

# Living <sup>the</sup> Story

Bible Adventures 1-12



**For ALL God's Kids**

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**For Creative Kids**

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# Welcome to the Adventure!

Watch for examples of God's amazing power in the story of creation. When God created the world, he made land and sea and plants and animals and people too. Read the story to see how it happened.

**It's amazing!**



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## Context:

This story comes from the very beginning, when God created everything.



## What's on the cover?

Professor Theo, Lucy, Sophia and Tomás are reading a book.

Who reads with you?

What books do you like to read?



# GOD'S POWER to Create

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# Around the World

Hello, my name is Suksan and I am 16 years old. I live in a small village in **Thailand** with my parents. We live in the mountains where we grow rice and corn.

Each day I want to be God's servant. God is the great Creator. One way I try to serve God is by helping to preserve his creation—the environment. In school I try to give younger kids and older kids information about preserving our environment. I tell them that without environmental resources it would be hard to live in our mountain town. So I try to get them to think about the trash and waste they spread around our village.

I play soccer everyday, and I also like music. Playing my guitar and leading worship helps me to feel closer to God. I like teaching younger children songs about God. When I am finished with my studies, I want to continue singing and write my own songs.



## Questions:

How is Suksan's life like yours?  
What does Suksan do to take care of God's creation?

Suksan

## Pray for Suksan

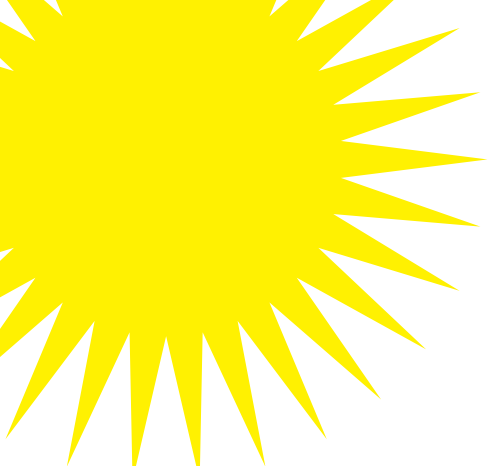
- that he will continue to feel close to God
- that his village will learn to care for God's creation
- that God will provide Suksan's family with good rice and corn crops

## About Thailand

**Population:** 69.8 million people  
**Language:** Thai  
**Good food:** *tom yum goong* (spicy and sour shrimp soup)  
**Animals:** elephants, gibbon apes



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**Reading the Story Together** – Choose one reader to read the narrator’s words and another to read God’s words.

**narrator – black      God – green**

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. The earth didn’t have any shape. And it was empty. There was darkness over the surface of the waves. At that time, the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

God said, “Let there be light.” And there was light. God saw that the light was good. He separated the light from the darkness. God called the light “day.” He called the darkness “night.” There was evening, and there was morning. It was day one.

God said, “Let there be a huge space between the waters. Let it separate water from water.” And that’s exactly what happened. God made the huge space between the waters. He separated the water under the space from the water above it. God called the huge space “sky.” There was evening, and there was morning. It was day two.

God said, “Let the water under the sky be gathered into one place. Let dry ground appear.” And that’s exactly what happened. God called the dry ground “land.” He called the waters that were gathered together “seas.” And God saw that it was good.

Then God said, “Let the land produce plants. Let them produce their own seeds. And let there be trees on the land that grow fruit with seeds in it. Let each kind of plant or tree have its own kind of seeds.” And that’s exactly what happened. So the land produced plants. Each kind of plant had its own kind of seeds. And the land produced trees that grew fruit with seeds in it. Each kind of tree had its own kind of seeds. God saw that it was good. There was evening, and there was morning. It was day three.

God said, “Let there be lights in the huge space of the sky. Let them separate the day from the night. Let the lights set the times for the holy celebrations and the days and the years. Let them be lights in the huge space of the sky to give light on the earth.” And that’s exactly what happened. God made two great lights. He made the larger light to rule over the day and the smaller light to rule over the night. He also made the stars. God put the lights in the huge space of the sky to give light on the earth. He put them there to rule over the day and the night. He put them there to separate light from darkness. God saw that it was good. There was evening, and there was morning. It was day four.

God said, “Let the seas be filled with living things. Let birds fly above the earth across the huge space of the sky.” So God created the great sea creatures. He created every kind of living thing that fills the seas and moves about in them. He created every kind of bird that flies. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them. He said, “Have little ones so that there will be many of you. Fill the water in the seas. Let there be more and more birds on the earth.” There was evening, and there was morning. It was day five.

