

...The Heavens Do Rule

...After that thou shalt have known that the heavens do rule.

Daniel 4:26b (KJV)

God's Hierarchy of Rulership over the Earth

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Lesson One

The Heavens Do Rule

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the heavens do rule. (Dan. 4:26b KJV)

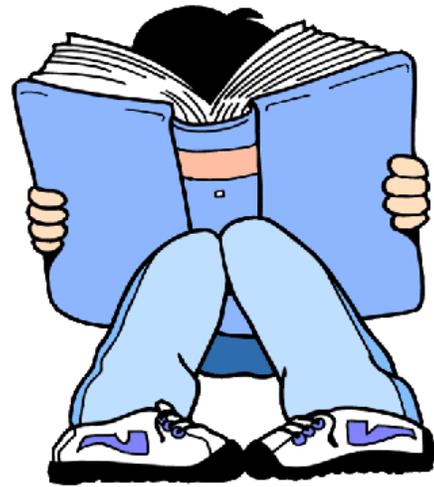
What does it mean to say that “The Heavens do rule”?

WHO or WHAT rules from the heavens?

HOW did it all begin? And,

WHERE do you think we would have to go in order to
get the answers to these questions?

We would go to the only
place that is 100% true and
accurate – the Bible,
God’s Holy Word!



THE BIBLE

The phrase:
“THE HEAVENS DO RULE”
is found in one of the Books of
Prophecy – the Book of Daniel.

Daniel 4:26b ... after that
thou shall have known
that the heavens do rule.
(KJV)

(Do you remember who Daniel was? He was the Prophet from the Old Testament who was saved out of the Lion's Den by the Hand of God.)

Since God spoke through the Prophets so long ago,
there is SO much to learn from God's Prophets! But in
this study, we will want to focus on the fact that

RULERSHIP TAKES PLACE FROM THE HEAVENS!

There is another Prophet who tells us more of what it
means that “The Heavens do rule”! The Prophet Isaiah
wrote some things what happened when Lucifer
rebelled against God. Read it here:

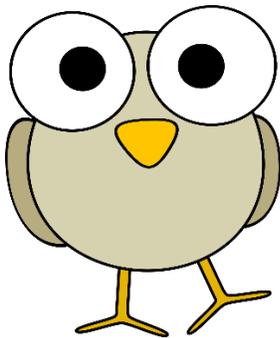
Lucifer said in his heart:
... ‘I will ascend to heaven;
I will raise my throne above the stars of
God, And I will sit on the mount of
assembly In the recesses of the north...’
(Isa. 14:13b NASB)

From this passage we can see that Lucifer wanted to take God's place! He actually wanted to be God.

But this passage also teaches us something else...

This explains WHERE God's Throne is!

God's Throne is on
A Mount of Assembly
Which is in the
Recesses of the North.



