

Lesson Six Preparation: Genesis 1:1-31

The Creation Story

Lesson Supplies

Catholic Children's Bible with table of contents page marked (page 3)

Journal for each family member and writing supplies

Videos cued up on your device

Objectives

- God created the universe from nothing; he did it out of love.
- God sustains and provides for the universe through his providence.
- Science and the Biblical creation account do not conflict.

Read

From the Bible: Genesis 1:1-2:4

From the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*

We believe that God created the world according to his wisdom. It is not the product of any necessity whatever, nor of blind fate or chance. We believe that it proceeds from God's free will; he wanted to make his creatures share in his being, wisdom, and goodness: "For you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created (Revelation 4:11). Therefore the Psalmist exclaims: "O LORD, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all"; and "The LORD is good to all, and his compassion is over all that he has made" (Psalm 104:24, 145:9). (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, paragraph 295)

From the *Compendium to the Catechism of the Catholic Church*

Read questions [51-62](#). This will take 5 minutes.

Watch

[What is Creation](#) (3:19)

[God's Story: Creation](#) (3:58)

[Creation \(Genesis 1-2\)](#) (3:48)

Reflect

What is the deal with the seven days of Creation in Genesis 1? How can we reconcile this with science?

Genesis 1:2 gives us the literary purpose of the story. It says that when God made the world, it was "formless and desolate." So God systematically addresses this problem. On days 1-3, God forms the world. Then in days 4-6, God fills what he formed. The final thing God creates, the one thing that takes creation from good to very good, is us, human beings. The image that might come to mind is a clay sculptor who forms a little bit and then steps back to examine before making it even better. God is an artist!

The point of this creation story is not to give a scientific account of how the world was made. The point is to show us that God created everything on purpose. You and I were made on purpose, for a reason, by a loving and artistic God. The second creation story in Genesis 2 describes God breathing his own life-breath into the man he created. God wants to be that intimately connected to you too. It's why he made you in the first place.

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Lesson Summary

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- God made the world on purpose.
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Pray

1. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.
2. Who or what would you like to pray for today?
3. Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be (*Catholic Children's Bible* page 1992)

Read

Genesis 1:1-2:4 - The Creation Story

- Read the passage slowly and out loud at least three times, maybe taking turns.
- Pay attention for a word or phrase that sticks out to you.
- In your journal, write about that word or phrase. Use some of the suggested journal prompts if you need help.

Reflect

How would you go about making something out of playdough? You probably can't just say, "Let there be a person!" and a playdough man suddenly appears. You have to think of your person, then start working with the playdough to shape it and reshape it.

God did the same thing when he created the world. He had an idea of what he wanted to make, and he kept adding to it until it was just right.

God did the same thing when he made you. He had an idea in mind of who you would be and what you would be for. Then he set out to make you just the way he wanted. The secret to being happy is to live the way God made you to live.

Watch

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- [God's Story: Creation](#) (3:58)

Discuss

1. In Genesis 1 we read that God created man in his image and likeness. In what ways are you like God?
2. Describe something you have seen where God has created beauty?
3. What does creation make you feel about God?

Salvation History

Sometime this week, read **God's Wisdom Brings Us Happiness (Proverbs 3:21-26)**, pages 966-967 in the *Catholic Children's Bible*.

This reinforces that God made us to be happy, and we will be happiest when we follow his directions.

Live

- Draw a picture of what the garden of Eden looks like. Use your imagination.
- Go for a walk in nature. Climb a hill and gaze at all of creation. Point out the beauty and thank God for what you see.
- Create something this week as a family. Paint a room in the house. Clean out the garage. Clean up the yard. Do something creative, that brings order out of chaos. But do it together.

