

LIGHT

Reading - GENESIS 1:1-5

THEME VERSE

“God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all.” 1 John 1:5b.

For many in this world, the Biblical teachings on Creation are new and strange. Generally, no one outside of Christian circles would spend time seriously thinking about God, His character and His purposes for mankind.

The leaders objective is to present Creation as the Bible tells it, not as just another theory but as God’s fact. (*In the beginning God!*)

Discussion is always welcome, however, all answers must be seen to be based on God’s word.

FACT FILE

- Earth had no form and was in darkness.
- The surface was covered in water.
- The light had no Sun as a source.
- The light could have came from one direction or have been switched on/off.

SUGGESTED THOUGHTS

1/ To attempt to understand something of the power necessary to create from nothing, one must take a closer look at God.

Three words can be used to describe God,

1. OMNIPOTENT - ALL POWERFUL
2. OMNISCIENT - ALL KNOWING
3. OMNIPRESENT - ALL PRESENT

2/ **Hebrews 11:3** refers to God creating from nothing, by the power of His word.

Paul uses day one as an illustration when he speaks of God making light out of darkness. **2 Corinthians 4:6a**

The Psalmist also mentions the power of God’s word in creation. **Psalms 33:6-9**

APPLICATION

Light = Godliness

Darkness = Wickedness

Light and darkness can’t mix.

Light can overcome darkness but darkness can never overcome light.

As Christians, we ought to walk in the light. **1 John 1:5-7**

No matter what others will do
compromise will lead to trouble.

ILLUSTRATE BY ONE STUDENT STANDING ON A CHAIR WHILE ANOTHER PULLS HIM DOWN. NO MATTER HOW STRONG YOU ARE IT IS VERY EASY TO BE PULLED DOWN.

worlds apart?

opposing statements on man's origins

WORLDLY STATEMENTS

- MAN IS JUST AN ANIMAL
- A RESULT OF COINCIDENCES AND CHANCE
- MAN AS AN ANIMAL HAS NO SOUL AND NO EXISTANCE AFTER DEATH

1. PEOPLE DO NOT REALLY MATTER
2. THERE IS NO POINT TO LIFE
THEREFORE LIFE IS WHAT YOU MAKE IT

BIBLICAL STATEMENTS

- MAN IS A CREATION OF GODS,
CREATED IN GOD'S OWN IMAGE
- MAN WAS MADE BODY, SOUL
AND SPIRIT, AND HAS LIFE AFTER
DEATH

1. EACH INDIVIDUAL IS IMPORTANT TO GOD
2. GOD HAS A PURPOSE FOR EACH
PERSON AND REWARD FOR GODLY LIVING

BIBLEZONE

Creation handout/overhead for day 1

LIGHT

WATERS • FIRMAMENT

Reading - GENESIS 1:6-8

THEME VERSE

“When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers,” Psalm 8:3

In this reading, verse 8 informs us that God called the firmament ‘Heaven’. Evidently in verse 14 the Sun, Moon and Stars were in the firmament and in verse 20 the Birds flew in the firmament.

Was the canopy of upper water above the earth, above the birds and above the stars?

To the Jewish mind there are three heavens.

This is a good opportunity to present these thoughts to the student.

FACT FILE

- FIRMAMENT = Gap or Expanse.

Prior to the second day, the earth was completely covered in water (the deep v2).

On day two God separated the water forming a firmament between. The upper layer (canopy) most likely lay where present day clouds are.

SUGGESTED THOUGHTS

1/ The three heavens mentioned in God's word are:-

1. THE ATMOSPHERIC HEAVEN
2. THE STELLAR HEAVEN
3. THE THIRD HEAVEN (GOD'S HEAVEN)

2/ The canopy of water surrounding the earth according to some would have acted as a barrier blocking radiation from the sun, thus greatly increasing the lifespan of all on the planet.

The oxygen content was also much higher, something that also could have had great benefit to the lifespan at that time.

QUESTION ???

Where did this canopy of water above the firmament go to, as **Genesis 2:5&6** tells us it did not rain in those days?

