

## **SPIRITUAL TASK—GOD SAID WHAT? THE CREATION STORY** (Genesis 1, 2)

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**Story** The creation story in Genesis is a story of how the Lord changes our lives from ones of darkness and emptiness to ones of brightness, hope, fullness and joy. Each day describes a different stage or step of this recreation.

**Meaning** On day four the sun, moon and stars appear in the sky. These three picture the fact that when we recognize the existence of God (day 1), learn His truth (day 2), and change the way we think and start to live as we know (day 3), love, faith (trust) and understanding of truth and good show up in our inner or higher self (day 4), dramatically changing our inner and therefore outer world.

**Task** To strengthen your faith this week, cultivate a more real, living relationship with the Lord. 1) When you wake up say, “Lord, I know you are going to do great things today. I want to be a part of it!” 2) Write a list of 15 - 25 things you know the Lord could do with your life—with your gifts and talents. 3) Choose one on the list and tell the Lord you are ready. 4) Begin to make that one thing happen. 5) Pray to thank the Lord for the success and to ask for help where you could do better.