

# God Creates Land, Water and Plants

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## **Scene Summary**

God creates land, water and plants presents the exciting story of the beginnings of our world. Scenes include: light on a watery world...appearance of land...waters run in lakes and streams...grass, trees and bushes are created...fruit trees and berry bushes...plants grow their own seeds...vegetables...flowers...water plants...day and night with their heavenly lights.

## **Scripture**

(Gen 1:1-19 NIV) In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. {2} Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. {3} And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. {4} God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness. {5} God called the light "day," and the darkness he called "night." And there was evening, and there was morning--the first day. {6} And God said, "Let there be an expanse between the waters to separate water from water." {7} So God made the expanse and separated the water under the expanse from the water above it. And it was so. {8} God called the expanse "sky." And there was evening, and there was morning--the second day. {9} And God said, "Let the water under the sky be gathered to one place, and let dry ground appear." And it was so. {10} God called the dry ground "land," and the gathered waters he called "seas." And God saw that it was good. {11} Then God said, "Let the land produce vegetation: seed-bearing plants and trees on the land that bear fruit with seed in it, according to their various kinds." And it was so. {12} The land produced vegetation: plants bearing seed according to their kinds and trees bearing fruit with seed in it according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good. {13} And there was evening, and there was morning--the third day. {14} And God said, "Let there be lights in the expanse of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them serve as signs to mark seasons and days and years, {15} and let them be lights in the expanse of the sky to give light on the earth." And it was so. {16} God made two great lights--the greater light to govern the day and the lesser light to govern the night. He also made the stars. {17} God set them in the expanse of the sky to give light on the earth, {18} to govern the day and the night, and to separate light from darkness. And God saw that it was good. {19} And there was evening, and there was morning--the fourth day.

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### ***Players***

- **Narrator** (1,2,3 and 4) – The play’s “catechist” or teacher should be a good reader with a clear voice. To provide more parts for students, the role of the narrator has been divided into four parts, one for each of the first four days of creation.
- **God** – Powerful offstage voice.

### ***Special Props***

- None, however an easy and dramatic opening scene for the first day of creation is to begin with the lights in the classroom off until God speaks the opening words.

## ***Script – God Creates Land, Water and Plants***

**Narrator 1:** Long ago our world was dark and covered with water.

**God:** Let there be light!

**Narrator 1:** God saw that the light was good. Then there was the first day. He didn't take away all of the darkness because He knew that night was good too.

**God:** Let there be an expanse between the waters to separate water from water.

**Narrator 2:** The second day God created a wonderful world. God called the expanse "sky." He created the sky with fluffy white clouds. He made the water to flow into deep oceans, wide rivers and little streams. God wanted His world to be beautiful.

**God:** Let the water under the sky be gathered to one place, and let dry ground appear.

**Narrator 2:** And it was so. God called the dry ground "land," and the gathered waters he called "seas." And God saw that it was good.

**God:** Let the land produce vegetation: seed-bearing plants and trees on the land that bear fruit with seed in it, according to their various kinds.

**Narrator 3:** This was the third day. God created all of the plants and trees, soft green grass and low bushes, tall trees with green leaves, some had silvery leaves and some even had dark red leaves. Some of God's trees were fruit trees. In the springtime, lovely pink and white blossoms appeared. Later the fruit began to grow. Apples, pears, peaches, cherries, plums and berries grew on some of the bushes. God had a wonderful plan for His trees and plants. Each one grew its own seeds. Some trees like the maple grow seeds in the springtime and they fall to the ground, they take root and a tiny little tree begins to grow. In the fall, some leaves turn beautiful colors: red, yellow orange. Some of these trees grow nuts that drop to the ground. These are seeds too. They don't grow until the spring. There are acorns and walnuts and many others.

God made many other kinds of plants too. Many of them are good for food, such as carrots, beets and potatoes that grow beneath the ground. Beans and peas that grow above the ground and corn that grows above the ground on tall stalks. God used many colors and shapes for His food plants. Bright orange carrots, and dark red beets, yellow corn, green beans, purple eggplants, golden pumpkins, bright red tomatoes, brown skinned potatoes.

God made many plants with beautiful flowers in lovely colors. Tall sun flowers with big yellow blossoms, bright red roses, blue hydrangeas, pansies, white daisies, lavender violets, white lilies, and pink tulips. Some of God's plants grow in sandy and desert places. There are big and little cactus plants. God planned for many sizes and shapes for His plants. God made plants to grow in

the water too. Beautiful water lilies and green plants that grow under the water. God carefully planed His wonderful world. How beautiful He made it.

**God:** Let there be lights in the expanse of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them serve as signs to mark seasons and days and years, and let them be lights in the expanse of the sky to give light on the earth.

**Narrator 4:** On the fourth day God made two great lights--the sun to govern the day and the moon to govern the night. He also made the many stars and planets in the sky, no one can count them all. How lovely they look in the dark velvety sky. God set them in the expanse of the sky to give light on the earth, to govern the day and the night, and to separate light from darkness. And God saw that it was good. God made seasons: spring, summer, autumn, and winter. When God looked at His wonderful world, He saw that it was very good.

**The End.**

### ***Supplemental Information***

God planned for many kinds of plants in His wonderful world. Some provide food for birds, animals and people. Birds and small animals make homes in trees and bushes. Flowering plants give beauty. Trees give shade on hot summer days, and their green leaves are lovely to look at. Trees and bushes on mountains and hills keep soil from washing away during rainstorms.

For your classroom, let children make three charts showing different kinds of plants. From magazines and seed catalogs, clip pictures of flowers, leaves and trees, and fruits and vegetables. Let several pupils arrange pictures of trees and leaves on a large sheet of construction paper or on a length of shelf paper. Let him or her write the name of each tree or leaf below its picture. Let another group paste pictures of flowers on another sheet of paper. A third group may make a chart of fruits and vegetables. If you cannot find many pictures, let the children draw leaves, fruits, vegetables and flowers with crayons. Let pupils count the number of plants represented on your charts. Did you know that there are more than 350,000 species of plants? Probably those on your charts are those seen most often in your area. How good God is to provide such a variety.

### ***Reflection Questions***

- Long ago, our world was dark and covered with water. When God was ready to make a beautiful world, what was the first thing He did?
- After God made the light, what did He do next? Where did the water go?
- What did God cause to grow on the land? Do you think all of the leaves had the same shape?
- God made many kinds of trees. Some grow fruit. How many kinds of fruit can you name? What kind of berries have you seen?
- How did God plan for new trees to grow? Where do seeds come from?
- What happens to leaves in the fall of the year? What kinds of nuts grow on trees?
- Name the kinds of food plants.
- What kinds of plant food do you eat? Why do you think God chose so many colors for vegetables?
- Name all the kinds of flowers you can think of.
- How does the sun help us? What do you think would happen if the earth moved close to the sun?
- Why do you think God placed lights in the sky?
- What is your favorite season of the year? Spring, summer, fall, or winter? Why?
- When God looked at His world, what did he think about it?