God said, “Let the land produce every kind of living creature. Let there be livestock, and creatures that move along the ground, and wild animals.” And that’s exactly what happened. God made every kind of wild animal. He made every kind of livestock. He made every kind of creature that moves along the ground. And God saw that it was good.

Then God said, “Let us make human beings so that they are like us. Let them rule over the fish in the seas and the birds in the sky. Let them rule over the livestock and over the whole earth. And let them rule over all of the creatures that move along the ground.”

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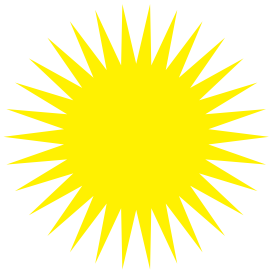
So God created human beings in his own likeness.  
He created them to be like himself.  
He created them as male and female.

God blessed them. He said to them, "Have children so that there will be many of you. Fill the earth and bring it under your control. Rule over the fish in the seas and the birds in the sky. Rule over every living creature that moves along the ground."

Then God said, "I am giving you every plant on the face of the whole earth that produces its own seeds. I am giving you every tree that has fruit with seeds in it. All of them will be given to you for food. I am giving every green plant as food for all of the land animals and for all the birds in the sky. I am also giving the plants to all the creatures that move along the ground. I am giving them to every living thing that breathes." And that's exactly what happened. God saw everything he had made. And it was very good. There was evening, and there was morning. It was day six. So the heavens and the earth and everything in them were completed.

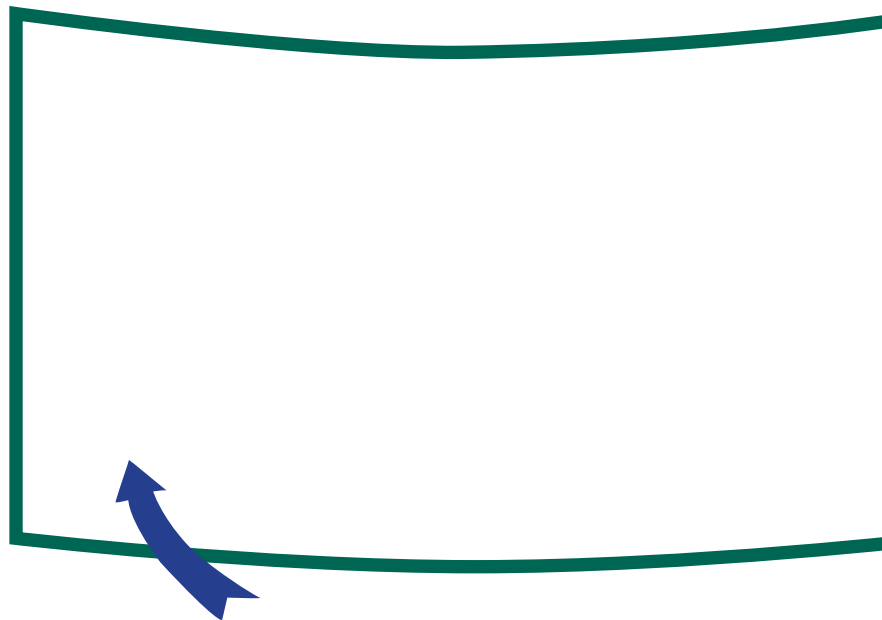
By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing. So on that day he rested from all his work. God blessed the seventh day and made it holy. He blessed it because on that day he rested from all of the work he had done.

### Genesis 1:1—2:3



#### The Whole Story:

After creating, God rested.  
God teaches us that we should enjoy  
times of rest too.



Attach or draw your picture here.  
You are the special creation of God.  
God made people like him, in his image.  
One of the ways we are like God is in our  
ability to create.

God is so powerful that he just speaks and wonderful things happen. Below you will find some things that God said and other things that God did not say. Circle the things that God said. Cross out the things he did not say.

Let there be light.

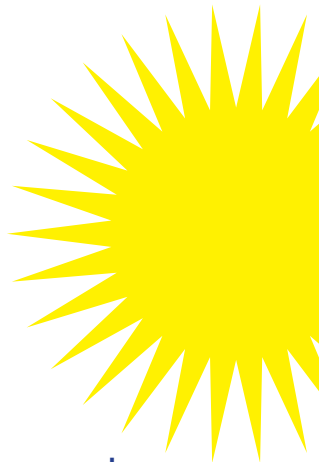
~~Let there be ice cream!~~

Let the land produce plants.

Let dry ground appear.

I don't like mosquitoes.

Let it be very cold in all the earth.



