

CREATING THE EARTH



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In the beginning God lived in heaven. God had a plan to create a place for his children to live. God wanted his children to come to this special place to learn and grow. He wanted them to learn to be happy.



On the first day God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was dark and empty. God said, "Let there be light." Warm light covered the earth. God called the light day and the darkness night. He saw that the light was good.

On the second day God created a great space around the earth. It was the sky. By day it was blue. By night it was black.

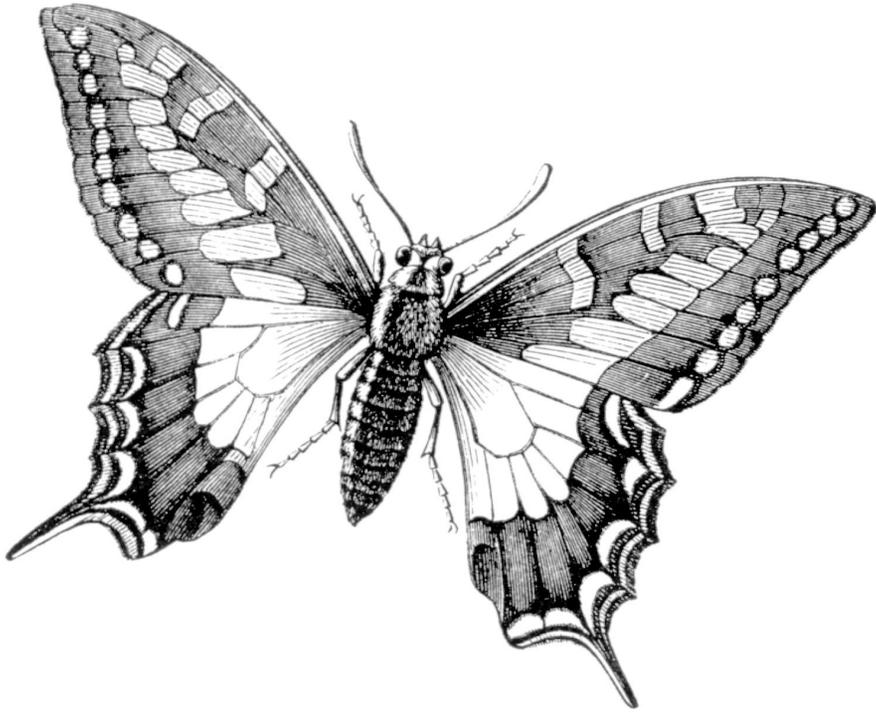


On the third day God divided the dry land from the oceans and the seas. God created grass and trees and fruit on the land. There were forests and jungles. Beautiful plants were everywhere. He saw that the land was good.

On the fourth day God created the sun. He created the moon and the stars. The sun warmed the earth in the day. The stars twinkled in the night sky.



On the fifth day God created life in the ocean. He created fish and whales. He made sharks and starfish and everything that lives in the sea. Then he created birds to fill the sky. There were big birds and little birds, red birds and blue birds. He saw that the fish and birds were good.



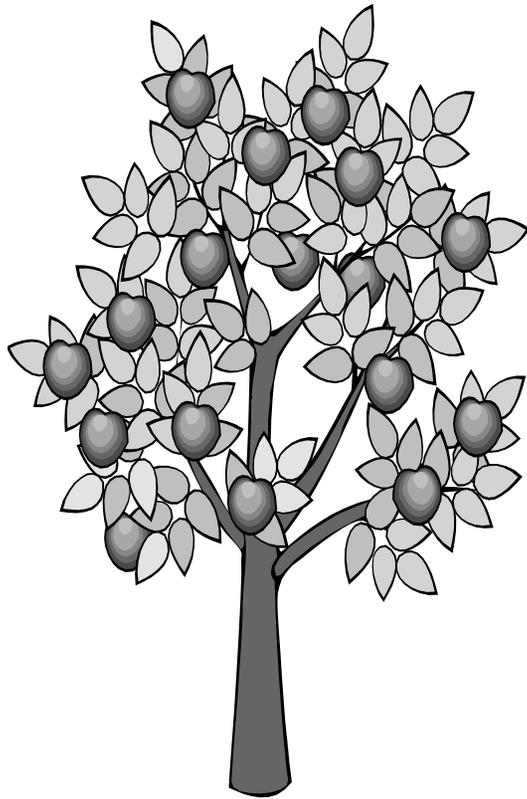
On the sixth day God created insects and crawling things. He made spiders and ants. He created animals all over the earth. There were tigers in the jungles.

There were squirrels in the forest. There were little mice and deer and foxes in the fields. The whole earth was alive with animals. God saw that all of the animals were good.



Then God created a man. His name was Adam. God blessed Adam and planted a beautiful garden in Eden for Adam to live in. All the creatures of the earth came to Adam. He named them all.

God did not want Adam to be alone. He created a woman. He called her Eve. She was Adam's wife. They loved each other and lived happily in the beautiful garden that God had made for them.



On the seventh day God looked at all his creation. He was pleased. He saw that it was good.



And then...he rested.