

Lesson I.

THE CREATION

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Genesis 1 : 1-5, 7, 9, 10, 12, 16, 21, 25, 27, 31. Study Genesis 1 : 1 to 2 : 3—*Memory Verse, 27.

Golden Text—In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.—Genesis 1 : 1.

1 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

2 And the earth was without form, and void ; and darkness *was* upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

3 And God said, Let there be light : and there was light.

4 And God saw the light, that *it was* good : and God divided the light from the darkness.

5 And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day.

7 And God made the firmament, and divided the waters which *were* under the firmament from the waters which *were* above the firmament : and it was so.

9 And God said, Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together unto one place, and let the dry *land* appear : and it was so.

10 And God called the dry *land* Earth ; and the gathering together of the waters called he Seas : and God saw that *it was* good.

12 And the earth brought forth grass, and herb yielding seed after his kind, and the tree yielding fruit, whose seed *was* in itself,

after his kind : and God saw that *it was* good.

16 And God made two great lights ; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night : *he made* the stars also.

21 And God created great whales, and every living creature that moveth, which the waters brought forth abundantly, after their kind, and every winged fowl after his kind : and God saw that *it was* good.

25 And God made the beast of the earth after his kind, and cattle after their kind, and every thing that creepeth upon the earth after his kind : and God saw that *it was* good.

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

31 And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, *it was* very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day.

THE LESSON RETOLD

Once there was no beautiful world such as we live in now ; it was a dark and dreary place with no people or animals or even grass upon it. But God lived in heaven even then—for there was never a time when there was no God—and out of nothing He made all things.

He said first, "Let there be light," and the thick blackness rolled away, the light came, and God called the light, Day ; and when the darkness came again to stay for a little while, He called it Night.

On the second day, God made the clouds and the sky above them, which He called

heaven, and on the third day He said, "Let all the waters on the earth be gathered together into separate places" ; so the seas and the lakes and the rivers were formed and the dry land appeared. And God called the dry land earth. And again God spoke and things grew out of the bare ground—soft, green grass, beautiful flowers, grain and vegetables and small and great trees.

Then God placed the great bright sun in the sky to shine by day, and the moon to lighten the world at night, and He covered the sky with sparkling stars. All this was done on the fourth day.

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