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THE OLD TESTAMENT WORLD



Mt Ararat

Caspian Sea

ASSYRIA

● *Nineveh*

River Euphrates

River Tigris

MESOPOTAMIA

MEDIA

ARAM

● *Damascus*

● *Babylon*

● *Nippur*

● *Ur*

PERSIA

BABYLONIA

ARABIA

Arabian Desert

Lower Sea
(Persian Gulf)

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GOD MAKES THE WORLD

Genesis 1-2



In the beginning, there was nothing at all. Then God created the heavens and the earth, but everything was still covered in darkness, so God said, "Let there be light," and there was light! God called the light day and the darkness night, and that was the first day and the first night!

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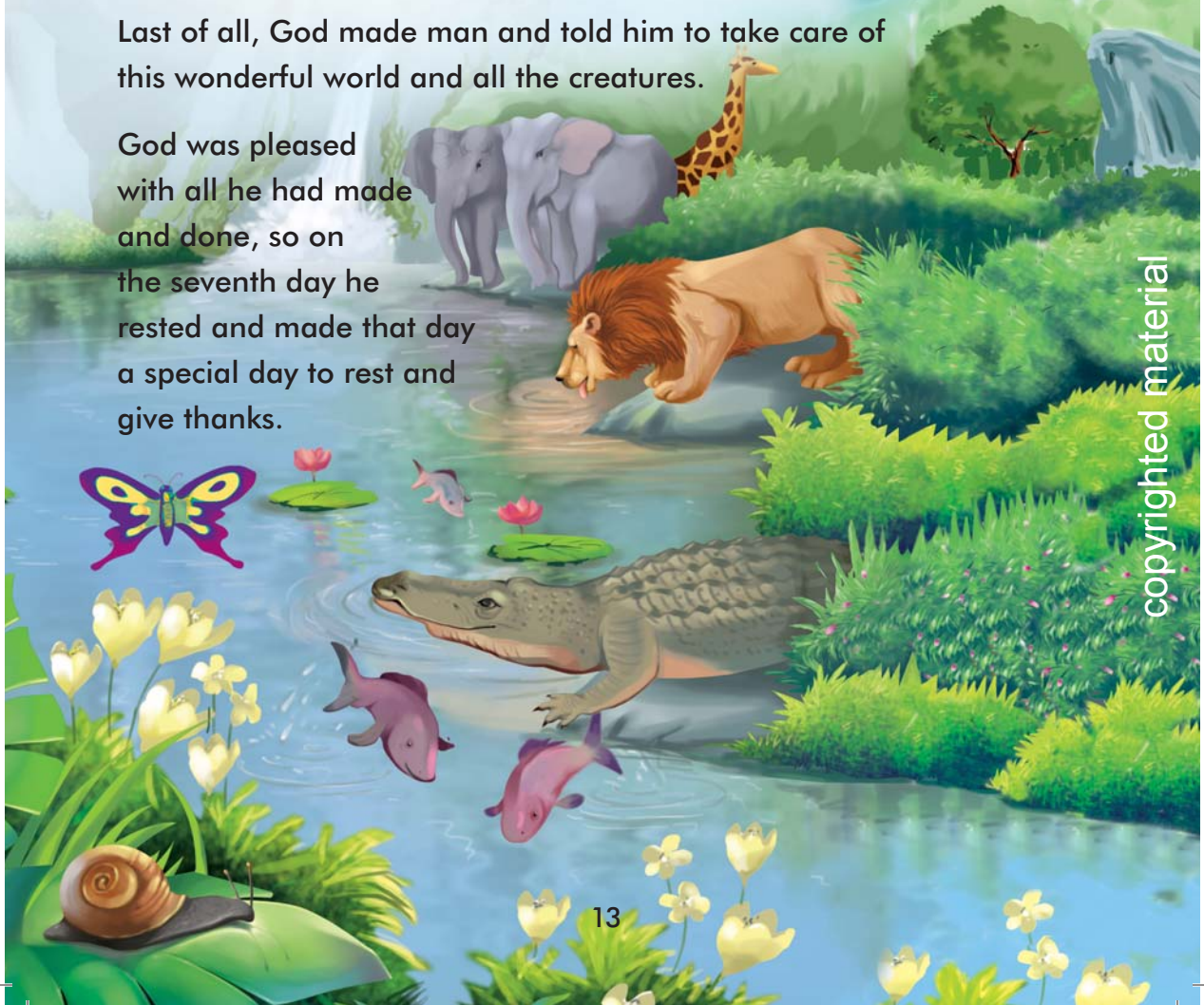
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In the days that followed, God separated the water from dry land and covered the land with beautiful plants and trees. He made the sun to shine during the day and the moon and stars to light up the night sky.

Then God filled the seas with enormous whales and shiny fish, leaping dolphins and wobbly jellyfish, and he filled the skies with colorful birds. He made animals of all shapes and sizes—swift cheetahs, slow tortoises, huge elephants, and many more.

Last of all, God made man and told him to take care of this wonderful world and all the creatures.

God was pleased with all he had made and done, so on the seventh day he rested and made that day a special day to rest and give thanks.



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God Makes the World

Have you ever played with a new puppy? Have you ever snuggled its soft fur and been licked by its little pink tongue? Did you know God invented puppies? Warm fur, waggy tails, and puppy breath are all his ideas.

God is the Great Inventor. When he made the world, he had a blank canvas. He could have made anything he wanted—absolutely anything! And the things that spilled out of his heart and mind, such as watercolor-painted sunsets, birds that serenade us every day, and roly-poly puppies—are very, very good. That’s because all God made teaches us one big, beautiful truth about who God is: He is very good.

And guess what? You are God’s invention too! Of all of the options God had—tall or short, freckles or no freckles, talkative or shy—he made you! He thought you up, and then he invented you. You are God’s very own invention, a God-original. And he loves you very much.

Dear God, help me see your good heart in the things you invented. Thank you for this great, good world! **Amen.**

Reflection Questions

1. If you invented something, how would you feel about your invention? Since you are God's invention, what are some things about you that might make God proud?
2. God invented you because he wants to be your very best friend. What are some things you'd like to tell him as your very best friend?

Action Points

1. Take a walk outside today.
How can you see God's goodness in nature?
2. Write this on a sticky note and put it on your mirror:
"I am God's invention, and he is proud of me!"

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