

LESSON 2: GOD CREATED THE WORLD

In the beginning there was no earth, no light, no people or animals or trees. God created the world out of nothing. First God said, "Let there be light" and the sun and moon and millions of stars brightened the sky. Then He created the sparkling sea and land. He put birds and animals of very shapes and size on the earth. Finally, God made a man and woman in His own image. They were Adam and Eve, our first parents.

Everything God created has a purpose; everything in nature has a purpose. God has a purpose for you too. He created you to be happy someday with Him in Heaven. One thing that ruins our happiness is Sin. When we sin, we do not use God's gifts in the way He intended us to use them. God gave us our mind and will so we can live up to His plan for us, choose to do what is right and good. Heaven is our destiny; God promises He will take us there if we love and serve Him in this world.

God gave us His Word: "**What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love Him**" (1 Cor 2:9)

Questions and Answers

1	What does "Creator" mean? "Creator" means that God made all things out of nothing.
2	What does "Lord" mean? "Lord" means that God is the absolute master of all things.
3	Can God do all things? Yes, God can do all that He wills to do: He is all-powerful one.
4	Does God take care of created things? Yes, God takes care of all created things and exercise His providence over them; He preserves them for their existence and directs them toward their own proper purposes with infinite wisdom, goodness and justice.
5	Why did God create us? God created us in His image and likeness to rule, to share and to enjoy His creation. He created us in His image and likeness to know Him, to love Him and to serve Him in this life and then to be happy with Him forever in Heaven.
6	What are the features of God's creation? God is perfect, so God's creation is also perfect. God's creation is beautiful, wonderful. God's creation has a purpose, and God's creation has an order.

Words to Know:

- Creator** - God, the Maker of all things.
Heaven - the place of perfect happiness with God forever.
Lord - a name for Jesus because He is the King of the universe.