“In the Beginning…”
Have you ever wondered where you came from? What about where your parents came from? Or how earth came to be?

You can know the answers to these questions. But you have to travel very far back in time. Back before your parents—before television—even before people existed!

You have to keep traveling back in time. Even before dinosaurs. You have to travel back to when earth did not exist. Neither did the moon or stars. Back before anything physical existed.

Once you have traveled back this far, you are ALMOST far enough. But we need to go back even farther. Back to a time before anything, anywhere existed, except for two Spirit Beings.

This is the beginning of our story and the beginning of the answer to the question: “Where did I come from?” Would you believe that most people don’t know the answer to this question?

People do not know where they came from because they do not look into the Bible. They do not understand that God made everything we see.

But you can understand how the world and all the creation came to be.

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While Genesis 1:1 records the “beginning,” there is another verse that talks about an even earlier time. Write out John 1:1:

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Remember, God is a family name. Just as your family has one last name, but more than one person in your family, there is more than one Person in the God Family.

**ABOUT OUR COVER:**

When Satan rebelled against God, the universe also suffered. That Great War devastated the entire universe, which required God to recreate the universe for man.

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In the section below, write your last name in the spaces. We are going to create an imaginary family, using your last name.

My family’s last name is: ____________.

I have a sister named Sally ___________ and a brother named Billy _____________. My friends call my father Mr. ________________. If my brother Billy stands next to my father, he is WITH Mr. ________________. Billy is also a _____________. We are all part of the _____________ family.

The God Family is described in John 1:1. The Word is WITH God. And He IS God. God is the Family name! Like your family, there is one person in charge—your father! The God Family has a leader too—God the Father.

In the very beginning, these were the only two Beings who existed. God the Father and the Word. There were no plants, animals, angels or humans.

As in a human family, the Father was in charge of the God Family.

Read John 1:3: “______________ __ through Him [the Word], and

So God and the Word created things. God said what to make, and the Word made it. But what did they create?

The First Creation

Have you ever made anything? Have you ever built a treehouse? Or have you ever taken boxes and made a dollhouse? You had to plan! You had to figure out how to make it.

What are some other things you have made? _____________________________

And when you made these things with your friends, was someone the leader, telling the others how to do it? Through proper leadership and teamwork, you and your friends were probably able to create something neat!

God works exactly the same way. God the Father and the Word planned on what to make. They may have discussed what they should make. They may have talked about how to make it. But then God told the Word what to make and, through perfect teamwork, they created angels—hundreds of millions of them!

The angels were created before the universe was created. Of course, like all things, we must prove this from the Bible. You should be careful never to assume something to be true. You should prove it to be true!

Read Job 38. God is talking to Job about the creation of the universe. Write out Job 38:7: ______________________________

The angels—“sons of God”—shouted for joy when the universe was made. They existed BEFORE the universe.

But what are angels? Are they like God? God is a Spirit. He made His angels from the same substance: Spirit.
Unlike you and me, angels do not need food and water. They do not get hungry, tired or old. Because they are made from spirit, they cannot die.

When someone cannot die, he is called *immortal*. Look up the word “immortal” in the dictionary, and write out the word’s meaning: __________________________
_________________________________

God is also made of spirit. Does this mean that God is immortal? God is different because He had no beginning. He was never born or created—He has always existed. He has been alive forever. He is eternal. Look up the word “eternal” in the dictionary:
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__________________________________

Angels are not like God and they are not like people. But why did God create them? What was the purpose of angels?

Angels were created to serve in God’s other creations.

**Test Your Memory:**

1) How many beings were there before the universe was made? ________________
2) What was the name of their Family? ________________
3) What did God create before making the universe? ________________
4) What was this creation made of? ______
5) God is eternal, and angels are _______

**The Universe**

The second part of God’s great Plan was to create the universe. Turn back in your Bible to Genesis 1:1: “In the beginning God __________________________________.”

This was the creation of physical things. The sun, moon and stars were created at this time. Everything was created to be used and expanded.

God then put the angels to a test. He put some in charge of the earth to take care of it. Over what may have been millions of years, the angels took care of the earth. During this time, the earth was very different than it is now. There were many more trees and exotic creatures that existed. Dinosaurs were some of those creatures. They were huge animals, roaming through beautiful forests.

If the angels proved that they could be responsible for the earth, then God would have given them other planets to make just as beautiful.

Look up the word “responsible” in the dictionary: __________________________
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__________________________________

When your parents give you tasks or chores to do, they are seeing if you will be
responsible. Like the angels, if you do things as you are told, you will be allowed to do many other things.

God put an archangel in charge of all the other angels. His name was Lucifer. His name means “Light Bringer, Shining Star of the Dawn.” Lucifer was a special type of angel—a cherub. The Bible only speaks about three of these types of angels.

