



## CREATION

Have you ever wondered about our world - - what makes us have day and night, why we have the water and the land, where all the plants and animals came from, and even about yourself? These are all important questions - - questions people have always asked. Just looking around you can help you know something about the answers. There had to be Someone very wise to know how to make such a wonderful world. That Someone had to be very powerful to put the sun, moon and stars in the sky. That Someone had to be able to reach beyond our neighborhoods to provide for such a big world. And it had to be Someone who loved us very much, who thought about all of our needs and planned for them so carefully.

Yes, by just looking around us we can know that somewhere, somehow there was a very special someone to make the world we live in. But that someone gave us something besides our world. He gave us another way to find out about Him and what He has done for us. He gave us a special book that we call the Bible.

The Bible is the most important book in the world. When you study the Bible you will find it answers the questions about how everything began. The very first sentence of the Bible tells us the name of the One who created the world: God told men certain words to write down so that today we can read what He wants us to know. In this way we will come to know Him, to love Him and to find out how we can show our love.

Now, let's see what it says about the beginning of our world. We read, "In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth."

God spoke and our universe with all its plants and animals came to be. The Bible tells us that at first the earth had no shape and darkness was everywhere.

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## The Story of Creation

In the beginning there was no earth or sky or sea or animals. And then God spoke in the darkness: "Let there be light!" And right away there was light, scattering the darkness and showing the infinite space. "That's good!" said God. "From now on, when it's dark it will be 'night' and when it's light, it will be 'day'."

The evening came and the night passed and then the light returned. That was the first day.

On the second day, God made the earth and over it He carefully hung a vast blue sky. He stood back and admired His creation. "That's good too!" said God and the second day was over.

The next morning God looked around and thought, "the earth needs to be a bit more organized." So, He put all the water in one place and all the dry land in another. When He had finished that, God made plants to cover the land. Dandelions and daffodils appeared. All sorts of trees and grasses began to grow. "It's looking great", said God and that was the end of the third day.

On the fourth day, God looked around and though, "the daylight still needs a bit more work and the night is just too dark." So, He made the sun to light the sky during the day and the moon and stars to add a bit of sparkle to the night. He hung them in the sky and stepped back to look at his work. "This is coming along very well," said God.

The next day, God turned his attention to the water he had collected in the oceans. "I want these waters teeming with life!" As soon as He said it, it was so. In no time, there were millions of small fish darting through the shallow water and huge fish swimming in the ocean. God made birds, too. He sent them soaring through the air. "Ahh, that IS good!", "said God. The dusk fell over the water and the sky grew dark and that was the end of the fifth day.

On the sixth day, God added creatures to the land. He made lions and tigers and bears. He made rabbits and sheep and cows. He added everything from ants to zebras to the land. But He still felt something was missing. So God added Mankind to enjoy and take care of all that He had created. God looked around and was happy with all He had made.

After six days, the whole universe was completed. On the seventh day God had a nice long rest and enjoyed looking at all He had made.

# All Things Bright and Beautiful

*by Cecil Frances Alexander*

All things bright and beautiful,  
All creatures great and small,  
All things wise and wonderful,  
The Lord God made them all.

Each little flower that opens,  
Each little bird that sings,  
He made their glowing colors,  
He made their tiny wings.

The purple-headed mountain,  
The river running by,  
The sunset, and the morning,  
That brightens up the sky;

The cold wind in the winter,  
The pleasant summer sun,  
The ripe fruits in the garden,  
He made them every one.

He gave us eyes to see them,  
And lips that we might tell,  
How great is God Almighty,  
Who has made all things well.