“Most likely this huge content of water collapsed during the worldwide flood that destroyed the earth in Noah's day. When combined with the waters that came from the fountains of the deep there was ample water to cover even the highest mountains.”

The vastness of the Heavens serve to demonstrate the magnitude of God. When the Psalmist thought on these things in the eighth Psalm, he marvelled at God's glory and asked, “What is man?”

Just as the gap between us and God's heaven is unreachable, so is God so far above our powers, thoughts or righteousness. Many think that they can put God in their ‘box’ but He far exceeds our earthly concepts.

BIBLEZONE

Creation handout/overhead for
day 2



"A gap or
An expanse"



Earth

firmament

SEAS • LAND • VEGETATION Reading - GENESIS 1:9-13

THEME VERSE

"The earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein." Psalm 24:1

Today, mankind in general has lost the truth of God having ownership of all he created (including people) and being the ultimate authority over His creation.

When He makes any rules, conditions or judgements, He has the absolute right to do so. We as His creation have no power to disagree, disobey or ignore His declaration on any matter, to do so always results with our loss!

FACT FILE

- NO RAIN (GENESIS 2:5&6)
- GREEN HOUSE EFFECT
After the Sun would be made on day 4, it's heat would generate a mist, the world over, that would water the planet. The earth's temperature would also be constant worldwide, leaving no ice-caps or other cold spots.

Compare today's rain cycles to that of Genesis 2:5&6.

KEY WORD- SOVEREIGNTY (SUPREME POWER, RULER, AUTHORITY OR CONTROL)

- 1/ God's sovereignty described in illustration. - Jeremiah 18:1-10
- 2/ God's sovereignty over nature. - Luke 8:22-25
- 3/ God's sovereignty over sickness. - Luke 8:43-48
- 4/ God's sovereignty over demons. - Luke 8:26-36
- 5/ God's sovereignty over death. - Luke 8:49-56

SUGGESTED THOUGHTS

When Satan, who was the highest angel God created, (Lucifer- light bearer, shining one) decided because of his pride to rebel against God, he was in fact refusing to bow to the sovereignty of God and go his own way. (See Isaiah 14:12-15 & Ezekiel 28:14-19)

