

Aim: To read Genesis 1, understand and start memorizing the order of the days of creation.

This term we are doing a different Pathfinder Creation Honour. This Honour is more about what the world was like in the Beginning, compared to what it is today. You can either write or draw your answers. Put your name on the front of the workbook.

Open to the first page (Before Sin / After Sin-Before the Flood / After the Flood / Now)
Anytime, you think of or hear about something that has changed – write it on this page.

Turn to the second page (What did God make)

Have everyone turn to Genesis chapter 1.

Read one day at a time, fill in the chart in the workbooks, and discuss anything interesting.

Read Genesis 1:1-6

- What did God do to create?

Read Genesis 1:6-8

- Note: God made the air before making people and animals that need air to breath

Read Genesis 1:9-13

- Note: God made the land before the plants, and the plants, before making the animals and people that would need the plants for food.

Read Genesis 1:14-19

- Note: God made the sun, after making the plants, what happens to plants if they don't have the sun? (They lose their colour and eventually die)
- How long can plants survive for without the sun? (several days – so it is ok that God made the sun on the following day)

Read Genesis 1:20-23

Read Genesis 1:24-25

- Note this day isn't finished yet

Read Genesis 1:26-27

- What is special about humans? (They are made in 'the image of God')
- What can 'in the image of God' mean? - To say someone is the 'image' of someone else means that they either look similar, or act similar, or more often both. A son might be called the 'image of his father' or a daughter might be called 'the image of his mother'.
- If there is time, ask: In what ways are you the image of your parents?
- How many types of humans did God make? – We will talk more about this another week.

Read Genesis 1:28

- What does 'be fruitful and multiply' mean? (Have children)
- What job or role did God give people to do? (To govern or reign, like a king does – to look after the animals)

Read Genesis 1:29

- What was the food of the people when the world was first created?

Read Genesis 1:30

- What was the food of the animals when the world was first created?

Read Genesis 1:31 – 2:1

- How long did it take to create everything?

Read Psalm 33:6, 9

Read Psalm 104:5

The following is from the book Patriarchs and Prophets written by E.G White. This Chapter is titled, 'The Creation'.

As I read – imagine what the world looked like compared to how it is today. Then draw two pictures for the front cover of your workbook.

As the earth came forth from the hand of its Maker, it was exceedingly beautiful. Its surface was [covered in a variety of] with mountains, hills, and plains, interspersed with noble rivers and lovely lakes; but the hills and mountains were not abrupt and rugged, [and full of] terrific [slopes] and frightful [canyons], as they now do; the sharp, ragged edges of earth's rocky framework were buried beneath the [productive] soil, which everywhere produced a luxuriant growth of [greenery]. There were no [disgusting] swamps or barren deserts. Graceful shrubs and delicate flowers greeted the eye at every turn. The [tops of the mountains] were crowned with trees more majestic than any that now exist. The air, untainted by foul [smell], was clear and healthful. The entire landscape outvied in beauty the decorated grounds of the proudest palace. The angelic host viewed the scene with delight, and rejoiced at the wonderful works of God. (PP 44.2)

(Give some time to draw pictures for the front cover)

As I read this next paragraph, we will fill out the section – what was special about Adam.

After the earth with its teeming animal and vegetable life had been called into existence, man, the crowning work of the Creator, and the one for whom the beautiful earth had been fitted up, was brought upon the stage of action. To him was given [authority] over all that his eye could [see]. [Remember Genesis 1:26 said, "Let us make human beings in our image, to be like us, They will reign over the fish in the sea, the birds in the sky the livestock, all the wild animals on the earth, and the small animals that scurry along the ground.]

Here is clearly set forth the origin of the human race; and the divine record is so plainly stated that there is no occasion for [wrong] conclusions. God created man in His own image. Here is no mystery. There is no ground for the [idea] that man was evolved by slow degrees of development from the lower forms of animal or vegetable life. Such teaching lowers the great work of the Creator to the level of man's narrow, earthly conceptions. Men are so intent upon excluding God [as the king] of the universe that they degrade man and [cheat] him of the dignity of his origin. He who set the starry worlds on high and [coloured] with delicate skill the flowers of the field, who filled the earth and the heavens with the wonders of His power, when He came to crown His glorious work, to place one in the midst to stand as ruler of the fair earth, did not fail to create a being worthy of the hand that gave him life. The genealogy of our race, as given by [the Bible], traces back its origin, not to a line of developing germs, [shellfish, and animals], but to the great Creator. Though formed from the dust, Adam was "the son of God." PP 44.3

He was placed, as God's representative, over the lower orders of being. They cannot understand or acknowledge the [kinship] of God, yet they were made capable of loving and serving man. [Psalm 8:6-8_{NLT} says, "You made him ruler of the works of Your hands; You have placed everything under his feet: all sheep and oxen, and even the beasts of the field, the birds of the air and the fish of the sea, all that swim the paths of the seas." PP 45.1

Man was to bear God's image, both in outward resemblance and in character. Christ alone is "the [exact] image" ([Hebrews 1:3](#)) of the Father; but man was formed in the likeness of God. His nature was in harmony with the will of God. His mind was capable of comprehending divine things. His affections were pure; his [desires] and passions were under the control of reason. He was holy and happy in bearing the image of God and in perfect obedience to His will. PP 45.2

As man came forth from the hand of his Creator, he was of [tall height] and perfect symmetry. His [face] bore the [colour] of health and glowed with the light of life and joy. Adam's height was much greater than that of men who now inhabit the earth. Eve was somewhat less in [height]; yet her form was noble, and full of beauty. The sinless pair wore no artificial garments; they were clothed with a covering of light and glory, such as the angels wear. So long as they lived in obedience to God, this robe of light continued to [cover] them. PP 45.3

After the creation of Adam every living creature was brought before him to receive its name; he saw that to each had been given a companion, but among them "there was not found [a companion] for him." Among all the creatures that God had made on the earth, there was not one equal to man. And God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper." Man was not made to [live alone]; he was to be a social being. Without companionship the beautiful scenes and delightful [occupations] of Eden would have failed to [give] perfect happiness. Even communion with angels could not have satisfied his desire for sympathy and companionship. There was none of the same nature to love and to be loved.