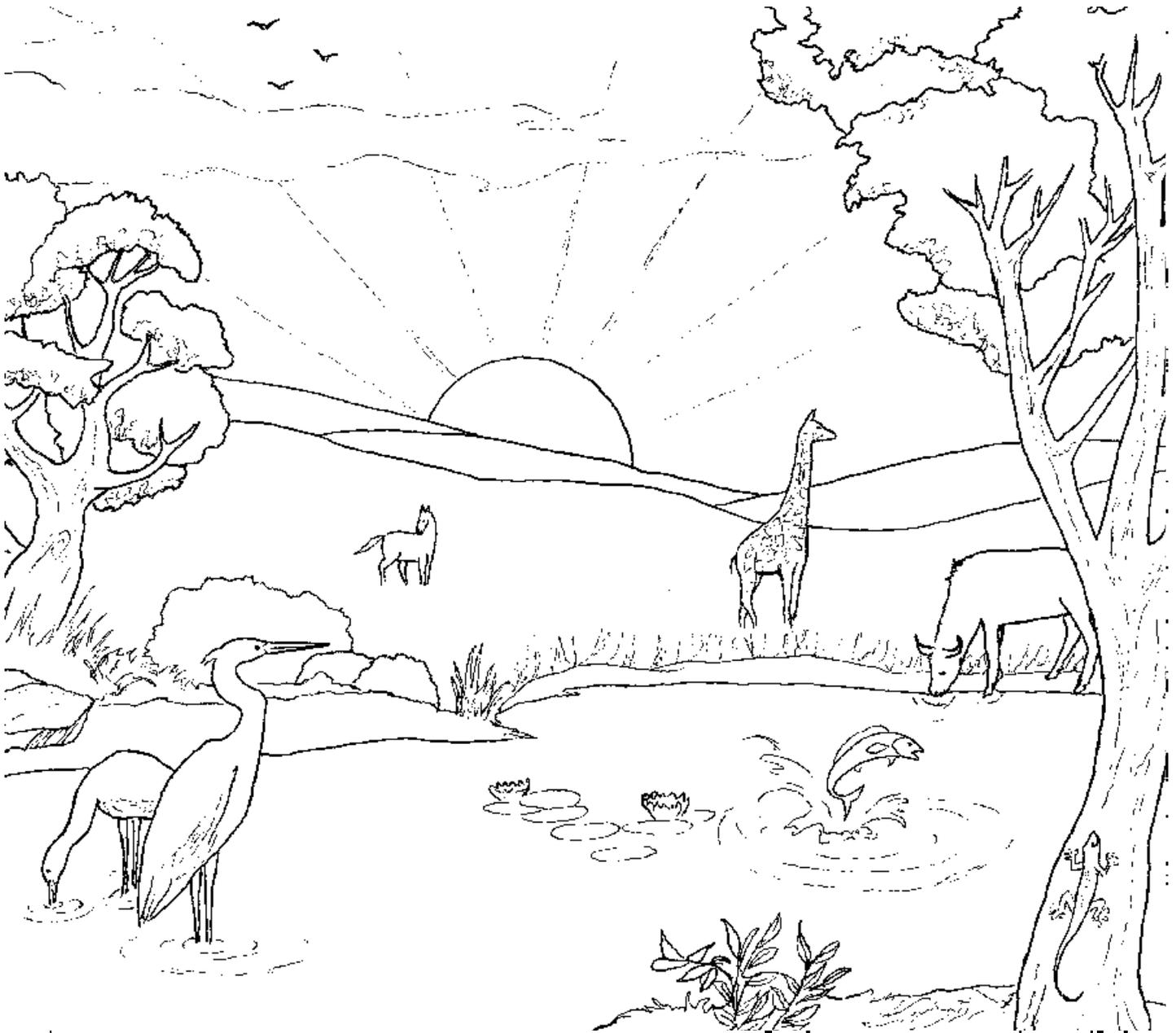


Creation

Genesis 1:2-2:7; 2:18-25



The Story

Have you ever gotten up really early and seen the sun sneak up into the sky? Could you feel the warmth it brought to the day? Have you ever planted a seed and watched it grow up through the soil? Or have you tasted the fresh food it produced? Have you ever seen a baby that was just born? Did you count their fingers and toes or wonder who taught them to cry?

