

FAMILY WORSHIP  
**The Story of Creation**



**Read** the story in Genesis 1:1-31 about the seven days of creation.

Here is a summary of key points in the creation story:

Genesis 1:1-5	The Lord created day and night.
Genesis 1:6-8	The Lord created the sky, rain, and bodies of water.
Genesis: 1:9-13	The Lord created dry land, grass, fruit trees.
Genesis 1:14-19	The Lord created the sun, moon, and stars.
Genesis 1:20-23	The Lord created fish and birds.
Genesis 1:24-25	The Lord created animals.
Genesis 1:26-28	The Lord created man in His own image.
Genesis 2:1-3	God rested on the seventh day.

### **Discussion Ideas**

1. The Lord created day and night on the first day. What are some things we do in the day time? What do we do at night?
2. On the second day, the Lord created the firmament—the sky. Then the Lord divided the waters under the sky (oceans, lakes, rivers) from the waters above (rain). What are some of the ways we use water?
3. On the third day, the Lord made dry land and plants so people would have food to eat. What are some of the fruits that you enjoy eating?
4. On the fourth day, the Lord created the sun, moon and stars. How does the sun help us? (It gives us light and warmth.) How many stars are there? (There are too many to count but the Lord made every star.)

5. The Lord created fish and birds on the fifth day. He created other animals on the sixth day. Ask children to name some of the animals the Lord created. Then talk about one or two animals in more depth, touching on how it is perfectly adapted to its home. (For example, a giraffe has a long neck to help eat the leaves of trees.)
6. Now the Lord created people. The story of creation tells us that the Lord wants people to make good use of all that He has created.
7. The Lord finished the work of creation on the seventh day.

### **Extending the Experience**

- You may want to have your family worship outdoors where you can enjoy the beauty of nature or choose an indoor room where you can look outside.
- Go for a nature walk before or after worship. Collect some of the treasures you find (flowers, pinecones, stones, shells, a feather, *etc.*) in the natural world around you. Display them somewhere in your home.
- Gather some of the food the Lord gives us in nature (various kinds of fruit, nuts, *etc.*) and enjoy eating them after you read about the story of creation.

### **There Is a Deeper Meaning of the Creation Story**

You may want to tell older children that the creation story is a beautiful parable for the way the Lord helps us grow spiritually. Each day pictures a step or stage in our spiritual growing up. Prior to the first day (when the Lord created light), we are like a person who is in complete ignorance or darkness about spiritual things. By the time we reach the stage of the seventh day, we are spiritually ready to become angels in heaven.