

01.01 Creation (John 1:1-3; Psalm 90:2; Jeremiah 4:23-26; Isaiah 45:18; Genesis 1:1-31; 2:1-4; 5:2; Exodus 20:11)

(Note: Depending on the detail desired, a teacher might divide “Creation” into several lessons. All creation days are combined in one lesson here.)

✓ “*Check*” it out; opinion, inference, supposed conversation, or fact one can verify follows

[. . .] indicates a remark to the teacher that usually should not be read. It also indicates answers to questions.

Visuals and Tools:

- A Beka Books Flash-a-Cards or pictures and other visual aids found at the end of this lesson. Please give credit to the sources of pictures.

Bible Time Tips and Terms to Teach: [See enlarged flashcard words at the end of this lesson. Print, cut out, and attach to card stock.]

- *create*: to make something out of nothing—out of non-existent materials
- *creation*: that which is made out of nothing
- *God*: the all-knowing, all-powerful person who is in charge of the universe

Scripture: (ESV)

Jn 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made.

Psa. 90:2 Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

Jer. 4:23 I looked on the earth, and behold, it was without form and void; and to the heavens, and they had no light. 24 I looked on the mountains, and behold, they were quaking, and all the hills moved to and fro. 25 I looked, and behold, there was no man, and all the birds of the air had fled. 26 I looked, and behold, the fruitful land was a desert, and all its cities were laid in ruins before the Lord, before his fierce anger.

Is. 45:18 For thus says the Lord, who created the heavens (he is God!), who formed the earth and made it (he established it; he did not create it empty, he formed it to be inhabited!): “I am the Lord, and there is no other.

Gen. 1:1 In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. 2 The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

3 And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. 4 And God saw that the light was good. And God 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 in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.” 7 And God made the expanse and separated the waters that were under the expanse from the waters that were above the expanse. And it was so. 8 And God called the expanse Heaven. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

9 And God said, “Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.” And it was so. 10 God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good.

11 And God said, “Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind, on the earth.” And it was so. 12 The earth brought forth vegetation, plants yielding seed according to their own kinds, and trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind. 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 heavens to separate the day from the night. And let them be for signs and for seasons, and for days and years, 15 and let them be lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light upon the earth.” And it was so. 16 And God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. 17 And God set them in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth, 18 to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. 19 And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

20 And God said, “Let the waters swarm with swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the expanse of the heavens.” 21 So God created the great sea creatures and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarm, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. 22 And God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” 23 And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

24 And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures according to their kinds—livestock and creeping things and beasts of the earth according to their kinds.” And it was so. 25 And God made the beasts of the earth according to their kinds and the livestock according to their kinds, and everything that creeps on the ground according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.

26 Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”

27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

28 And God blessed them. And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.” 29 And God said, “Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food. 30 And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the heavens and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. 31 And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Gen. 2:1 Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. 2 And on the seventh day God finished his work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had done. 3 So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all his work that he had done in creation. 4 These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created, in the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens.

Ex. 20:11 For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

Introduction/Review:

Before anything in our world was made—before day and night, before hills and valleys, before sun and moon, before *anything*—God was.

Now, think about something. If someone who lived 6000 years ago made a great big statue, had someone else write down exactly how he had made it, and showed complete and perfect evidence that he had done it, would you believe him? What if someone else who lived a long time after the statue was done made up a story about how that something had been done. Let's say this person said, “That statue grew up from the ground all by itself.” Who would you believe then—the one who made the statue or the one who thought up the story. What if the story was made up by scientists? What if God was the One who did the statue? Who would be telling the truth—God or scientists?

God did make something extremely marvelous (not a statue) at the beginning of time. No scientist was with Him when He did it, but He wrote down exactly what He did and how He did it so that we might have an

accurate record.

That record is in the Bible, in the very beginning of this Book, God's Book for us.

Story:

This is what God said: “In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth” (Genesis 1:1). There it is, summed up in one short sentence. Is there anything besides the heavens and the earth? No. Who made them? [God.] How did He do it? Let's let Him tell us. Listen to what the Bible says.

Day One

“And God said, ‘Let there be light,’ and there was light.” He goes on to say, “And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day” (Genesis 1:3–5).

So, what did God make on Sunday, Day 1? [Light.] Does that mean He made the sun on Day 1? No, for He created that later. First, He made light itself.

Day Two

Genesis 1:6–8 tells us that on Day 2, our Monday, God made sky. He called the sky Heaven (or Firmament) to divide water on the earth from water in the sky. It was good.

