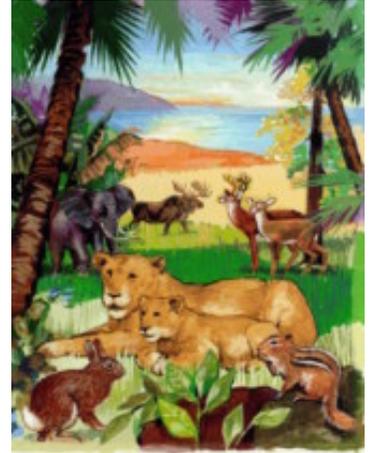




Church of God Sunday School

THE CREATION

Genesis 1:1 – 2:8



The very first verse in the Bible says, "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth."

Before plants and flowers, animals and fish, rivers and oceans, and even before people were created, there was God. God always was and always will be.

Did you ever wonder why God made you? God had a special plan. He wanted to make someone He could have fellowship with, someone to worship Him and live pleasing to Him. God would reward man for being faithful to Him. He would bless man throughout his years on the earth and then take him home to Heaven. That was His plan. So, God began to form a special world for people to live in.

The First Day—In the beginning the earth had no form (shape). It was dark, and water covered everything. Then God said, "Let there be light." Immediately, "there was light." God separated the light from the darkness. "And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night." Now, the earth had an evening and a morning.

The Second Day—God made a space (a firmament, a division) between the waters. There was water above the firmament and below it. God called the firmament "Heaven." (This is where God would later put the sun, moon, and stars.)

The Third Day—God commanded the waters to move together, and He called them "Seas." This caused dry land to appear. "And God called the dry land Earth." But the earth was bare, so God began to create a beautiful, colorful world of plant life. He spoke, and the ground began to grow grass, herbs, flowers, and trees. All these plants had seeds so that they could make new plants.

The Fourth Day—God created "the sun for a light by day, and . . . the moon and . . . the stars for a light by night" (Jeremiah 31:35). Up in the heavens (space), God placed the sun to give light and heat to the earth. The sun, moon, and stars have always



shone as God has commanded. These lights separate "the day from the night." They are also "for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years."

The Fifth Day—God created many kinds of fish for the sea. God created all the water creatures, from the largest whale to the smallest sea creature. He commanded that they bring forth new life, multiply, and fill the seas.

God made the birds to fly in the air. To all the fish and birds, God gave this command: "Have many young ones and grow in number. Fill the water of the seas, and let the birds grow in number on the earth" (*International Children's Bible*).

The Sixth Day—God created every other kind of living creature on the sixth day. God created all the animals and all the bugs. Think of how many insects and bugs and animals there are on the earth. Big and little, fast and slow, God made them all!

Now God was ready to create man. God took some dust from the ground to make the first man—Adam. He was made in the image and likeness of God. Look at how carefully God made man—He didn't speak Adam into existence. God made him with His own hands. Then God breathed into Adam the breath of life, and "man became a living soul."

God "planted a garden eastward in Eden." God put Adam in this garden. Everything Adam needed was there. "And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good."

The Seventh Day—The heavens, the earth, man, and all living things were created as God had planned. God was pleased, so He rested from all His work. God had completed the first part in His plan for a people on earth.

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**MEMORY VERSE:**

*"In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth."*

—Genesis 1:1

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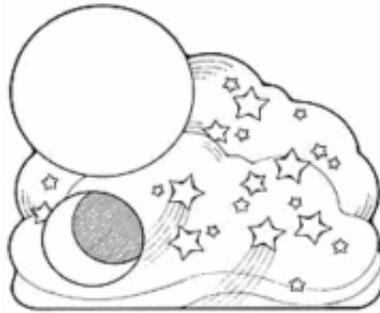
Match each number to the picture of what God created on that day.



