



**And God created the
heavens and the earth...**

Read Genesis 1:1-2:4a The First Creation Account respond to the following:

1. Beside the earth, what else does God create?.
2. What expression Genesis 1:1-3 indicates that God created everything, not simply the earth?
3. The Big Bang explains scientifically that matter and the universe began at a specific moment in time. Explain how this supports Genesis 1:1-3
4. What are the first words of God? Where are they found?
5. What phrase begins every act of creation over the six "day" period?
6. After this phrase what generally takes place in each day?
7. What is God's reaction after each act of creation?
8. Which phrase ends each "day" of creation?
9. Look at your answers to #'s 4,5,6, 7, 8. Describe the pattern you see in the story.
10. When was the sun created? Why is this an internal clue that the story's "days" are not to be taken in the literal sense?
11. Write out the verse and where it is found in Genesis that shows that the human person has a unique relationship to God.
12. There is also an overall pattern of the seven days of creation. List the things that God **separates** in the first three days:
13. List the things God **populates** on the next three days?
14. Three days of **separation** are followed by three days of **population** which are followed by one day of _____. Note the sense of complete order and planning that the first creation account conveys.
15. **Bonus:** Note the idiom "Let us make....." in verse 26. , even though God is the only one creating. Think of some examples in English when the plural is used even though only one person is speaking or acting.