Day Three

Sunday, Monday—what's the next day of the week? [Tuesday.] On Tuesday God made dry ground and plants. Name some plants for me. [Trees, flowers, weeds, bushes, vegetables, fruits, *etc.*] That's what God made on the first Tuesday, and He said they would bring forth fruit just like themselves. [Teacher, you might take time for younger students to tell you the fruits that come from, *e.g.*, apple trees, blueberry bushes, corn stalks, tomato plants, *etc.*]

What about the sun? Have I mentioned that God made it yet? [No.] How could those plants survive without sun? [God had already made light.] That's right. Remember, too, that each of these things was created on one day. ✓Even if there had been no sun, I imagine those plants could have survived 24 hours. But God *had* made light, and those plants were cared for.

Day Four

Day 4. We have light already, but now on the first Wednesday God made light holders. What would they be? [Sun, moon, stars.] Yes, we now have the sun. This is what the record states: “And God said, ‘Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night. And let them be for signs and for seasons, and for days and years, and let them be lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light upon the earth.’ And it was so. And God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. And God set them in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day” (Genesis 1:14–19).

Now, let's stop here a minute and consider just *how* God made these things. I've mentioned it only twice, but the Bible mentions it every time God made a new thing. How did He do it? Did He take some chemicals, like a scientist, put them together and out came the sun? No, for there were no such chemicals. Did He take a long time to made the sun? No, for the Bible states He did it on Day 4, just in one day. What does the Bible say about how God made things? [Allow a few answers.] This is what God did: He just spoke and the thing was made. “And God said” is what we read in every single case of creation. God just said. . . .

Day Five

What did God say on Day 5—on the first Thursday? [Have older students read Genesis 1:20–23.] “And God said, ‘Let the waters swarm with swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the

expanse of the heavens.’ So God created the great sea creatures and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarm, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. And God blessed them, saying, ‘Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.’ And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day” (Genesis 1:20–23).

Let’s review. What did God made on Sunday? [Light.] On Monday, Day 2? [Sky/heaven.] On Day3, Tuesday? [Dry ground and plants.] On Wednesday, Day 4? [Sun, moon, and stars.] And on Day 5, Thursday? [Sea creatures and flying creatures.] Is that everything? Is anything left to be made? Yes, What about the animals? What about people? Will God forget about them? Are you kidding? Of course not! Remember, our God is all-knowing and all-powerful.

Day Six

On Day 6, Friday, God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures according to their kinds—livestock and creeping things and beasts of the earth according to their kinds.” And it was so. And God made the beasts of the earth according to their kinds and the livestock according to their kinds, and everything that creeps on the ground according to its kind. And God saw that it was good” (Genesis 1:24, 25).

Well, that takes care of the land animals. But God had more to say/create: “Then God said, ‘Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.’ So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them” (Genesis 1:26, 27). When God said, “Let *us*,” He was including all three persons of the Trinity—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

What did God make on Day 6, Friday? [Land animals and man.]

Day Seven

Can you think of anything else that needs to be created? [Allow for answers and direct attention to the day on which a suggested thing was made.] No, everything was made by God’s speaking it into existence. But wait a minute! There’s one more day of the week—Saturday, Day 7. What is God going to do on that day if He has already created everything? Why, He will rest, of course.

✓God had nothing more to create; so He rested, giving us an example to rest one day out of the week. God didn’t need the rest because He is never tired: “He never slumbers nor sleeps” (Psalm 121:3, 4), but we do need to rest. God in His loving way sets aside a whole day each week in which we can rest and think about Him and His great works.

Let’s praise God for all He has made. [Lead in prayer.]

Lessons from this lesson:

- If God can make all of creation, certainly He can take care of our needs. We can trust Him.
- If God cares for us enough to set aside one day each week to rest our bodies, we can know He will continue to take care of us.

Activities:

- Play dough: sun, moon, stars, birds, fish, trees, plants, animals, people (use cookie cutters)
- Sing creation songs found at the end of this lesson.
- Review questions. (Game: Have students place small creation pictures on flannel board when answering a question correctly.)
 1. In how many days did God create everything? [Six.]