Like Lucifer, each cherub may have ruled over one-third of the angels. So, with one-third of the angels, Lucifer kept and maintained the earth.

For many years, the angels continued to take care of the earth. They existed in peace, with Lucifer following God’s orders. What existed between God, Lucifer and the other angels was government.

This was not like the governments of today. In your country, you may have a president, or a prime minister, or even a king. These are all governments created by people.

The angels lived under a special kind of government—the government of God! When angels or people follow God’s orders, there is peace, happiness and joy will always be present. For what could have been millions of years, the angels lived this way.

But something happened!

**A Great Rebellion!**

Lucifer did not remain content with what God had given him. He began to think that he was more important than what he really was. Pride started to set in. He began to consider his own beauty, and vanity also crept into his mind.

Look up “pride” in the dictionary: ______  
____________________________________.  

Instead of just putting these thoughts out of his mind, Lucifer started to dwell on them. He began to believe these thoughts and became bitter against God. Each passing day, he looked at God with increasing anger. And he fell deeper and deeper into the twisted and wrong thoughts that had gripped his mind.

Lucifer had become so confused, he felt that he could actually defeat God and take over God’s throne in heaven! Notice what Lucifer began to believe: “I will ______ above the heights of the clouds, I will  
__________________________________” (Isaiah 14:14).

Although Lucifer was a supremely wise, powerful and beautiful being, he still became trapped in sin. That is why it is very important that you do not dwell on bad things. The more you think about such things, the more they will take over your thoughts—the same way that they did to Lucifer!

Now that he had convinced himself that God needed to be replaced, Lucifer set out to recruit the angels under him. The same thinking that had corrupted Lucifer spread to other angels. It may have taken millions of years for one-third of the angels to be convinced and confused. They were then changed into what they are today—demons.

Revelation 12:7 describes what happened next: “And _____ broke out in _______: Michael and his angels fought with the ________; and the ________ and his angels fought.”

So Lucifer and his angels fought against God and His holy angels. Michael is one of God’s top angels, who must have commanded many of the forces fighting against Lucifer.
But, of course, Lucifer was just an angel, and could have never defeated God!

Revelation 12:9 continues the account: “So the ________ _________ was cast out, that serpent of old, ___________ the _________ and ___________, who deceives the whole world; he was cast _____________, and his angels were cast out with him.”

God then changed Lucifer’s name to Satan the devil! The name Satan means “adversary.” He was now the enemy of God.

Satan and the demons were cast down to the earth, but God did not remove Satan from his throne on earth. This is where Satan still sits today. He rules over the earth!

**Test Your Memory:**

1) What was the name of the angel who ruled earth? __________________________
2) What did his name mean? __________________
3) What kind of angel was he? ___________
4) Where did God “cast out” Satan to? _______

**Effects of the War**

Have you ever looked at pictures of Mars? Or perhaps the moon? What you see there is nothing like earth. There are no trees, animals or other life.

But did you know they were not always like that? When God first created the universe, it was whole and complete. God never does anything without a purpose. The universe today is in disorder. But God did not make it this way.

I Corinthians 14:33 explains why: “For God is _____ the author of ______________ but of peace.” He creates things perfectly!

But how did the universe become the way it is today? By Satan’s war with God!

The effects of that war destroyed the surface of the planets, even earth’s surface. Huge volcanoes erupted all over the earth. Massive tidal waves crashed into the land. The temperature changed. This killed all the plants and animals that existed. And the massive waves destroyed the land and covered the mountains. Eventually, all the earth was covered with water. There was no land to be found—nothing but water!

Finally, Genesis 1:2 describes the earth’s conditions after this great war: “The earth was __________ ________, and ________; and _____________ was upon the face of the deep.”

But the world today is not without form and void. So what happened? God had plans for the earth—and for the creation of many more things!

**Renewing the Earth**

God planned for the arrival of mankind to the earth. But in the state it was in, man could not survive. God had to renew the earth, and bring it back to a state that was suitable for man to live in and prosper.

This process took six full days of work. Each day, God created more of the features that make up the earth that we see today.

**Day One:** Genesis 1:3-5: “Then God said, ‘________________’; and there was _______. And God saw the light, that _____________; and God ________ the light from the darkness. God called the light _____, and the darkness He called ______.”

On this first day, God removed the poisonous gases from the air. All the dark clouds that covered the earth were also removed. Suddenly, for the first time in many years, the
sun shone down upon the earth. Half of the day would get sunshine, then the other half would have darkness. This was the first night and day in perhaps millions of years!

Day Two: Genesis 1:6-8: “Then God said, ‘Let there be a ____________ in the midst of the waters, and let it ____________ ____________ from the waters.’ Thus God made the ____________, and divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament; and it was so. And God called the firmament ____________.”