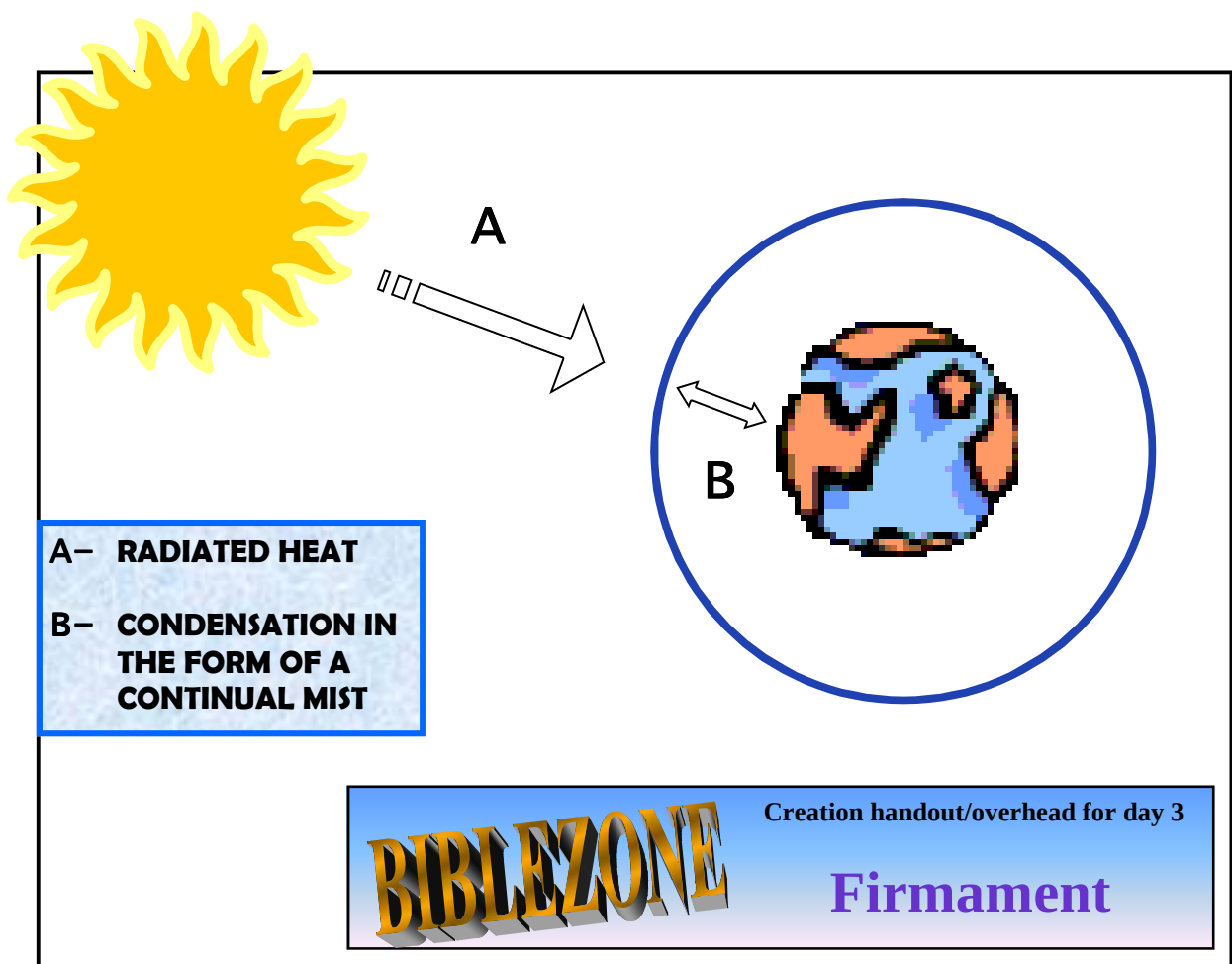
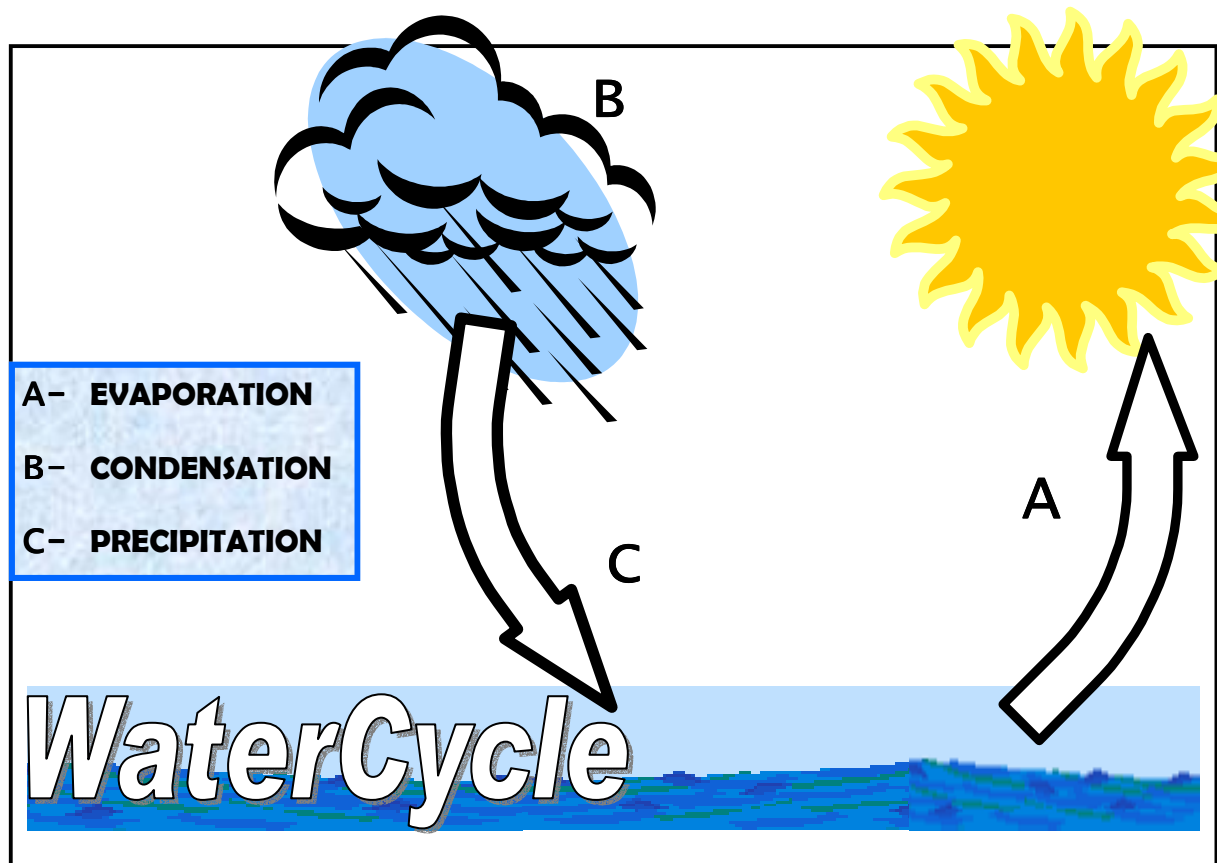
Having made this choice he led one third of the angelic hosts with him. (Rev.12:4)