2. What is the difference in the way that God made things and the way man makes things? [God spoke and created out of nothing; man makes things out of what God already created.]
3. What was God welling us when He rested on the seventh day? [That we need one day in seven to rest from work.]
4. How did God create everything out of nothing? [He spoke and matter appeared.]
5. Why is man the highest of all things that God created on the earth? [Because man was made in the image of God.]
6. What Did God make on Day 1, Sunday? [Light.]
7. What Did God make on Day 2, Monday? [Sky.]
8. What Did God make on Day 3, Tuesday? [Dry ground and plants.]
9. What Did God make on Day 4, Wednesday? [Sun, moon, and stars.]
10. What Did God make on Day 5, Thursday? [Birds and fish.]
11. What Did God make on Day 6, Friday? [Land animals and man.]

Handwork:

- Creation booklet (see sample following this lesson): For each student cut 2 pieces of construction paper in half lengthwise. Take 3 of these halves and fold them in half and staple on the fold. (A long-arm stapler works best.) On the cover write, “My Creation Book.” Using paper scraps and stickers, illustrate the created item and its day of creation on the middle pages. (Idea from Regular Baptist Press)
- This site has some good preschool handwork: <http://christianpreschoolprintables.com/creation-preschool-printables/>. AnswersinGenesis.org has many resources on creation.

Memory Verse: Exodus 20:11—“In six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them.”

(Use hand motions to teach this verse: “six”—show 6 fingers; “Lord”—point up; “heaven”—point up; “earth”—point down; “sea”—move hands up and down as for waves; “all”—starting at the top, both hands make a large circle meeting at the bottom.)