You have probably never heard the word “firmament” before. Look it up in the dictionary, like you do anytime you read or hear a word that you don’t know. In this case, the definition will tell you what God created on this second day.

Now that the sun was shining upon the earth, God had to create something to protect the earth from the super hot sun. So He cleared away a layer of water and made it into clouds and a protective layer surrounding the earth. In total, God created the atmosphere! The Bible calls this the first heaven.

Day Three: Genesis 1:9-12: “Then God said, ‘Let the waters under the heavens be ________________ into one place, and let the _____________ appear’; and it was so. And God called the dry land Earth, and the gathering together of the waters He called ___________. And God saw that _____________. Then God said, ‘Let the earth bring forth __________, the __________ that yields seed, and the ____________ that yields fruit according ____________, whose seed is in itself, on the earth’; and it was so. And the earth brought forth grass, the herb that yields seed according ____________, and the tree that yields fruit, whose seed is in itself according ____________. And God saw that it was good.”

With the air clean and ready for life, God began to create dry land. Up from the oceans appeared mountains, hills and land. Water was moved into groups. Some of it was salt water—like the ocean. Other water was created fresh—like rivers and lakes.

This allowed God to create all kinds of plant life. Trees, bushes, grass and other plants were created on the earth. Things were once again green and beautiful.

Day Four: Genesis 1:14-18: “Then God said, ‘Let there be lights in the firmament of the heavens to _________ the _____ from the ________; and let them be for _______ and ___________, and for _______ and _______; and let them be for lights in the firmament of the heavens to give light on the earth’; and it was so. Then God made _____ great lights: the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night. He made the stars also. God set them in the firmament of the heavens to give light on the earth, and to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good.”

God now cleared away the last layers of gas that clouded the earth having a clear view of outer space. When He did this, suddenly the moon and stars began to shine in the sky. This gave light to the night.

The Bible says that God made two great lights. What are they? (1) ____________ (2) ____________. Remember, one lights the day, and the other lights the night.

Day Five: Genesis 1:20-21: “Then God said, ‘Let the waters abound with an abundance of ________________, and let ______ fly above the earth across the face of the firmament of the heavens.’ So God created great ___________ and every ___________...
that moves, with which the waters abounded, ________________, and every winged bird ________________. And God saw that it was good.”

Now that the earth had plants for food, and clean air to breathe, God began creating animals. He started with fish, whales, dolphins and all the creatures in the oceans. Then He followed with the birds in the sky. Notice that God said that each was created “according to its kind.” This means that God had planned in detail how He wanted to create the animals.

**Day Six:** Genesis 1:24-25: “Then God said, ‘Let the earth bring forth the living creature ________________: ______ and ___________ and ________________, each ________________; and it was so. And God made the beast of the earth according to its kind, cattle according to its kind, and everything that creeps on the earth ________________. And God saw that it was good.’”

Since the creatures of the air and sea where created the previous day, God began to create all the land animals. This included cows and sheep. Lions, tigers and bears were also created. Even the smallest insects were created on the sixth day. Again, notice that God created them after their type of animal. Bears were bears, tigers were tigers.

Later that day, God created something unlike any of the other creatures.

**Creation of Man**

God prepared a special place called the Garden of Eden. It was a beautiful garden, with a wide assortment of plants and animals.

Now that the earth was filled with animals, plants and fresh water, it was ready for the pinnacle of this week of creating. God created man. The first man was Adam.

The Bible talks about this in two places. The first is Genesis 1:26: “Then God said, ‘Let Us make man in ________________, _______________.’” The second verse is found in Genesis 2:7: “And the LORD God formed man of the ________________, and breathed into his nostrils the ________________; and man __________ ______________.”

This first man became a living soul! Many people believe that people have immortal souls. They think souls are like angels—living forever. Of course, we know that people can die.

All humans are just temporary beings. We survive by eating food and drinking water. If we don’t have these things, we will die.

Even the Bible says that Adam became a living soul. This means that he was given life. But there was something special inside Adam. The same thing is also inside YOU!

In each person, God puts a human spirit. This is what makes people smarter than animals. It allows you to make choices. It lets you remember past events. It allows you to analyze things that happen to you. It gives you the ability to reason.

The human spirit acts like a computer. It records everything that happens in your life. Your thoughts, feeling, emotions and experiences are all recorded by the human spirit.

It is this spirit that makes us so different from animals. Animals cannot reason or plan in the way humans can, but are governed by instinct. God has preprogrammed animals with how they should respond to things.

But even with the human spirit, man is not complete!

**The Spirit in Man**

There needs to be another Spirit that combines with our human spirit. That is God’s
Spirit, which helps us understand God’s way of life.