Ever since, he seeks to encourage people to refuse to accept God's rule and authority. Knowing that his destiny is a place of torment especially made for him and the other fallen angels, (demons) called hell or the lake of fire, he wishes to take as many of God's creation (humanity) with him.

This is the great war that wages on this planet today. Many are aware of battles taking place on the physical front but not on the spiritual.

God is seeking those who will surrender their will over to Him by placing their faith in Him to secure their eternal destination (Heaven).

The Devil (Satan) as the enemy of God tries to thwart God's will by using an ungodly worldly system to deceive men and women and therefore destroy mankind.



SUN • MOON • STARS

Reading - GENESIS 1:14-19

THEME VERSE

Is not God in the height of heaven?
and behold the height of the stars, how high they are! Job 22:12

Having considered who God is, we begin to realise that He cannot be reduced in our thinking to our level.

God ways are not our ways

(Isaiah 55:8)

He cannot be contained by His creation

(1 Kings 8:27).

Details on the dimensions and contents of the stellar heavens provide ideal material for our meditation on the power and intellect of its creator.

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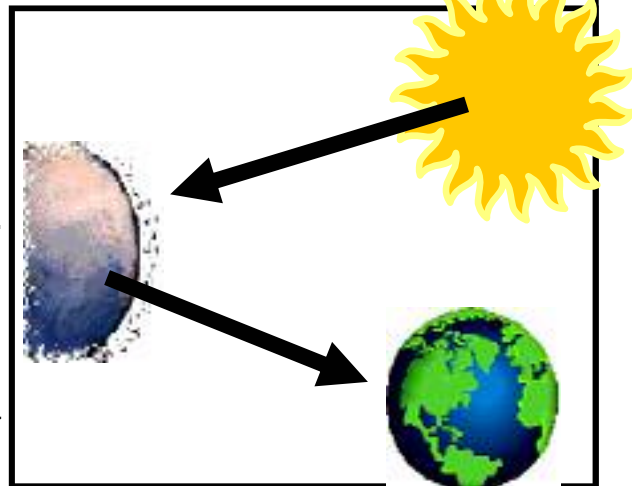
- “Let them (Stars) be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years.” verse 14.

Sailors have plotted their courses by the stars, farmers watch them for seasonal changes and calendars have been set to them.

- God has counted and named the stars! (Psalm 147:4).

KEY WORD- WITNESS (REPRESENT, BEAR EVIDENCE)

- THE SUN**
pictures God as a pure light.
- THE EARTH**
pictures a lost world in spiritual darkness.
- THE MOON**
pictures the Christian reflecting (bearing witness) the light of God to a dark world.