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creation
God**

My Creation Book

Day 1



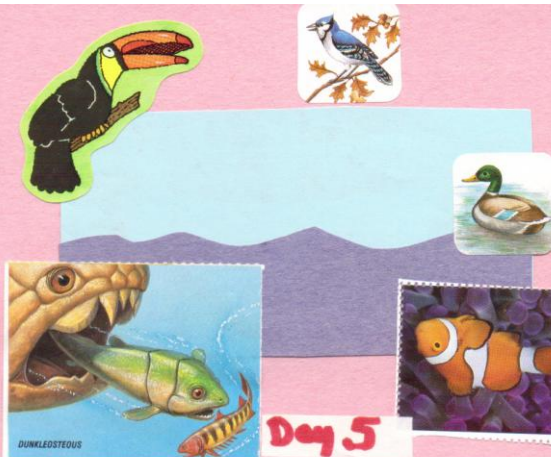
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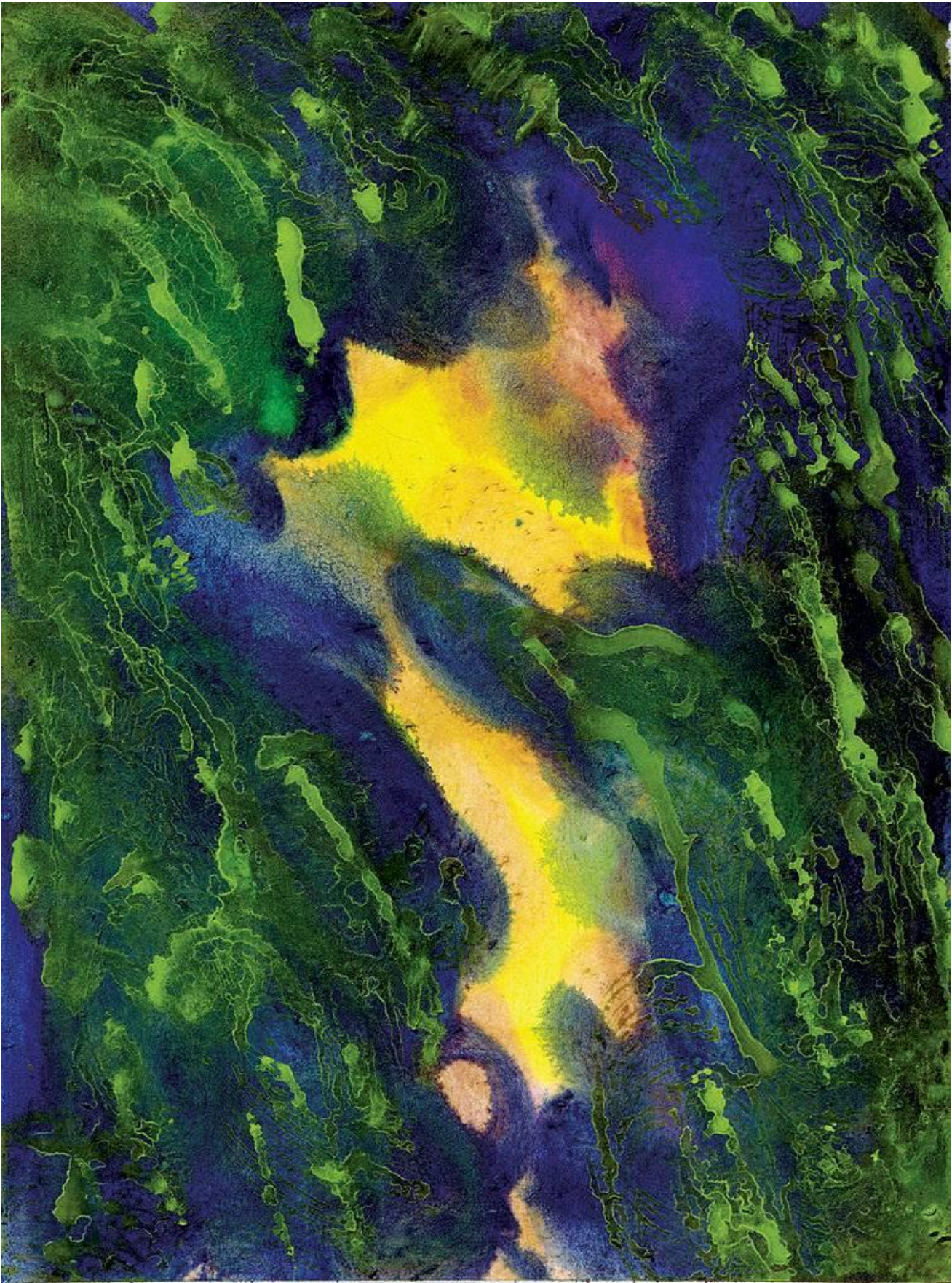
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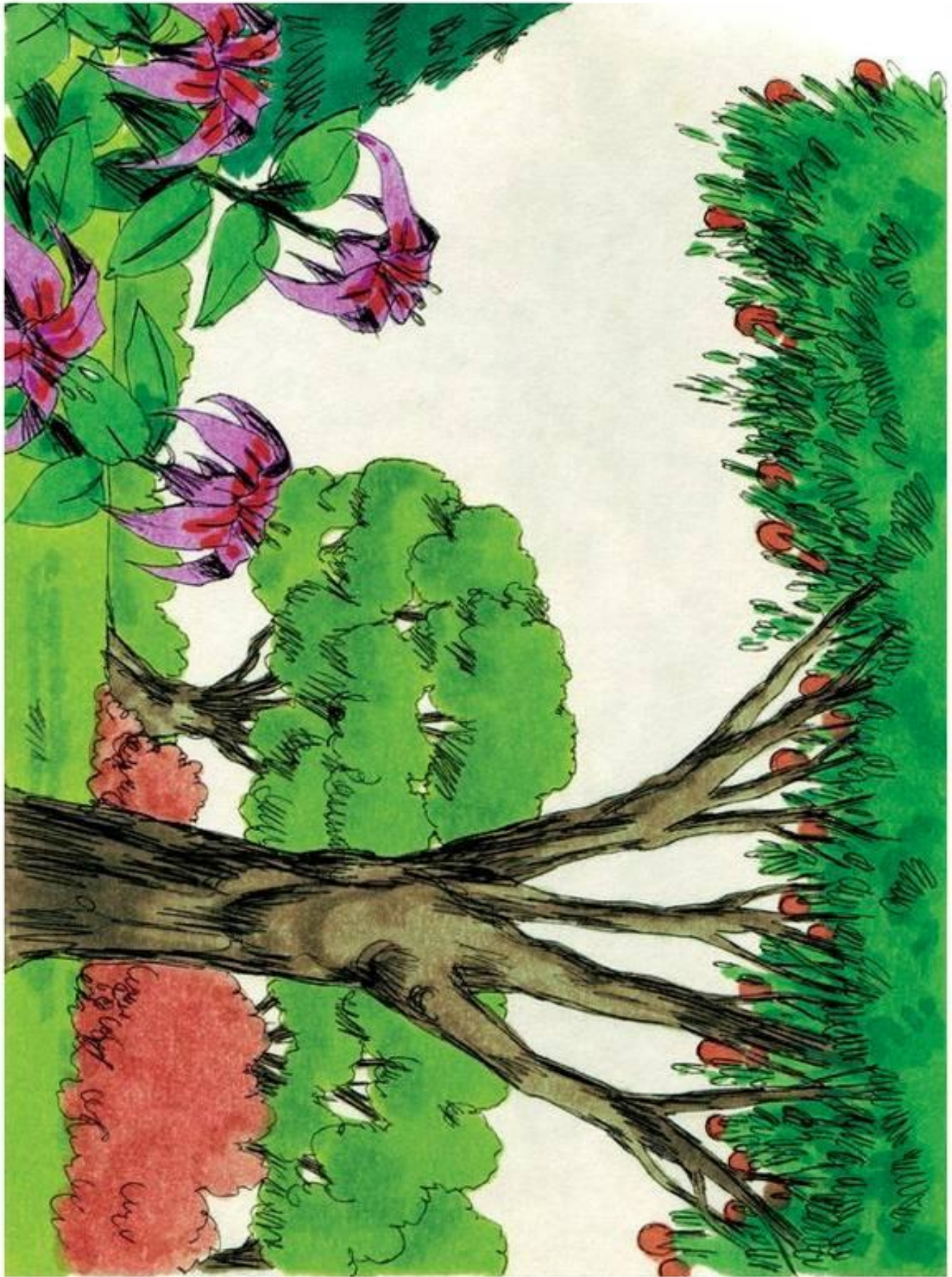