As a child in God’s Church, you are blessed with God’s Spirit around you. It will help you to live God’s way. Your goal should be to build God’s holy, righteous character inside you. But you must ask God for help. You can do this by praying—which is talking to God—and studying your Bible—which is listening to God.

But back to Adam and the Garden of Eden: Remember, while Satan was king over the earth, he had rebelled against God. God was seeking to replace him as king with someone who WOULD follow God’s Way. This was the special purpose set for Adam.

If Adam would CHOOSE God’s way, he would assume rulership over the earth. All human beings are created with free moral agency. This means that they are free to choose to do right or wrong. But they need God’s Spirit to guide their minds to know and do what is right.

God had two choices when creating man: Either (1) make every single person a robot who would always make the right decision, but would not have to think for himself; or (2) create free-thinking people, who can make choices.

Just think how boring it would be if everyone thought and acted exactly the same.

So obviously, God chose to create people who can make choices. While some may choose to do wrong, God can see your effort in choosing to do right!

The same purpose for Adam can be the same purpose for you! When Jesus Christ returns to this earth, you can have the chance to rule over the earth with Him—if you choose to live God’s way now.

Test Your Memory:
1) After what “likeness” was man created? __________________________________________________________________________
2) Do human beings have an immortal soul? __________________________________________________________________________
3) What special thing is inside people? __________________________________________________________________________
4) Who was Adam meant to replace? __________________________________________________________________________
5) What helps us understand God’s way? __________________________________________________________________________

Adam Names the Animals

Living God’s way is work. To properly learn how to work, we must do jobs and chores. When your parents give you tasks and chores to do, they are helping you learn how to work. This will help you learn to obey God and live His way.

God knew that He had to give Adam tasks so that he would also learn how to work.

The first job that God gave Adam was to name all the animals. Read in Genesis 2:19-20: “Out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the
Have you ever helped your parents with a garden? If you have one, you may want to ask to help. It will be very similar to what Adam did for one of his first jobs! You can almost imagine that you are in the Garden of Eden, following God’s instructions to keep and maintain that beautiful garden paradise.

Adam Was Alone

While naming the animals, Adam noticed that they were created male and female—each had a companion. This made Adam feel lonely. So God created a companion for him.

Read Genesis 2:21-23: “And the LORD God caused a ____________ to fall on Adam, and he slept; and He took one of his
and closed up the flesh in its place. Then the _______ which the LORD God had taken from man He made into a ________, and He brought her to the man. And Adam said: ‘This is now bone of _____________ and ____________________; she shall be called ________, because she was ____________________.’"

As you can see, the first woman, Eve, was made from the rib of Adam. That is why the word man is part of the word woman. They are part of each other.

God said that people are not meant to live alone. In fact, men and women were designed to have a very special bond.

God explains this bond in the next verse: “Therefore a man shall ________________ ______________ and be ______________ to his wife, and they shall become ______________.”

This describes the first marriage that ever took place! Imagine how beautiful it was in the Garden of Eden, with the very first two people, having the very first marriage.

Man was now physically complete. He was still missing God’s Spirit, but Adam was no longer lonely. He now had a wife to share his new life.

Test Your Memory:

1) What was Adam’s first job? ______________

2) What was the name of the first woman? ______________

3) What body part was she made from? ______________

Summary

After six days of work were completed, God looked at all the things that He had made and He called it “very good.” We have seen that he renewed the earth after the great battle with Satan damaged it. Also, God created all the land and sky, and cleaned up the air. He then filled the earth with plants and vegetation. Then, birds, animals and creatures of the sea where created. Finally, God created the first man—Adam—and the first woman—Eve.

Finally, at the completion of all this creating, God was ready for the next day, the day that was created for you, a day that all people should still keep. It is the day in which God taught Adam and Eve very important lessons—about two special trees in the Garden and Adam and Eve’s future.

We will learn about these things and much more in Lesson Two.

Why did Lucifer rebel and fight God? ____

List what was created on each day of creation:

1. ______________________________________

2. ______________________________________

3. ______________________________________

4. ______________________________________

5. ______________________________________

6. ______________________________________

7. ______________________________________
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WORD SEARCH
Find each word from the list below in the puzzle. The words may be found in any direction. Be sure to check off each word as you find it.

☐ SPIRIT
☐ FAMILY
☐ CREATION
☐ LUCIFER
☐ MICHAEL
☐ ANGELS
☐ DEMONS
☐ PRIDE
☐ ETERNAL
☐ IMMORTAL
☐ FIRMAMENT
☐ EVE
☐ VANITY
☐ GOD

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H N R G D D V H E D I R P
O O E V E C S D U G C M I
J Y F B M L M A L R U A M
L H I N O C S L E I Y M M
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A E U R S L T N R M A N Y
H W L Y M I T R E K L T H
C B J Z O M S E T E I N G
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