“But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.” Ac 1:8

QUESTION ???

How can we hope to be a good witness to the world today?

Examine the aspects of a good witness and a bad witness. Discuss the tools available today, (television, internet etc) highlighting any good points and bad. How do you think Jesus would view modern attempts of witness?

FISH • FOWL

Reading - GENESIS 1:20-23

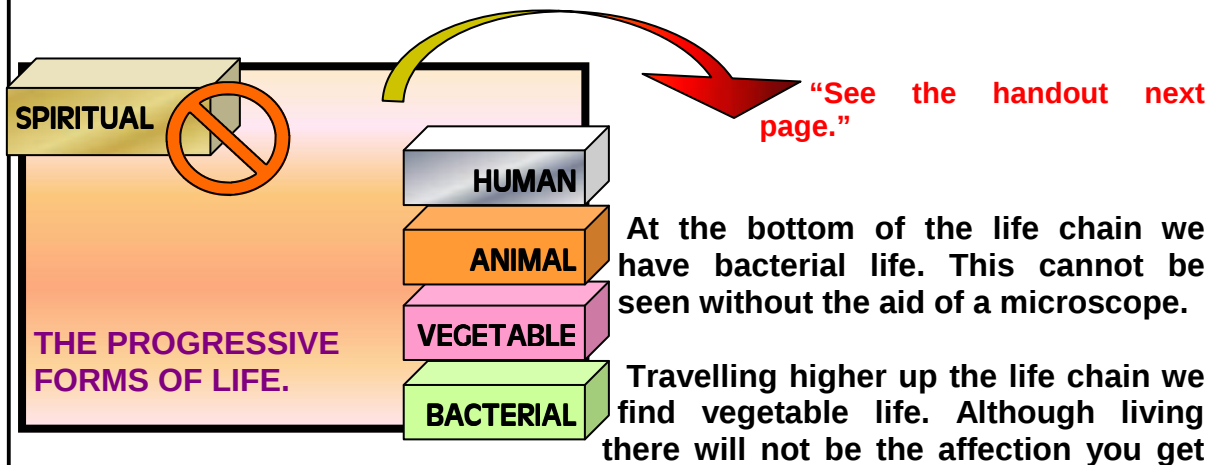
THEME VERSE

**"All flesh is not the same flesh:
but there is one kind of flesh of men, another flesh of beasts,
another of fishes, and another of birds." 1Co 15:39**

God does not make any room for man's idea of evolution. He simply states that in the beginning He created.

To God there is a difference between the animal kingdom and mankind. The scriptures teach that the human being has an eternal soul, animals do not.

Abortion holds no difficulties to the evolutionist, for the human species is no more than an animal, but God places humans above the rest of His creation.



However, if you are looking for intellectual stimulation, we must go up another step. *(This may not always be the case!!)*

In John chapter 3, a man named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews, came to see Jesus by night. Although he had great intellect and he had religious zeal, the Lord informed him that to enter the kingdom of God he must be born again.

The Bible teaches that mankind has died spiritually and been separated from God. **(see day 6)** The only answer for the world is by placing faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and His work at Calvary.

As one turns to God for salvation he is empowered by God through new life (born again) and from that time is a new person.

(2Co 5:17 “Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.”)

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SPIRITUAL

**"MAN IS SPIRITUALLY DEAD
THROUGH SIN."**

HUMAN

ANIMAL

VEGETABLE

BACTERIAL

BIBLEZONE

Creation handout/overhead for day 5

FISH & FOWL

LAND ANIMALS • CREEPING THINGS • MANKIND

Reading - GENESIS 1:24-31

THEME VERSE

“Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all things under his feet:” Ps 8:6 (see v7&8)

Man was made by God to have a free will. He desired to have fellowship with His creation, He wanted humans to love Him by choice.

Man used his free will to choose sin in disobedience to God and we suffer the result of sin in this world today.

FACT FILE

- At this point both animal and human were vegetarians.
- There was no death.
- Adam named the animals (ch2:19&20).
- Adam was given control (ch1:28-30).