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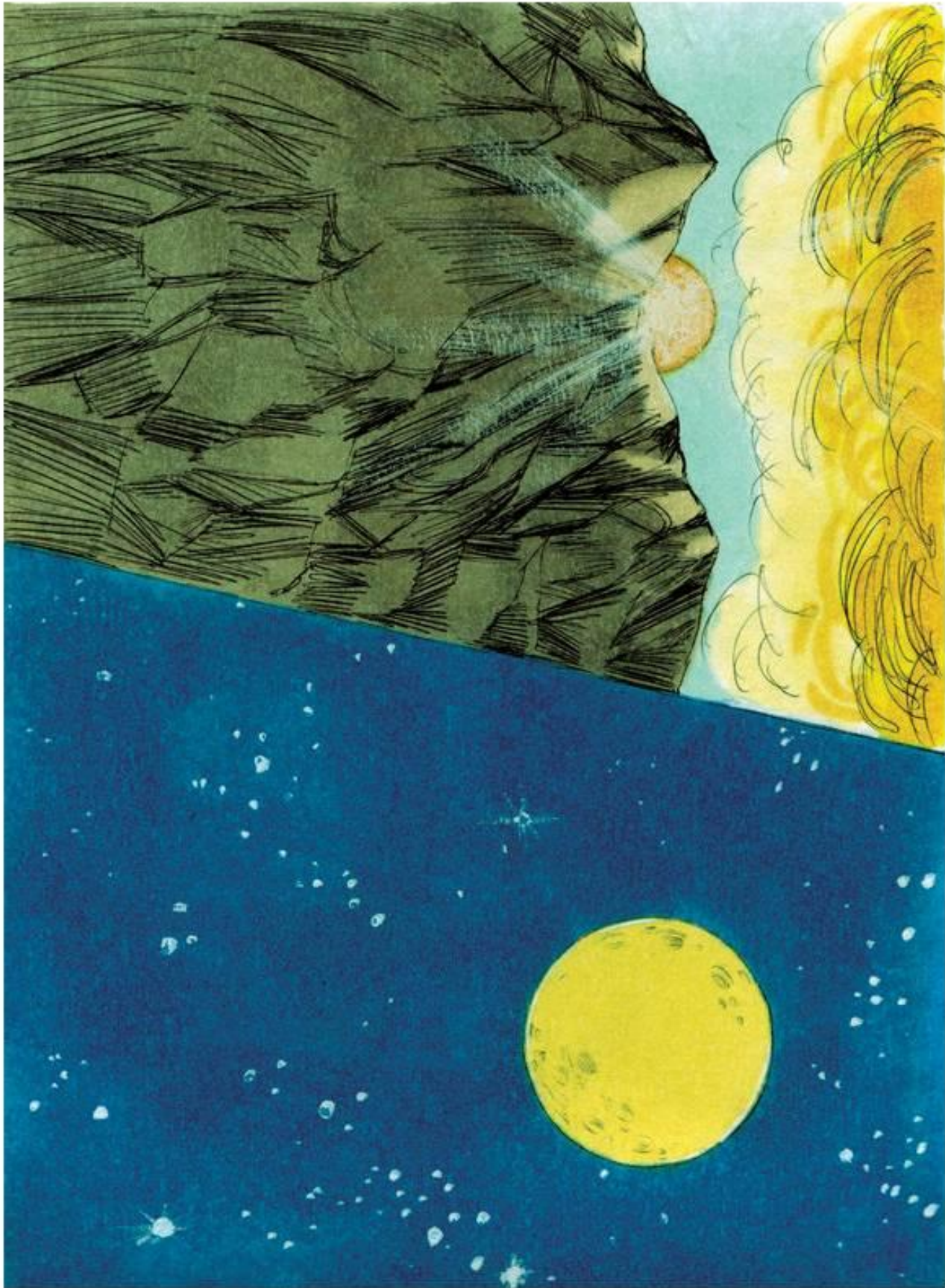
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