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## When God Made the World

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Long ago there were no people or animals or trees. There was only God. Then God made EVERYTHING. Here's how:

At first it was always dark. Water covered everything. But God said, "Let there be light." And there was light! God called the light "day" and the dark "night."

The next day God said, "Let there be a sky above." As soon as God spoke, blue sky appeared.

The third day God made ponds, lakes, and oceans for the water. Then God said, "Let plants grow on the land." Suddenly bushes, grass, and trees popped out of the ground with green leaves and bright flowers.

On the fourth day God

said, "Let lights shine in the sky." Then sunshine warmed the land. The moon and stars shone at night.

On the fifth day God said, "Let fish fill the water and birds fly through the air." Suddenly whales splashed in the oceans. Doves and ducks flew by. And owls hooted in the trees.

On the sixth day God said, "Let animals walk on the land." And there they were! The land looked like a zoo with giraffes munching grass, lions roaring in the fields, and bears sleeping in caves. Last of all God made a man and a woman to take care of the animals and plants.

God looked at His world. He was glad and said, "It is very, very good." God is good.



Parents: Divide a sheet of paper into six squares and number them. Have your child draw a picture for each day of creation as you read the story. Take a walk through your neighborhood and look for natural objects God created. Can you find something for each of the days of creation?