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Who? What? How? Why?

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God created the universe out of nothing to show us that He is everything.



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God Filled

God Finished

Days 1-3

Days 4-6

Day 7

"Out of the darkened chaos God sovereignly and majestically created the entire universe in six days, bringing about perfect order and abundant fullness for people to enjoy, and to rule. And then God blessed and sanctified the seventh day, which marked the completion of creation." **God Formed**

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God makes beauty out of chaos.





Genesis 1:3-5 (NIV)

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.



Genesis 1:6-8 (NIV)

And God said, "Let there be a vault between the waters to separate water from water." ⁷ So God made the vault and separated the water under the vault from the water above it. And it was so. ⁸ God called the vault "sky." And there was evening, and there was morning—the second day.



Genesis 1:9-11 (NIV) 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.



Genesis 1:14-16 (NIV)

And God said, "Let there be lights in the vault of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them serve as signs to mark sacred times, and days and years, ¹⁵ and let them be lights in the vault 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.



Genesis 1:20-21 (NIV)

And God said, "Let the water teem with living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the vault of the sky." ²¹So God created the great creatures of the sea and every living thing with which the water teems and that moves about in it, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.



Genesis 1:24-25 (NIV)

And God said, "Let the land produce living creatures according to their kinds: the livestock, the creatures that move along the ground, and the wild animals, each according to its kind." And it was so. ²⁵ God made the wild animals according to their kinds, the livestock according to their kinds, and all the creatures that move along the ground according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good."



Genesis 1:26 (NIV) Then God said, "Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground."



Genesis 2:2-3 (NIV) By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing; so on the seventh day he rested from all his work. ³ Then God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the work of creating that he had done.

Corresponding Activity in the Days of Creation

FORM Day 1: Light/Darkness Day 2: Sea and Sky Day 3: Fertile Earth

FILL Day 4: Sun/Moon/Stars Day 5: Creatures for Water/Sky Day 6: Creatures for Fertile Earth

Creation Structure

Initiation: **Decree: Fulfillment: Evaluation: Conclusion:** "God said" "Let there be" "And there was" "It was good"

"Evening and morning"

The Start

Genesis 1:2 (NIV)

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.

The Process

God Formed | Days 1-3 God Filled | Days 4-6 God Finished | Day 7

Genesis 1:31-2:2 (NIV) God saw all that he had made, and it was very good...Thus the heavens and the earth were completed in all their vast array. By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing; so on the seventh day he rested from all his work.

The Finish



God makes beauty out of chaos.



"The passage reveals the activity of God in redemption. At the beginning there was darkness over the deep, and there was waste and void; but at the end there was a marvelous creation at rest, blessed by God." - Dr. Allen Ross



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Psalm 19:1–2 (NIV) The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they reveal knowledge.