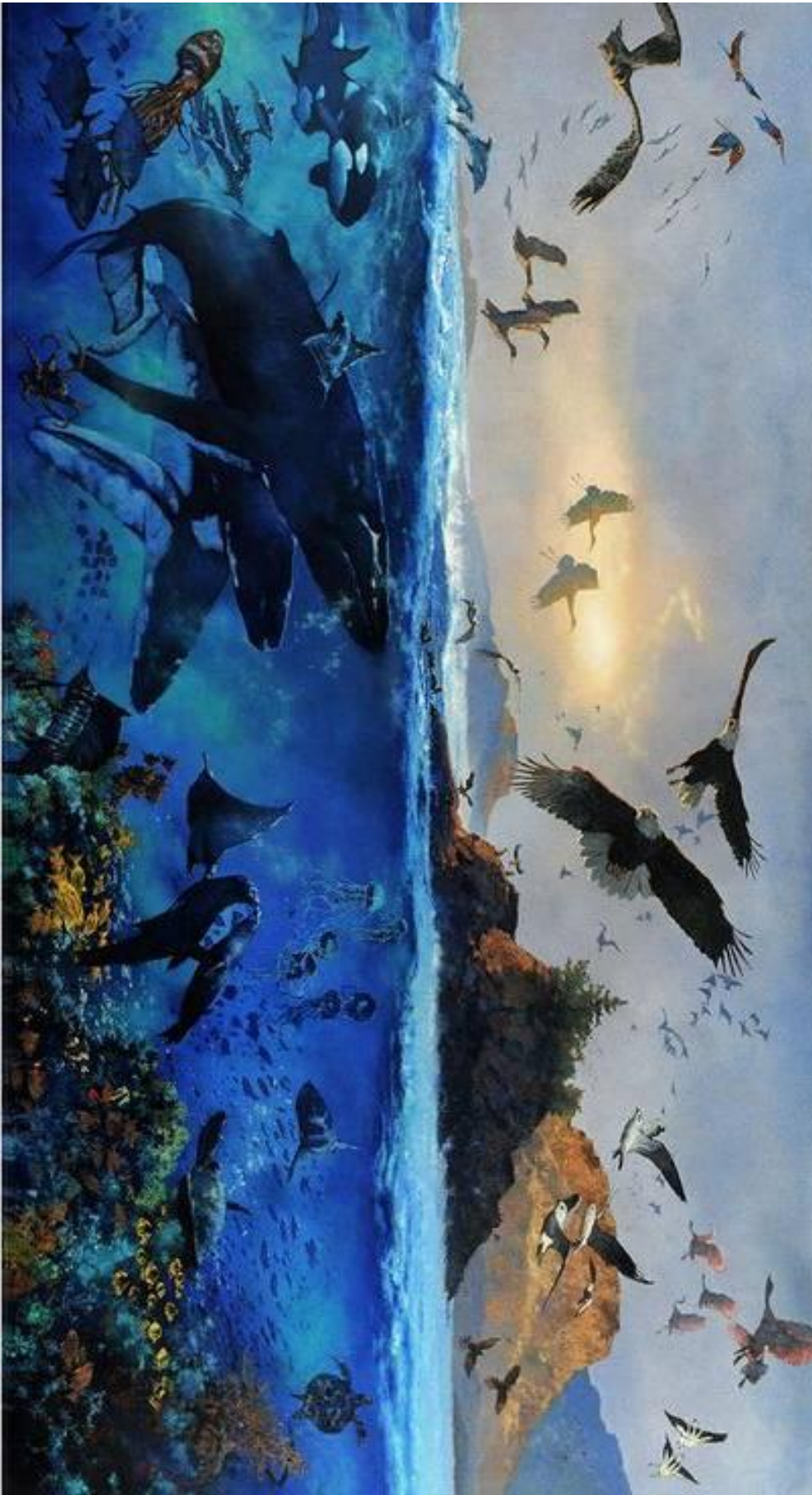
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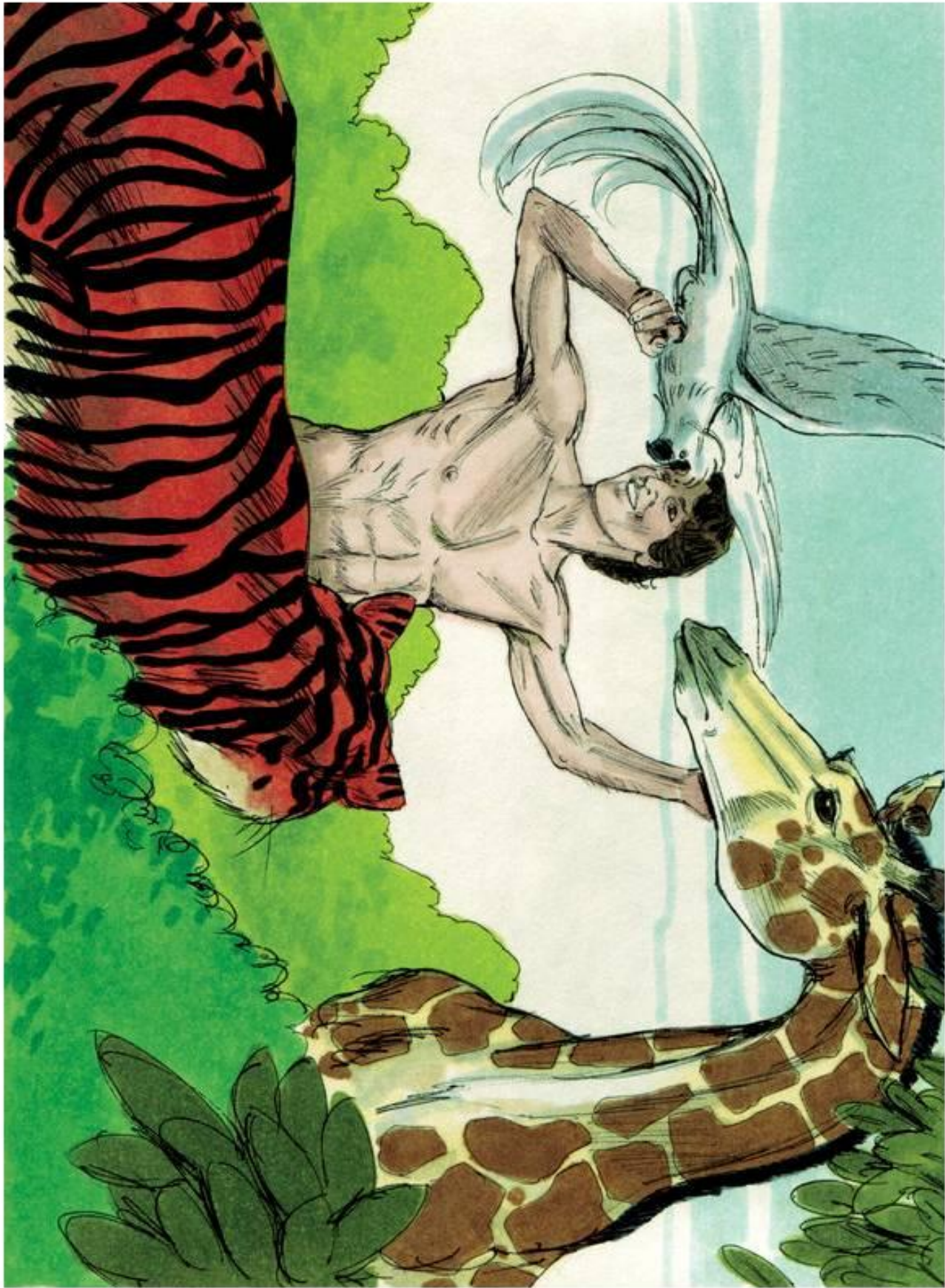








