

## GOD CREATED THE HEAVENS AND THE EARTH

Genesis 1:1–2:3

Key Verse: 1:1

1. Read verse 1. What does this verse tell us about God? How is the earth first described (2)? Think about what “without form,” “void,” and “darkness” mean. What does “the Spirit of God hovering” suggest?
2. What does God create on the first day (3–5)? The second (6–8)? The third (9–13)? What do these first three days of creation tell us about God? What does he create on the fourth day (14–19)? The fifth (20–23)? The sixth (24–31)? What do these last three days of creation tell us about him?
3. In verses 3–31 what special words and phrases are repeated? What do each of these tell us about God, and why do we need to know these things about him?
4. What is the focal point of God’s creation, and what can we learn here about God and about the nature of human beings (26–28)? What order does he establish in creation, and why (29–30)?
5. How is creation summarized (31a)? Why do you think the word “very” is added here? What does God do on the seventh day, and what does this mean to us (2:1–3)?
6. Review what this account of creation tells us about God. Why is it important to know him as our Creator, and the Creator of all things?