

L3.6 “The Re-Creation: Days 1 through 7”

Read Together: Genesis 1:1 describes God creating everything in the visible universe. He created everything in a harmonious and beautiful state. But Genesis 1:2 describes the earth as a very hostile and uninhabitable place. So, what happened between verses 1 and 2? This is a period of time, possibly millions of years. During this time Lucifer rebelled against God, and his name was changed to Satan. The destruction on the earth was a result of Satan’s war with God.



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The seven days of re-creation was God “cleaning up” the mess! Thankfully, God rehabilitated the earth, making it suitable for human life again. He restored the earth’s beautiful atmosphere, He made the land appear, He caused the plants to grow, created the birds and fish, and finally, land animals and the first humans. Then, God created the Sabbath on the seventh day of creation by resting in it, setting mankind an example to do the same.

Read Together: *Genesis 1:1–2:3; Psalm 104:5–9, 30; Isaiah 45:18*

Discuss:

- Explain that “In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth” in Genesis 1:1 is referring to God creating the physical universe in a state of beauty and harmony.
- Explain that “create” in Genesis 1:1 literally means “create” (out of nothing).
- Help your child grasp that a lot of time could have transpired between verses 1 and 2 of Genesis.
- Explain that when Genesis 1:2 says the heavens and the earth were in a state of destruction and chaos, it means they “became” that way because of Satan’s rebellion.
- The word “was” in Genesis 1:2 comes from the Hebrew word meaning “to become, to come to pass.”
- The words “without form and void” in Genesis 1:2 come from Hebrew words meaning in a state of confusion or emptiness.
- Isaiah 45:18 says God “did not create (the earth) in vain” (in a state of confusion or emptiness) so it had to become that way.
- Explain that after Satan’s rebellion damaged the surface of the earth, God “renewed it” (Psalm 104:30) in the “re-creation week” to make it habitable for human beings.
- Ask your child *why* God re-created the surface of the earth. Remind him/her of the importance of the human family to God.