There was a time when the earth was without form and empty and everything was dark. There was no sun, or sky. There were no plants or fresh fruits. There were no people, no fingers or toes, and no crying...or laughing. But God was there and with His very words He started everything! He created the whole world and everything in it. And all this, He did in only six days!

On the first day, God said, "Let there be light" and there was light! God saw the light, and it was good. He separated the light from the darkness. God called the light "day", and the darkness He called "night". So the evening and the morning were the first day.

Then God said, "Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters" and it was so! God separated the waters above from the waters below. He called this separation "sky". And God saw that it was good. So the evening and the morning were the second day.

Then God said, "Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear", and it was so! God called the dry land Earth, and the waters He called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, "Let the earth bring forth grass". He created all the plants and trees and flowers just by saying it! And God saw that it was good. So the evening and the morning were the third day.

Then God said, "Let there be lights in the firmament to divide the day from the night, and let them be for signs and for seasons, and for days and for years" and it was so! Then God made two 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 sky to give light to the earth. And God saw that it was good. So the evening and the morning were the fourth day.

Then God said, "Let the waters be filled with lots of living creatures, and let the birds fly above the earth." And it was so! And God saw that it was good. So the evening and the morning were the fifth day.

Then God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures, cattle and creeping things and beasts of the earth" and it was so! God made all the animals, zebras, puppies, kangaroos, all the insects, spiders,

and mosquitoes, everything that lives on the earth! And God saw that it was good.

Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image". The Lord God formed the man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being. And then the Lord God said, "It is not good for man to be alone; I will make him a helper." The Lord God brought every animal and every bird to the man Adam to see what he would name them. So Adam gave names to all the animals, all the birds, and every beast of the field. But Adam did not find a suitable helper for him. So God made Adam fall into a deep sleep; and He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh in its place. Then God made woman from Adam's rib and brought her to him. And Adam said, "This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; She shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man." Then God blessed them and the first family was started!

The heavens and the earth and everything in them were finished. God saw everything that He had made and indeed it was very good. So the evening and the morning were the sixth day.

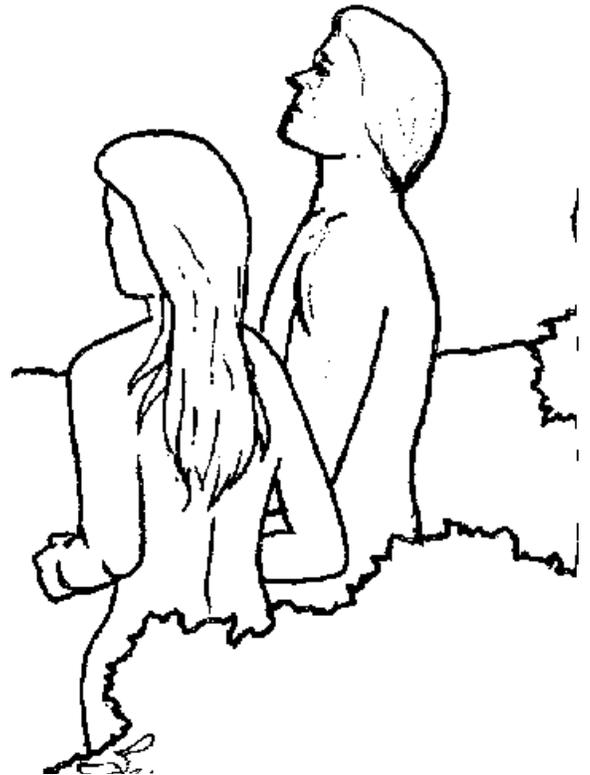
On the seventh day, God rested from all His work. He blessed this day and made it holy. This is the true story of the heavens and the earth and how they were created.

The Triune God created all things.

