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THE BIBLE**

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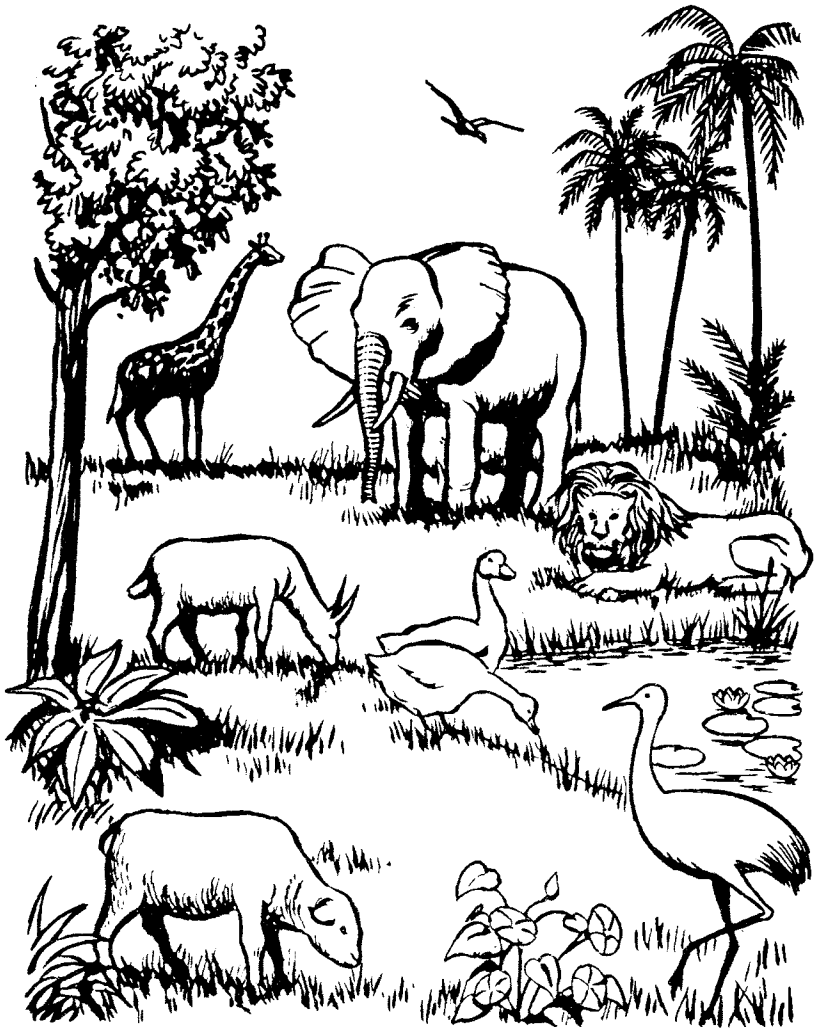
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## **God Makes the World**

Thousands and thousands of years ago there was no earth, no blue sky, no people or animals. God saw there was only water and darkness.

Stretching out His hand, He gave an order to the Spirit that was in Him. God said, "Let light be born." Instantly light flooded all around Him. God was pleased by the light that He made from His own Inner Spirit. He decided: "I will call the light 'Day' and I will call the darkness 'Night.'"

That was God's work on the first day of the world.

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On the second and third days He moved His arm over His head in a half-circle and made the sky. Shaking His fingers He threw off clouds as part of the sky. Working quickly, he gathered the water into many places and called these places 'seas.' The earth was made next—to fit between the seas. On earth He made plants, trees and fruits start to grow.

On the fourth day the sun and moon were made. The purpose of the sun was to make the day very bright. Because God wanted the night to be dark, He made the moon a very dim light. But the moon got some help in lighting the night when God made the stars.

The fifth day all the birds and all the fish were made.

On the sixth day God made cows, lions, snakes, spiders and all the other animals and insects. Now He was almost finished in making the world. But there was still one important matter to attend to: a human being.

God picked up a little dust from the



He made plants, trees, and fruits.

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ground. This dust was to become Adam. God needed Adam—and the people who would be born after Adam—to take charge of the earth. People would manage all the animals and plants and fruits that God had made in these six days. So He decided to make Adam in his own image.

Adam was born from the dust God had picked up. God gave him a garden to live in, at a place called 'Eden.' In Eden Adam was taught to eat and to take his food from the plants and fruits now on the earth. But one tree was never to be touched, God said. This was the "tree of knowledge."

God had worked for six days. He looked about Him and was pleased by what He had made. So on the seventh day, God rested.

Earth was ready to begin its life.



God gave Adam a garden to live in.