

The Story of Creation — How God Built the Universe

The Big Question

Have you ever looked up at the night sky and wondered, *Where did all this come from?* This is one of my favorite questions to ask a child. They sure have quite the imagination!

The stars, the trees, the oceans, and even your heartbeat...all of it had to start somewhere and we are blessed to have the answer to this in more ways than one. This short article was inspired by the questions of a little boy's curiosity.

The Bible begins with the words:

“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.” -*Genesis 1:1*

This story tells us *who* made everything.

Science helps us understand *how* He did it.

And both are part of the same truth; the mind of our God is so creative and intelligent that His design still amazes scientists today.

Day 1: Let There Be Light

Before there was light, there was only God. Nobody truly knows what he would have looked like or experienced from his perspective before creation, but you can imagine it was a quiet time, and given the fact He commanded light to exist...darkness may have been the only thing to exist outside of His conscious, but then He spoke, and His Word became energy itself.

“And God said, ‘Let there be light,’ and there was light.” — *Genesis 1:3*

When God spoke, the universe burst into motion; time began, space stretched, and matter formed. Scientists call this the **Big Bang**, but the Bible simply calls it **God’s voice**.

A child might ask: “Was it loud?”

Answer: Maybe the biggest sound ever! But God didn’t have to shout and He does not have eardrums, so the volume was not an issue. His words carried so much power that they *became* the light and energy that still move through the universe today.

Light filled everything and darkness had to move aside. That’s why every sunrise is still a reminder of God’s first command.

Day 2: The Sky and the Waters

Next, God separated the waters above from the waters below.

He stretched the heavens like a curtain and formed an atmosphere so Earth could breathe.

Through science, we now know about the layers of air, gravity, and clouds all working together in perfect balance. Every raindrop and every breeze is proof that creation still listens to God’s ancient design.

A child might ask: “Did God use His hands?”

Answer: He used His imagination and power! God doesn’t need tools. When He thinks and speaks, nature obeys.

Day 3: Land and Life Begin

God gathered the seas and revealed the land.

Then He said, “*Let the earth bring forth grass and fruit trees.*”

And it did! Soil began to breathe, mountains rose, and seeds awakened under sunlight.

Science tells us that plants make the oxygen we need to live...that’s teamwork by divine design.

Every green leaf is a tiny factory powered by light.
When plants “eat” sunlight, they make food for the entire world.
God wrote that system long before we gave it a name: **photosynthesis**.

A child might ask: “How can plants know what to do?”

Answer: God built a kind of wisdom into everything He made and even the smallest cell follows His invisible code.

Day 4: The Lights of Heaven

God made the Sun to warm the day, the Moon to light the night, and the stars to guide and inspire. To ancient people, these were wonders; today, we know they are gigantic spheres of fire, rock, and gas following laws that never fail.

Gravity keeps everything dancing in orbit, a silent rhythm God set in motion.

A child might ask: “Why did God make stars so far away if we can’t touch them?”

Answer: So we’d always have something to reach for. Stars remind us that there’s more beyond what we see and they still follow the same math and movement He wrote billions of years ago.

Day 5: Life in the Waters and the Sky

The oceans began to fill with living things from tiny plankton to great whales.
Then God made birds to soar through the sky.

Each one had a place, a purpose, and a design.

Fish breathe water; birds ride the wind. Every creature’s shape fits its world.

Through science, we see how perfectly balanced ecosystems are; how coral, fish, and plants work together like instruments in a divine orchestra.

A child might ask: “Were there dinosaurs, too?”

Answer: Yes! God made many amazing creatures that lived before us. Every age had its own wonders, and even the fossils we find today tell the story of His creativity.

Day 6: The Animals and Humankind

God made the animals of the land like lions, elephants, and tiny ants.
Then, for His greatest creation, He said:

“Let us make man in our image.” — *Genesis 1:26*

That means we’re different from all other creatures.

We can think, create, love, and make choices because we carry a spark of God’s spirit inside us.

Science shows our brains are more advanced than any other animal’s. But it cannot explain *why* we feel love or dream of eternity.

That’s the part of us that science can observe but never measure: the soul.

A child might ask: “Did God make us from dust?”

Answer: Yes — He formed our bodies from the same elements as the stars and the earth. The Bible and science agree: everything living is built from stardust, so when God breathed life into Adam and Eve, the universe’s finest design came alive.

Day 7: Rest, Balance, and Joy

After all this, God looked at His creation and saw that it was very good.
Then He rested.

He didn't need to rest because He was tired. God does not get physically exhausted. He did it to show us the importance of balance.

The Sabbath teaches us to pause, to admire, and to be grateful.

A child might ask: "How did He do this in only 7 days?"

Answer: That is something we can only comprehend if we knew how time worked from God's perspective. Maybe his days were longer? Maybe a day was a metaphor for an eon? Some things are just not meant for us to have the answers to, but the important part is that we know what he did.

The Science of Faith

Science studies *how* things work.

Faith teaches *why* they exist.

When we look closely at atoms, DNA, or galaxies, we find harmony, not chaos.

Everything is built on patterns so perfect that even the tiniest error would stop life.

That kind of precision can't happen by accident.

The Bible says:

"The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of His hands." —
Psalms 19:1

So when you learn science, you're not moving away from God, you're walking deeper into His workshop. It is only when you try to pin science to things that are below Him that it gets to be inaccurate. The Ancient Egyptians made this mistake, as well as many other cultures around the world even after interacting with Biblical powerhouses like Moses and Joseph the Dreamer.

Closing Reflection: You Are Part of the Story

You were made from the same light that began everything.

The same God who spoke the stars into being also shaped your heart.

Every time you create, help, learn, or love you continue the story of creation...and ironically so does bad stuff, but for a good reason. For example, if you do not get hungry you will not eat. If you don't feel pain you won't know that you need to heal. If you don't have darkness then you won't have something to shine your own divine light on.

"For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works." — *Ephesians 2:10*

The universe began with God's Word, and that Word still lives inside you.

So keep asking questions, keep exploring, and never stop being amazed — because everything you discover points back to Him.

Discussion Starters for the Curious Kiddo

1. What part of creation amazes you most, and why?
2. How does learning about science help you understand God better? (Deuteronomy 29:29 gives us permission to learn how He works, but only with what has been revealed, we still cannot answer everything).
3. Why do you think God made so many different kinds of animals and people? (A great starter question to the story of the Tower of Babel!)
4. How can we take care of creation the way God asked us to? (Proverbs is a fantastic direction to take this question!)