Lesson One Supplemental Materials

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Lesson Summary Statements

1. God created the World out of nothing.
2. God did not have to create the world. He is perfectly happy in himself.
3. God created the world to share His love, truth, goodness, and beauty.
4. God created the universe and all it contains out of nothing
5. God creates, governs, and sustains the universe.
6. Everything God created is Good
7. While respecting our freedom, we are called to cooperate with God Divine Providence by doing His will.
8. Evil entered the world, when the angels and our first parents rejected God the ultimate good. Evil is perpetuated by our sin.
9. God gave man freedom so man and love and be loved by Him. True love requires freedom
10. God permits evil to exist to bring a greater good out of It. The greatest example of this is the death of Jesus on the cross. The greatest evil, the murder of God, brings about the greatest good, the redemption of man
11. Angels are spiritual beings that know (have intellect) and love (free will).
12. The human person is the center and highest being in the visible creation.
13. The book of genesis tells us the truths needed for salvation. It is not a science book or contemporary history book.
14. We don't have to believe that the universe was created in 6 days. We must believe God is outside and completely separate and above his creation, Creation was created by God out of nothing, God's design and providence guides the universe. God at some point placed a soul into our first parents.
15. Science and faith complement each other. There is no contradiction between faith and reason.
16. Science explains and describes natural material phenomena.
17. Faith explains eternal truths needed for salvation, and answers questions such as the purpose of man and life, why is there something instead of nothing, why is there evil, and many other questions beyond science and philosophy.
18. Faith and science complement each other.

More Resources to Answer Your Questions

Videos

- [Bishop Barron what is God and what God is not](#) (9:56)
- [faith and science](#) 3:49
- [Faith and evolution](#) 4:24
- [Guardian Angels \(What Are They?\)](#) (10:07)

Websites

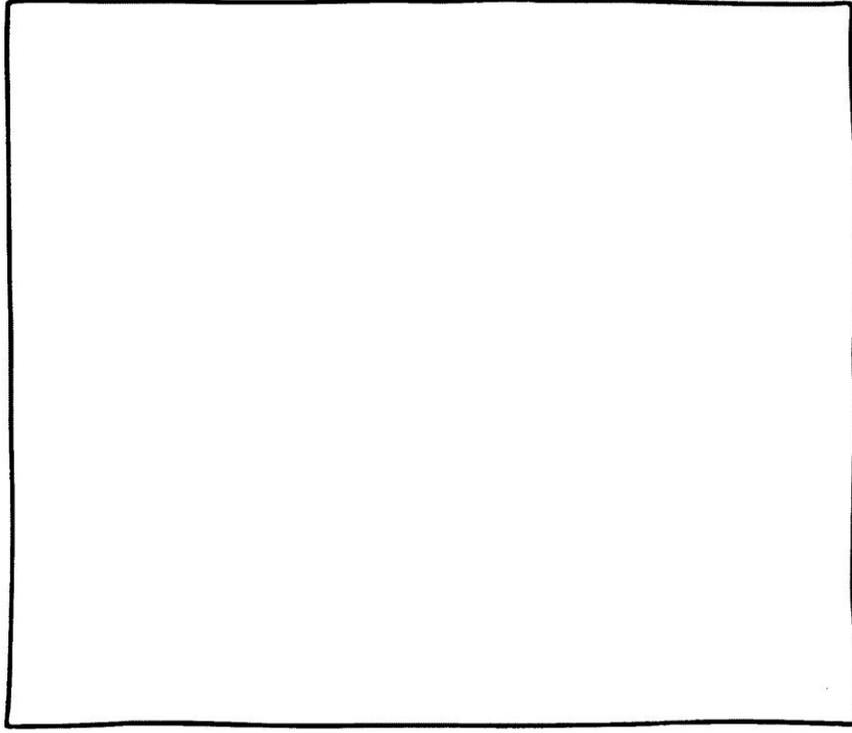
- [Catholic Answers](#)
- [Credible Catholic](#)
- [Formed.org](#)

COLOR IN THE WORDS

before I
CREATED
you in the
womb,
I KNEW YOU.

- JEREMIAH 1:5

DRAW IT.



GOD CHOOSES JEREMIAH TO BE AN IMPORTANT PROPHET, EVEN WHILE HE IS VERY YOUNG. IS THERE A TASK OR JOB GOD IS CALLING YOU TO DO? DRAW OR WRITE WHAT YOU THINK GOD MIGHT BE ASKING OF YOU.