

The Creation

IN THE BEGINNING God created heaven and earth. Water lay deep over the surface of the earth and the darkness was absolute. God said, "Let there be light." And there was light. God divided the light, which he called day, from the darkness, which was night. And so ended the first day and night of creation.

Next God said, "Let there be sky over the waters," and he called the sky heaven; and this was on the second day.

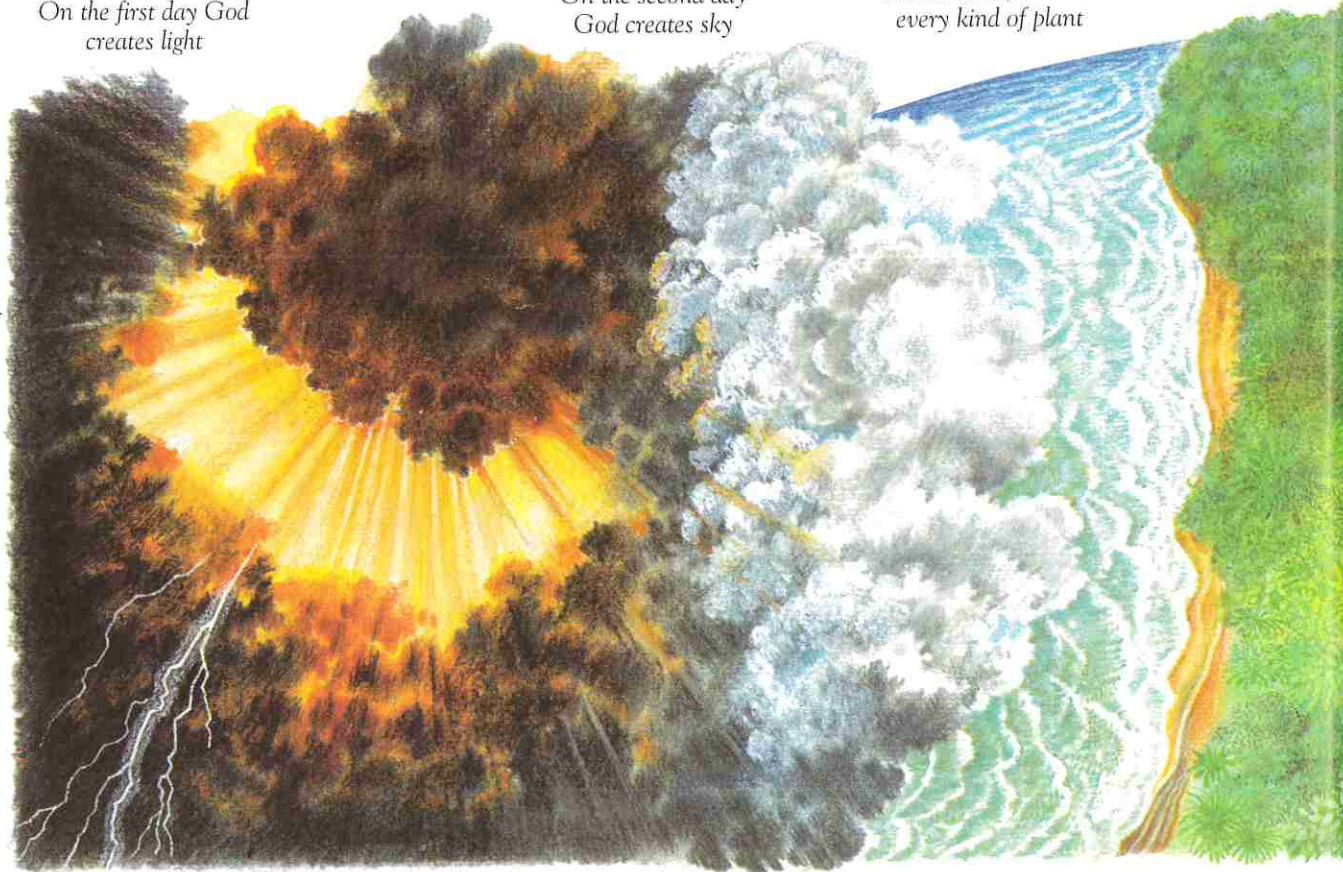
On the third day dry land rose up through the waters, and God called the land earth, and the waters sea. At once grasses took root on the earth and every kind of plant; buds opened, seeds sprouted and trees grew heavy with fruit.

On the fourth day God said, "There must be lights in the sky to divide night from day and to mark the seasons." For this he created two lights, the greater, which he called

On the first day God creates light

On the second day God creates sky

On the third day God creates land, sea and every kind of plant



the sun, to shine over the day, and the smaller, the moon, to shine at night. Around the moon he set the stars.

On the fifth day God created all the creatures of the sea and sky. Birds flew through the air, while in the watery depths great fish swam silently. On the sixth day he made all the animals, from the wild beasts of desert and jungle to cattle grazing in the fields.

And God said: "I shall make man to rule over them." And so from the soil itself God created mankind, both male and female in his own likeness. And that was on the morning and the evening of the sixth day.

On the seventh day God rested, for his work was done, and he saw that all was well with the world.

On the fourth day God creates the sun, the moon and the stars

On the fifth day God creates the creatures of the sea and sky

On the sixth day God creates animals and mankind

