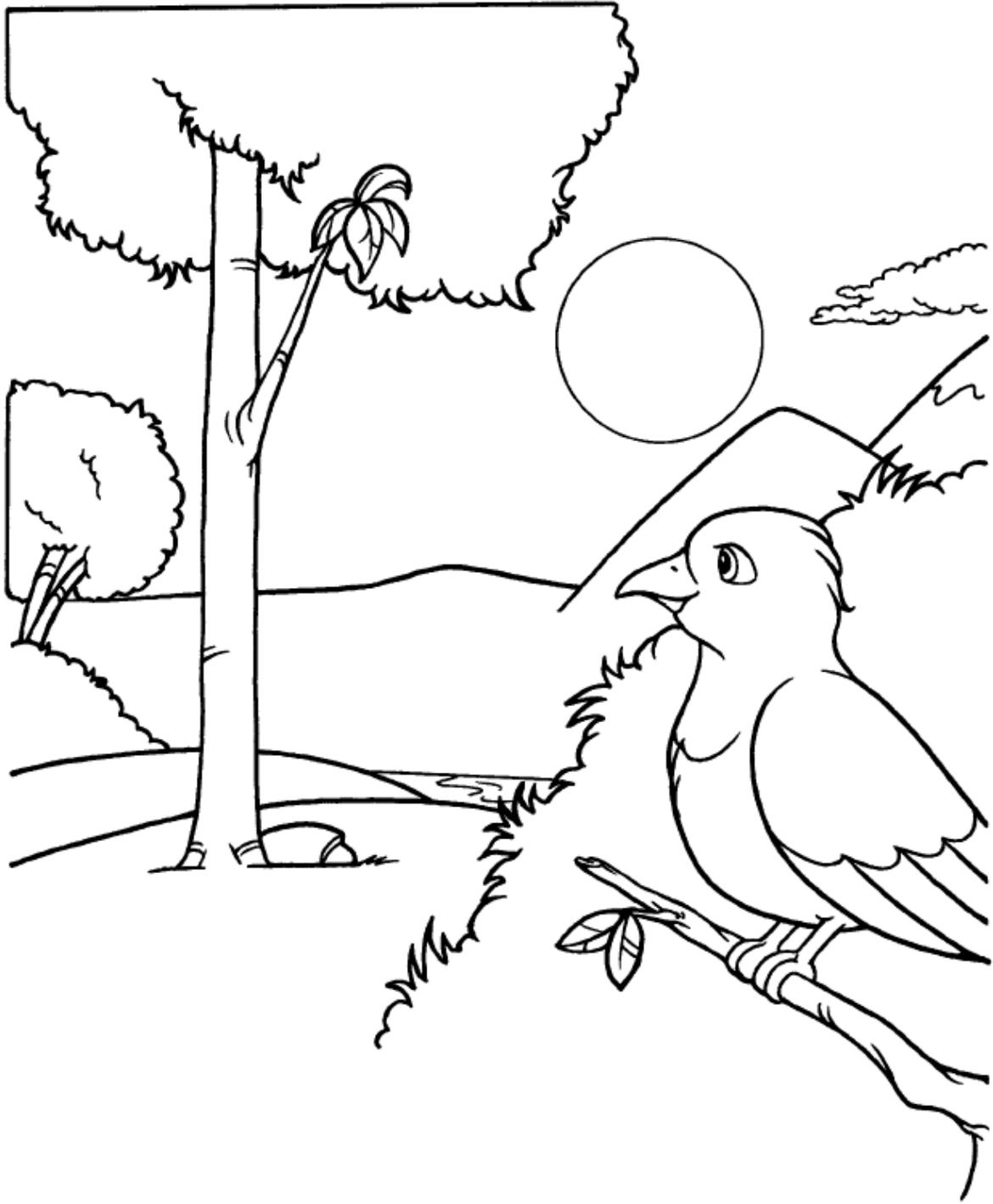


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NIGHT	DAY	WATER	FISH	SKY
TREES	DARKNESS	BIRDS	FEMALE	GOD
LIGHT	ANIMALS	BEGINNING	MALE	LAND

"In the beginning God created
the heavens and the earth."
Genesis 1:1 (NIV)





"And God made the beast of the earth after his kind,
and cattle after their kind, and every thing that creepeth
upon the earth after his kind: and God saw that it was good."

GENESIS 1:25