

GOD – CREATOR AND SUSTAINER

GOD SPEAKS to us today by God's Word in Scripture. From reading the Bible we can learn

- a) something about the God who speaks *and* b) how we ought to respond.

To do Read the Genesis Creation account below (this misses out some of the scripture).

Day One

1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. **2** Now the earth was a formless void, there was darkness over the deep, and God's spirit hovered over the water. **3** God said, 'Let there be light', and there was light. **4** God saw that light was good, and God divided light from darkness. **5** God called light 'day', and darkness he called 'night'.



Day Two and Day Three

6 God said, 'Let there be a vault in the waters to divide the waters in two'. And so it was. ... **8** God called the vault 'heaven'. **9** God said, 'Let the waters under heaven come together into a single mass, and let dry land appear'. And so it was ... and God saw that it was good.



11 God said, 'Let the earth produce vegetation seed-bearing plants, and fruit trees bearing fruit with their seed inside, on the earth' ... God saw that it was good.



Day Four and Day Five

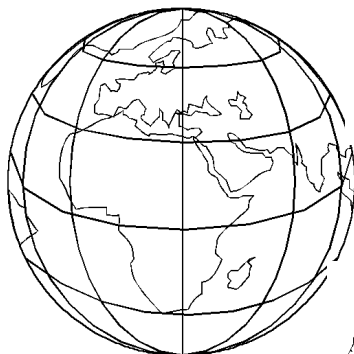
14 God said, 'Let there be lights in the vault of heaven to divide day from night ... And so it was ... God saw that it was good.'

20 God said, 'Let the waters teem with living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth within the vault of heaven'. And so it was ... God saw that it was good.



22 God blessed them, saying, 'Be fruitful, multiply, and fill the waters of the seas; and let the birds multiply upon the earth'.

Day Six



24 God said, 'Let the earth produce every kind of living creature, cattle, reptiles, and every kind of wild beast'. And so it was ... God saw that it was good.

26 God said, 'Let us make man in our own image, in the likeness of ourselves ...

27 God created man in the image of himself ... male and female he created them.

28 God blessed them, saying to them, 'Be fruitful, multiply, fill the earth ... Be masters of the fish of the sea, the birds of heaven and all living animals on the earth.' ... And so it was. **31** God saw all he had made, and indeed it was very good.

Day Seven

2 Thus heaven and earth were completed with all their array ... **3** God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on that day he rested after all his work of creating.

- 1 a) Copy and complete the table.
 You have to count how many times the word appears in the passage above
 (the number in brackets is how many times it appears in the whole passage).

God	said	let	be	so it was	blessed	every/all	good	mistake	bad
24 (33)	? (9)	? (16)	11 (23)	? (7)	? (7)	? (25)	? (7)	? (?)	? (?)

- b) After filling in your table, what do you learn about God? Write down your thoughts.
- c) i) Make a list of words and phrases that describe God as the Creator.
 Use some of the words and phrases in the word bank to help you.
 Try to use some words or phrases of your own.



- ii) Try to fit some of your words into the word pattern started below.

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- 2 The People of Israel had a special word for 'create' when they were talking about God 'creating by command'. This word is 'bara'. This word was *never* used to describe anything that humans did.

In English, we don't have a special word, but you can think of God creating with a capital C.

Think of the things you have made or created – artwork, a design, a sandwich, a poem, a new recipe.

How is the way God creates different from the way you create?