"DAY 5: 'THE CREATION OF SEA CREATURES AND WINGED FOWL'
Final Artwork - Oil Painting on Linen Panel 36" h x 66" w
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**God ("God!") created
man ("man!") in His
own image, in His
own image.**

**Male (boys) "That's
me!" and Female,
(girls) "That's me!"
(clap, clap)**

**He created them.
Genesis 1:27a**



Copied Songs (Some from the internet; I will give proper credit as I discover sources.)

It's Our God's World After All

(Tune: "It's a Small World"; altered words)

There is just one God and His only Son,
Who came to earth to save all His own,
He's the King of the earth
And His Word is the truth,
It's our God's world after all.

It's our God's world after all.
It's our God's world after all.
It's our God's world after all.
That He gave to all.

Six Days

(Tune: 5 3 5 3 2 3 4 2 1 2 3, 5 3 5 3 2 3 4 2 3 2 1)

Day one, day one God made light where there was none,
Day one, day one God made light where there was none.

Day two, day two God made skies and heavens of blue.
Day two, day two God made skies and heavens of blue.

Day three, day three God made plants and flowers and trees,
Day three, day three God made plants and flowers and trees,

Day four, day four sun and moon and stars galore.
Day four, day four sun and moon and stars galore.

Day five, day five God made fish and birds that fly,
Day five, day five God made fish and birds that fly,

Sixth day, sixth day God made animals and man that day,
Sixth day, sixth day God made animals and man that day,

Day seven, day seven God went and rested in heaven.
Day seven, day seven God went and rested in heaven.

Days of Creation (lyrics written by Sharon Broome)

(Tune: "This Old Man")

On day one God made light,
Made the difference in day and night.
God just spoke the words and it came true.
Wonder what else God will do?

On day two, split in two,
Skies above the water blue.
God just spoke the words and it came to be.
What will happen on day three?

On day three God made land;
Then he put plants in the sand.
God made herbs and grass and fruit on the tree
This was all done on day three.

On day four God made lights
Some for days and some for nights.
Stars are dim, but the sun and the moon are bright
Aren't you glad that God made lights?

On day five God made alive
Fish for the waters and birds for the skies.
All the things that swim and birds to fly
These were made on day five.

On day six God did fix
Animals, mankind and even ticks.
God made lizards, cats, and other things that lick
Animals were created on day six.

On day seven God in heaven
Rested from all the work he'd done.
He'd made the earth, the stars, the moon, and sun
It was good what God had done.

God Made the Animals (by M. G.)

(Tune: "Farmer in the Dell")

God made the bear, God made the bear, Back when the world was new, God made the bear.
or

Adam named the bear, Adam named the bear, Back when the world was new, Adam named the bear,

(Play as the "Farmer in the Dell" game. Student in the middle of a circle suggests an animal and children hold hands as they walk around the child in the center. Center child chooses another student to replace him in the center. New student suggests another animal. Students sing the song as above.)

God Created (by Leah M. Serck, Piggyback Songs in Praise of God, Warren Publishing House, Inc., P. O. Box 2250, Everett, WA 98203)
(Tune: "Frère Jacques")

God created, God created night and day, night and day.
That was on the first day, That was on the first day.
It was good! It was good!

God created, God created sky and clouds, sky and clouds.
That was on the second day, That was on the second day.
It was good! It was good!

God created, God created land and plants, land and plants.
That was on the third day, That was on the third day.
It was good! It was good!

God created, God created sun, moon, stars, sun, moon, stars.
That was on the fourth day, That was on the fourth day.
It was good! It was good!

God created, God created birds and fish, birds and fish.
That was on the fifth day, That was on the fifth day.
It was good! It was good!

God created, God created creatures on land; people, too.
That was on the sixth day, That was on the sixth day.
It was good! It was good!

Then God rested, Then God rested from His work, from His work.
That was on the seventh day, That was on the seventh day.
All was good! All was good!

Let's sing praises, let's sing praises to our God, to our God.
He is everywhere, giving loving care.
God is good! God is good!

In the Beginning

Words by Marilyn Alexander

Traditional Melody

The musical score is written on a single staff in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The melody is simple and repetitive, with lyrics written below the notes. The score is divided into six lines of music, each starting with a measure number (1, 3, 6, 9, 11, 14). The lyrics are: "In the be - gin - ning God cre - a - ted the hea - ven and the earth, and Gen - e - sis states He did it this way: God just spoke the words, and the thing was made, but He formed man from a lump of clay. SUN - DAY: Light; MON - DAY: Sky; TUES - DAY: Dry ground and plants; WEDNES - DAY: Sun, moon, and stars; THURS - DAY: Birds and fish; FRI - DAY: An - i - mals and man. Cre - a - tion was com - plete! It was all ver - y good!"

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14 a - tion was com - plete! It was all ver - y good!

Students may sing loudly or shout the days of the week and quietly sing the thing God made (since He merely spoke "and the thing was made," or two groups may sing antiphonally the days and the created thing.