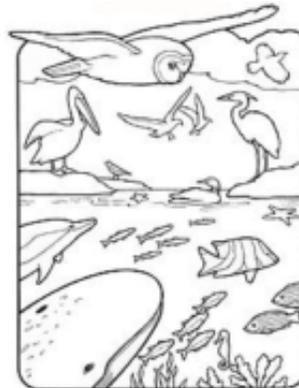
Day & Night



Firmament



Sun, Moon & Stars



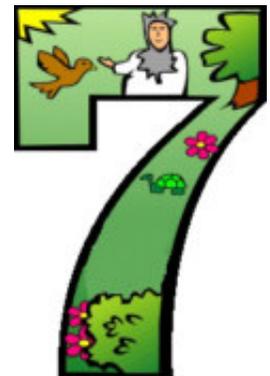
Fish & Birds



Dry Land, Grass, Trees & Flowers



Adam



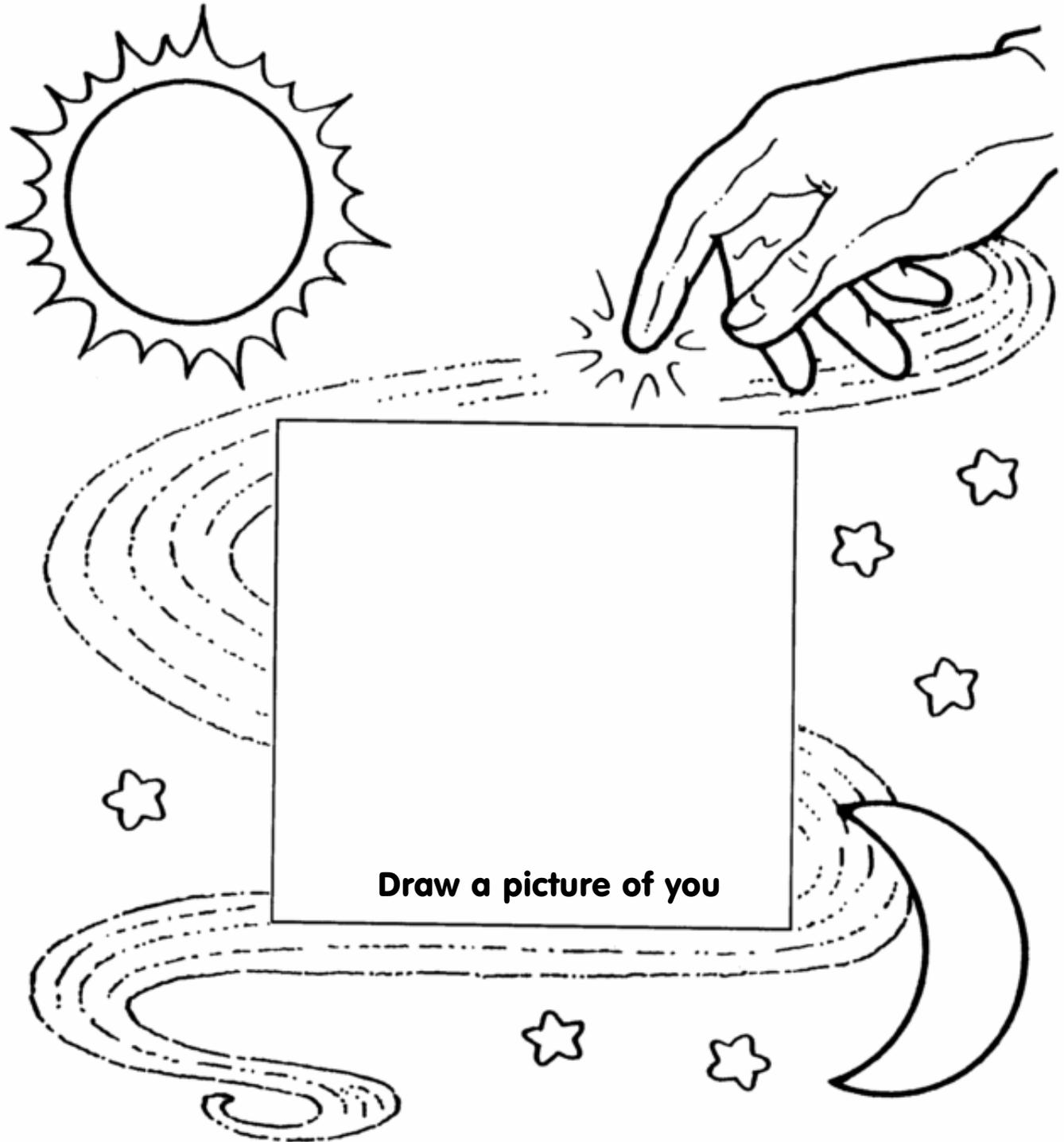
God Rested



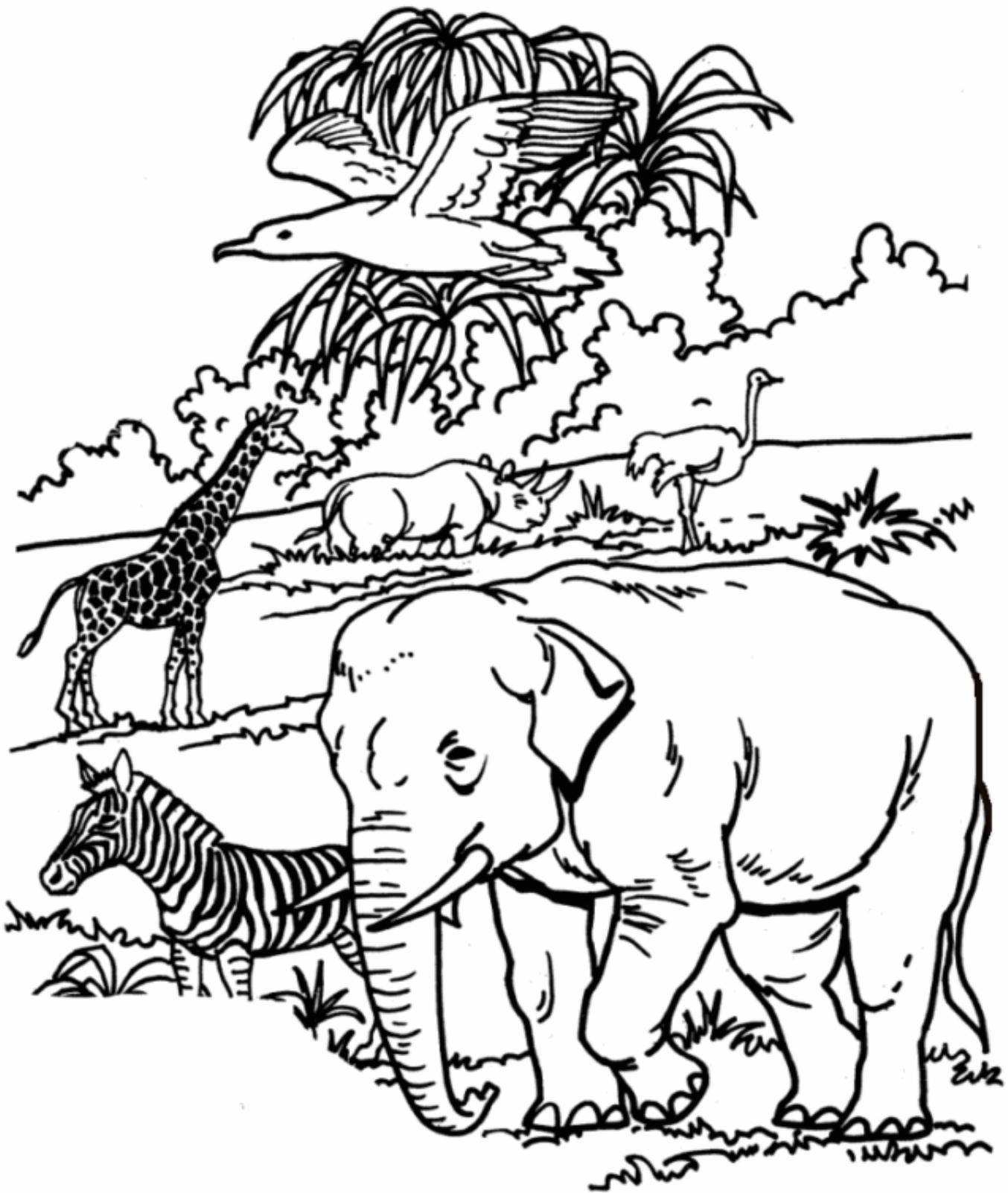
Animals



In the Beginning, God Created...



and saw that it was good



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