

## Big Moments in God's Story

### 1. Creation (Genesis 1-2)

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#### Introduction

- the beginning of the story

#### God rules over his creation (ch1v1-25)

- God's power
- God's Word

#### God created people as rulers under him (ch1v26-31)

- the image of God
  - resemblance
  - relationship
  - rule

#### The goal of creation is rest (ch2v1-25)

- God's rest (v1-3)
- Our rest (v4-25)

#### Conclusion

**Bible references:** Ps. 90:2, Ps. 95:3-6, John 5:17, Matt. 11:28, Heb. 4:9

#### Genesis 1v1-8 (NIV)

<sup>1</sup> In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. <sup>2</sup> Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

<sup>3</sup> And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. <sup>4</sup> God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness. <sup>5</sup> God called the light "day", and the darkness he called "night". And there was evening, and there was morning--the first day.

<sup>6</sup> And God said, "Let there be an expanse between the waters to separate water from water." <sup>7</sup> So God made the expanse and separated the water under the expanse from the water above it. And it was so. <sup>8</sup> God called the expanse "sky". And there was evening, and there was morning--the second day.

#### Genesis 1v24-31 (NIV)

<sup>24</sup> And God said, "Let the land produce living creatures according to their kinds: livestock, creatures that move along the ground, and wild animals, each according to its kind." And it was so. <sup>25</sup> God made the wild animals according to their kinds, the livestock according to their kinds, and all the creatures that move along the ground according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good.

<sup>26</sup> Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground."

<sup>27</sup> So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

<sup>28</sup> God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground."

<sup>29</sup> Then God said, "I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food. <sup>30</sup> And to all the beasts of the earth

and all the birds of the air and all the creatures that move on the ground--everything that has the breath of life in it--I give every green plant for food." And it was so.

<sup>31</sup> God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning--the sixth day.

### **Genesis 2v18-25 (NIV)**

<sup>18</sup> The LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him."

<sup>19</sup> Now the LORD God had formed out of the ground all the beasts of the field and all the birds of the air. He brought them to the man to see what he would name them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. <sup>20</sup> So the man gave names to all the livestock, the birds of the air and all the beasts of the field.

But for Adam no suitable helper was found. <sup>21</sup> So the LORD God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took one of the man's ribs and closed up the place with flesh. <sup>22</sup> Then the LORD God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man.

<sup>23</sup> The man said, "This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called 'woman', for she was taken out of man."

<sup>24</sup> For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh.

<sup>25</sup> The man and his wife were both naked, and they felt no shame.

#### Some resources:

Vaughan Roberts, *God's Big Picture* (Entry level)

Graham Goldsworthy, *Gospel and Kingdom* (Intermediate level)

#### For family devotions/ kids:

David Helm, *The Big Picture Story Bible* (ages 2-5)

Sally Lloyd-Jones, *The Jesus Storybook Bible* (age 4+)

Marty Machowski, *The Gospel Story Bible* (ages 5-12)