# Exploring the Story

# You're an Illustrator

God uses his power to create beautiful and wonderful things. God made all the animals and the plants that you see around you. Use your creative power. Draw the words that complete the sentences below.

In the beginning, the



earth

had no shape.

God separated the

from  
the

light

darkness

God said that the seas should fill with

fish & sea creatures

He saw that they  
were very good.

God saw that it was very good.  
God said, "Let the land produce

plants."

God saw that what was  
created was very good.

God said there should be many kinds of

animals

He saw that they, too,  
were very good.

God made

lights

He saw that they  
were very good.

God asked

people

to take care of the good  
things he had created.



**Circle the things that you want to thank God for.**

God's creating power did not stop on the seventh day when he rested. God continues working all around us. You can thank him for his wonderful creation.

Think of a few ways that you can care for God's creation.

**You can:**

- take care of your younger brother or sister
- feed the family pet
- help in the garden

Dear God,  
You are powerful and wonderful. Thank you for your beautiful creation. I love  
(mountains, beaches, trees, birds, dogs, insects, my family, my friends).  
Teach me to take care of the wonderful things you've created.  
\_\_\_\_\_ (your name)

## At Home

### Play I'm the Tiger

Use your creative power. Get together with friends or family and play this game:

1. Give each player three pieces of paper.
2. Ask each player to write the name of an animal on each piece of paper.  
Example:

*bear*

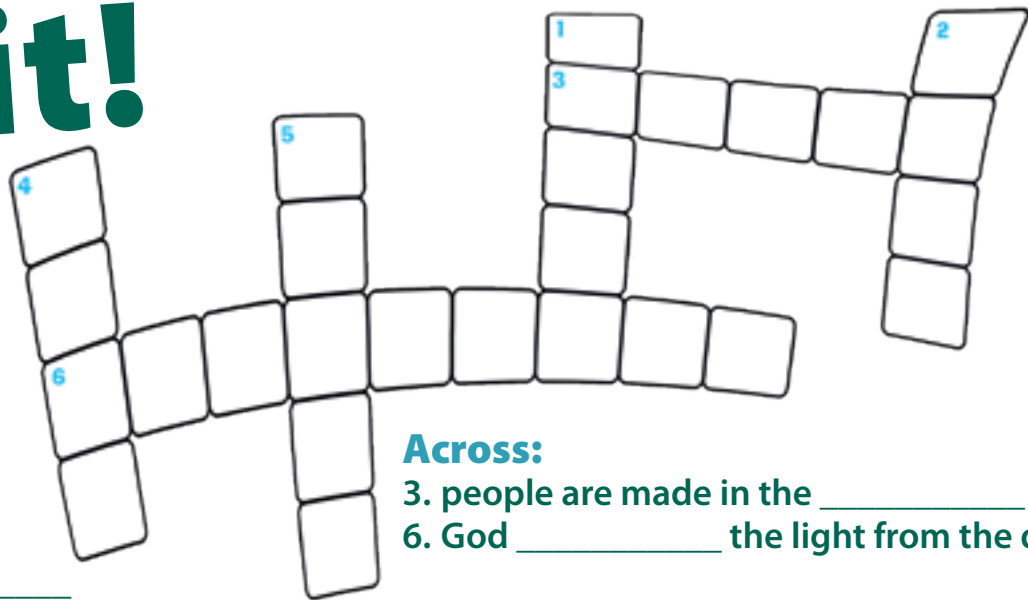
*fish*

*dog*

3. Collect the pieces of paper in a container (you can use a hat or a bowl).
4. Mix up the pieces of paper.
5. On each turn, a player draws a piece of paper and imitates the actions and sounds of the animal written on the piece of paper, without using any words.
6. The first person to guess the correct animal wins.
7. The winner draws the next piece of paper and the game continues.



# Do it!

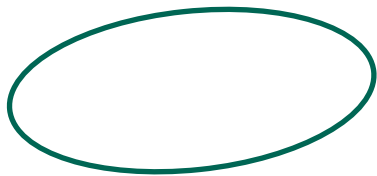


## Down:

1. day and \_\_\_\_\_
2. the waters
4. creatures that live in the sea
5. small lights in the sky at night

## Across:

3. people are made in the \_\_\_\_\_ of God
6. God \_\_\_\_\_ the light from the darkness



Add a head, a tail, legs, arms, horns, stripes, spots, or whatever you want to make a new kind of animal.  
What is your animal called?

Where does your animal live?

What does your animal eat?



# Know it!

God saw everything he had made.  
And it was very good.  
Genesis 1:31

Answers page 5:  
Let the land produce plants.  
Let dry ground appear.