

# The Beginning of the World

Pop was sitting in his favorite rocking chair, trying to ignore all of the noise and laughter that was coming from the kitchen. He loved these family get-togethers, but he would never let on how much joy they brought to him. Thinking that he was asleep, his daughter whispers to the grand kids to keep the noise down, but his young granddaughter is determined to draw him into conversation. She takes her tiny fingers and begins to pull at his mustache that hasn't quite turned all white.

She is tickled when she is rewarded with a grunt.

"Why are you messing with me, child?" He asked, pretending to be upset but he's not able to hide the laughter in his voice.

"I have a very important question so wake up, Pop.

"Since I can't seem to get any rest with you around, what do you want to know"?

"How did the earth get here"? She asked with beautiful innocence,

Pop scratches his head for just a minute before he answers and it's not long before the other children gather at his feet.

"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Nothing existed but God. God created everything. When God created the earth, there wasn't anything on it but water. Then over the next seven days God created everything we see.

On the first day God created light. God saw the light and said it was good. God divided the light from the darkness. So, God called the light day and the darkness night.

On the second day God took a lot of the water that covered the world and put it above the sky. So the world was covered by water, then sky, then water. It's not like that today, but that's another story.

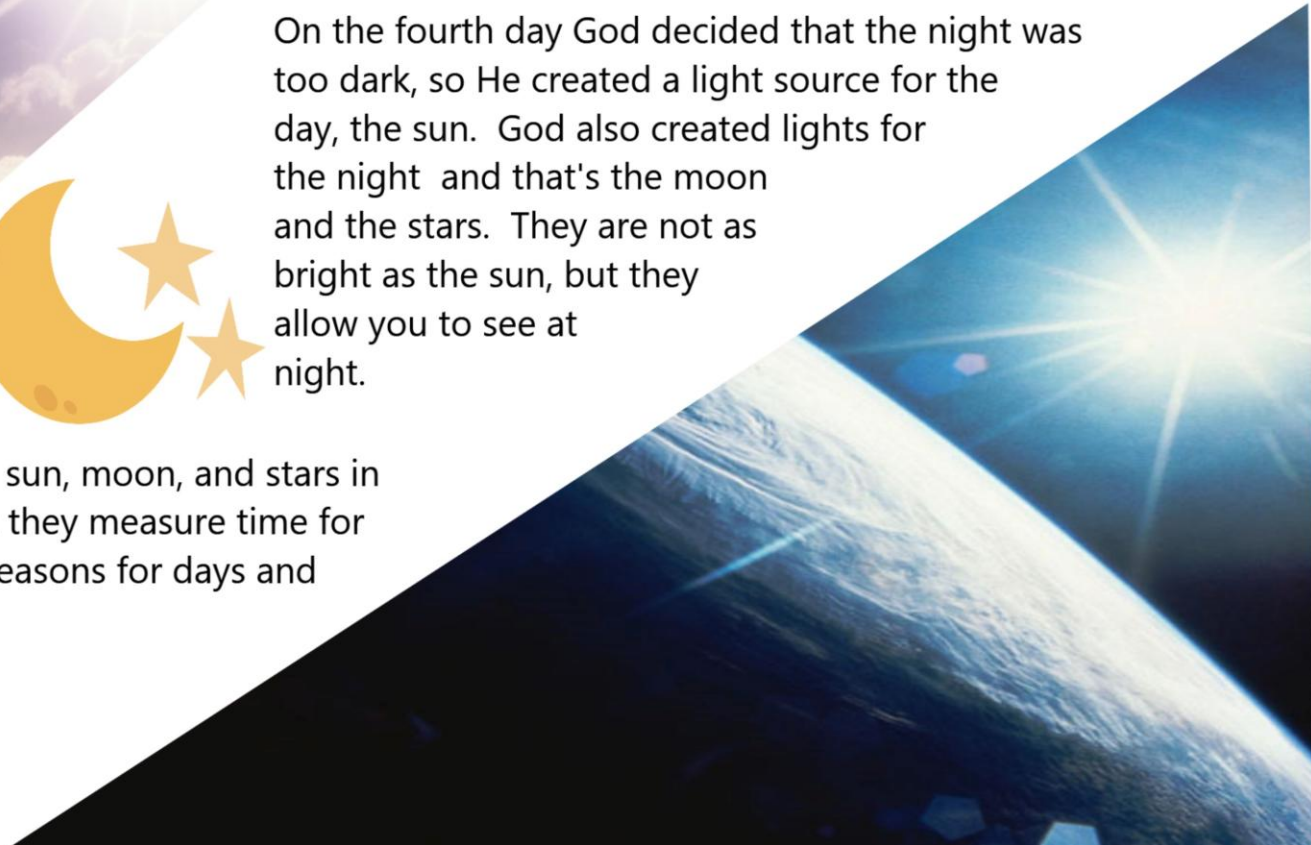
On the third day God gathered all of the water together, and let dry land appear. God called the dry land Earth and the water Seas. On the dry land, God created grass, herbs, trees, and fruit trees. God fixed things so they all created seeds



On the fourth day God decided that the night was too dark, so He created a light source for the day, the sun. God also created lights for the night and that's the moon and the stars. They are not as bright as the sun, but they allow you to see at night.



God placed the sun, moon, and stars in such a way that they measure time for us....signs and seasons for days and years.





Plenty of  
**FISH**  
in the  
**SEA**



On the fifth day God filled  
the seas with all kinds of  
sea creatures

God blessed them and told them to be fruitful  
and multiply



God also created all the birds that fly  
above the earth.





On the sixth day God created all the creatures that live on dry land. Then God said, let Us make man in Our image according to Our likeness. God made man superior to every creature that swims in the sea, that fly in the air, or lives on dry land. God created man and woman. On the seventh day, God rested.

He looked at everything He had done and said it was good.

"Ok sweetheart, did that answer your question?"

"Yes Pop, but I have another one... where do rainbows come from?"