Genesis 1:26

“And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness:”

QUESTION ???

Who was God talking about when He said ‘our image’?

God was talking with God. All three members of the Godhead were involved in creation. (Father, Son and Holy Spirit)

QUESTION ???

Why do we not all look the same if we were made in the image of God?

It is not a question of having the same colour of skin as God or hair etc. God is a trinity or tri-part being and mankind is also a tri-part being.

The human is made up of body (ch2v7), soul (v7) and spirit. (Zech. 12:1) Only man is made in the image of God.

Animals have no souls therefore have no life after death, however it is man’s duty to exercise proper care for the animals as God’s creation.

When man chose to sin, he died spiritually and therefore was eternally separated from God. (see John 4:24) (see also handout for day 5)

Contrary to popular trends today God made mankind male and female and places importance on the sex distinction.

God clearly states His abhorrence of homosexuality naming it as an abomination. Later He would place laws forbidding such practises and even destroy cities because of it. One of the marks noted in scripture of the last days before Christ’s return is the widespread trend of homosexuality, ‘as in the days of Lot’.

GOD RESTS

Reading - GENESIS 2:1-3

THEME VERSE

**"The sabbath was made for the man,
and not the man for the sabbath." Mark 2:27**

Now creation was complete!
From here on in everything would
bring forth **'after its kind'** nothing
would evolve into another species,
dog would breed dog, never cat, cat
never elephant nor monkey a human.

Everything was perfectly created and
balanced. There was no disease, no violence nor death. In this environment God
would meet with the ones He placed at the top of His creation, Adam and Eve.

FACT FILE

- God did not have to rest, He was leaving an example that we should rest one day out of seven. (Exodus 20:9-11)
- The seven days were literal 24 hour days.

1. When Israel was officially given the Sabbath to keep they observed the Sabbath on a Saturday.

The Jewish Sabbath was to be kept strictly, any disobedience was punished severely.

"Six days shall work be done, but on the seventh day there shall be to you an holy day, a sabbath of rest to the LORD: whosoever doeth work therein shall be put to death." Ex 35:2

2. The Sabbath was a picture of the rest which Christians use to worship God today, (the first day of the week). Nowhere in the New Testament are Christians commanded to keep the Sabbath.

Although Christians are not commanded to keep the Sabbath, nor are we punished by death for such things as the Jews were in the Old Testament, it behoves us as God's children to demonstrate our love to Him by keeping one day separate and Holy to worship Him.

**"And upon the first day of the week,
when the disciples came together to break bread," Ac 20:7**

Included after this series of lessons are some questions which
can be used as a small test on 'Creation'.
If you so wish an accompanying certificate of pass could be used,
younger students enjoy this.



Creation

NAME: _____

Choose the answer you think is correct and circle. This questionnaire is restricted to 10 minutes.
Remember to right your name in the box above.

1. Where did the Earth come from?
 - A) it was always there.
 - B) God created it.
 - C) from a large explosion.
2. What was the first thing God said?
 - A) "Let us make man."
 - B) "Let my people go."
 - C) "Let there be light."
3. How long did God take to create everything?
 - A) 1000 years.
 - B) 6 days.
 - C) 7 days.
4. Were there clouds after creation?
 - A) no.
 - B) Only when it rained.
 - C) Yes.
5. Was man created before the animals?
 - A) man first.
 - B) both made together.
 - C) Animals first.
6. What was created on the sixth day?
 - A) trees and vegetation.
 - B) man and woman.
 - C) nothing.
7. What was created on the seventh day?
 - A) nothing.
 - B) man and woman.
 - C) birds.
8. What is the firmament?
 - A) rocks.
 - B) stars.
 - C) atmospheric gap.
9. Where did Adam live?
 - A) in the desert.
 - B) on a mountain.
 - C) in a garden.
10. What was man made out of?
 - A) dust.
 - B) water.
 - C) nothing.
11. Who named the animals?
 - A) Eve.
 - B) Adam.
 - C) God.
12. What was used in making Eve?
 - A) dust.
 - B) a rib.
 - C) straw.