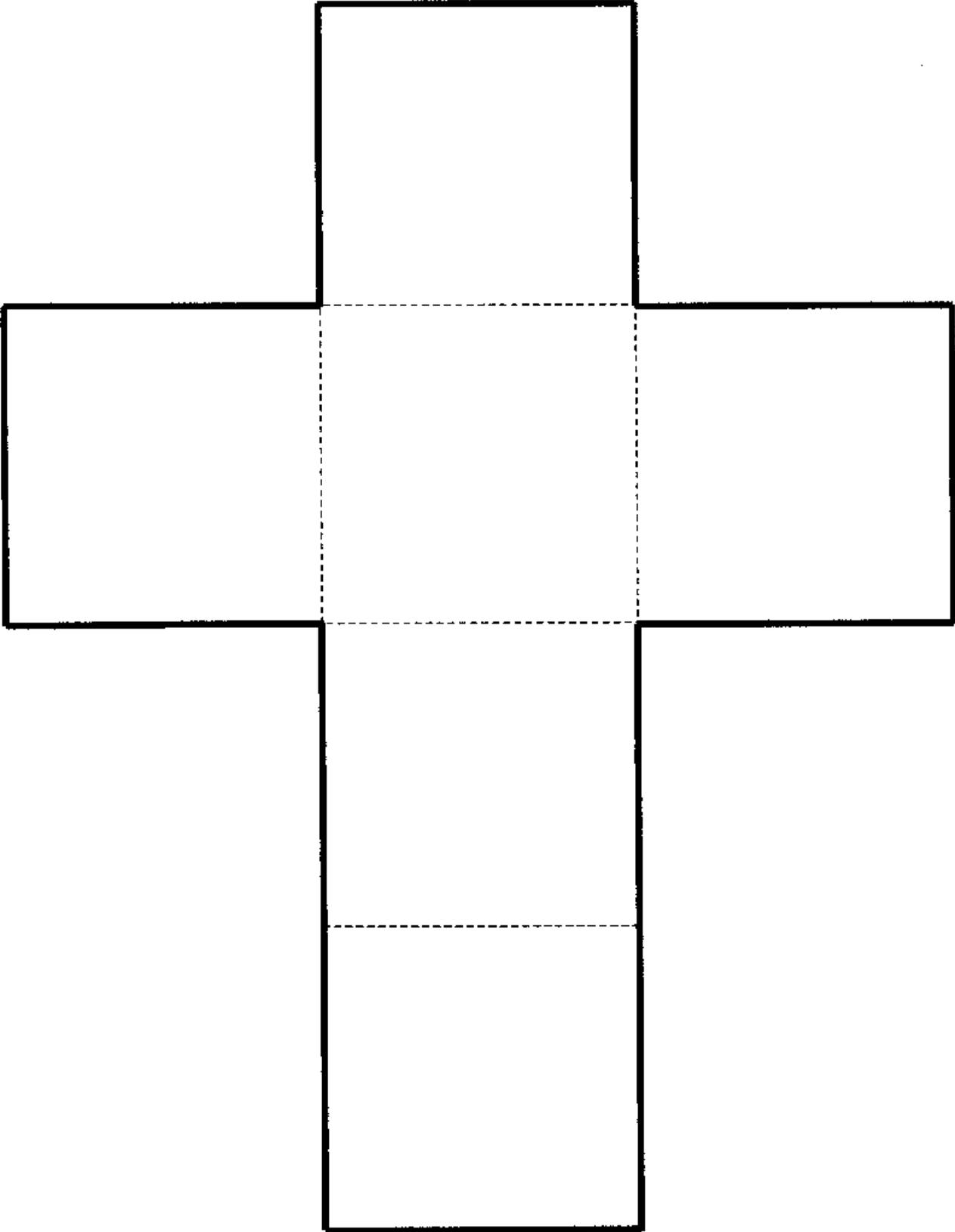
Passages - Trace the shadowed lines to show you who created all things.

In the beginning, GOD
created the heavens and the
earth. Genesis 1:1

I will praise You, for I am fearfully
and wonderfully made. Psalm
139:14



Activity One - Make a creation cube! Draw what was created on each day.
Cut along the solid lines and tape the cube together.



Activity Two

- Draw three ways that God cares for you each day.

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I am God's creation whom He still preserves.

Hymn

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Beautiful Savior, King of Creation,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love Thee, truly I'd serve Thee,
Light of my soul, my Joy, my Crown.

Prayer

Dear Father in heaven, thank You for creating this beautiful world and for taking care of us every day. Thank You for loving us so much that You sent Your only Son to pay for our sins. We are happy that we will be able to go to heaven to live with You when we die. Help us to live as Your children. Amen