

# God Creates the World

1. Carefully read through Genesis 1:1-2:3. Highlight all of the words spoken by God. Mark in yellow everywhere the name of God is used. Mark in green everywhere a place is named. Mark in blue everywhere a person is named. Mark in red every verb describing what God does. Circle, underline, or color any repeated phrases in the chapter (there are several!). What patterns do you notice?
2. Memorize Genesis 1:1, "In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth."
3. Create your own detailed outline of Genesis 1:1-2:3.
4. How do the first three days of creation relate to the next three days of creation?

Day 1: Light & Darkness	Day 4: Sun, Moon & Stars
Day 2: Sky & Sea	Day 5: Birds & Fish
Day 3: Land & Plants	Day 6: Animals & People
5. What is described before the six days of creation in 1:2-3? Did anything exist before creation? How would you explain this?

6. What does God separate on Day 1? Why is this significant? Why do you think this chapter repeatedly mentions the passing of time? Why are the sun, moon, and stars called "signs" on Day 4 (Psalm 19:1-6)?
  
7. What does God separate on Day 2? What does God call the "expanse"? What do you think the expanse is? What does God put in the expanse in 1:14-15 and 1:20?
  
8. What does God separate on Day 3? What do the plants have in common with the animals and people on Day 6? What three categories of animals are described?
  
9. What does God instruct the man and woman to do in this chapter? How does this relate to what God does in this chapter? How might this help us understand what it means to be created in the image of God?
  
10. What does this chapter reveal to us about God? What do you think it means that God rested on Day 7?
  
11. How do you think this chapter fits in the context of the book of Genesis as a whole? How do the Old Testament and the New Testament expand on the themes of this chapter?