?? But,
**WHAT DOES THAT
MEAN?**

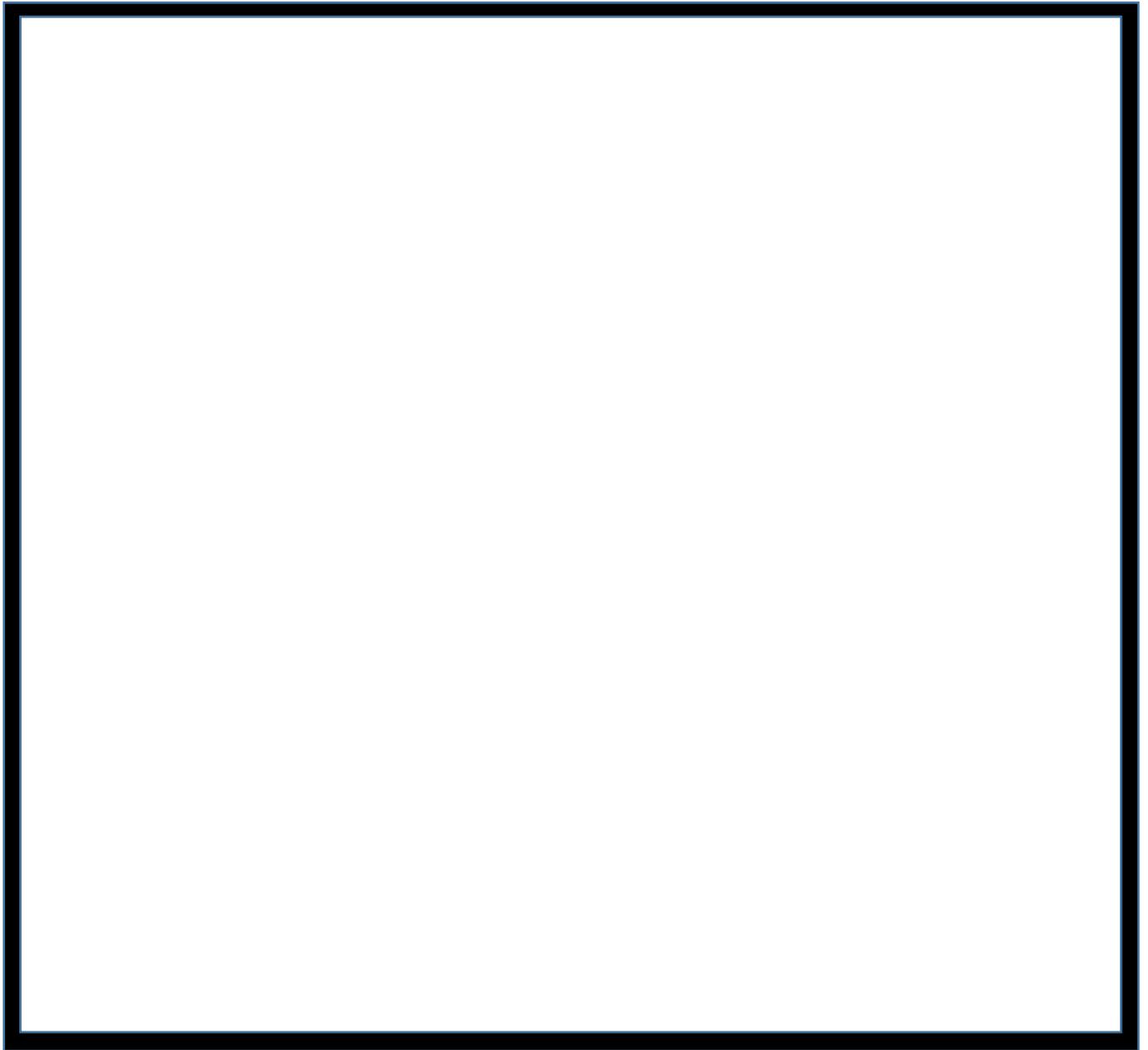
It means that God's Throne is on "top of a mountain," and that Mountain is the most Northern (or uppermost) part of the Universe.

It means that there is **NOTHING**
Above or beyond God's Throne!!!

Will you draw a mountain and place a THRONE on the
very top of the mountain?

Then write the Name "GOD" on the Throne.

(We'll add more to this picture in a minute.)



The Bible gives more information about the location from which God rules! The mountain upon which God's sits on His Throne is not only the highest place over all of creation, but it also is a place where **regular assemblies** take place.

Do you know what an **ASSEMBLY** is?

An assembly is some type of **GATHERING!**

But **WHO** is gathering on this High Mountain, and **WHY** are they gathering?

The ancient Book of Job gives us hints!

Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan also came among them. And the LORD said To Satan, "From where do you come?" So Satan answered the LORD and said, "From going to and from on the earth, and from walking back and forth on it."

Job 1:6, 7



Psst...
"Sons of God"
are ANGELS

This is part of the picture of one of those **ASSEMBLIES**. From this passage we can see that **Angels** gather to present themselves before the Lord!

And then another assembly took place on another day...

Again there was a day when the sons of God [angels] came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan came also among them to present himself before the LORD. And the LORD said to Satan, "From where do you come?" So Satan answered the LORD and said, "From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking back and forth on it."

Job 2:1, 2

So now you tell me... Where do the "sons of God" gather to present themselves before God? (What have we just learned?)

Yes! It would have to be on the MOUNTAIN OF ASSEMBLY – the Mountain upon which God sits on His Throne, which is in the uppermost parts of the North – far above ALL of creation!

From these two passages in the Book of Job, we can learn that on a regular basis God calls the Angels to gather from all over the Universe to assemble (to gather) together before HIM – evidently for the purpose of a giving a report to God about what is going on in their area of the Universe.

But we know that...



And so...The reason for these assemblies would **NOT** be because God does not **KNOW** what is going on in the whole Universe! Do you think He knows?

Of course He knows! This is just the way in which God set things up, because He is an orderly God and this is part of His order!

Now go back to the picture you began to draw of the mountain with the Throne on it, and draw angels gathering all around the mountain. Then choose one of the angels that you drew and write the name "SATAN" under it.

You have just drawn an illustration of part of what it means that "The Heavens do rule"!

But there is **MORE** to learn.

Next week we will talk a bit more about that **MOUNTAIN!**

Scriptures for you to read At home to prepare for the next lesson

(Parents: Read and discuss a passage or two with your children every night. You can even repeat passages throughout the week since repetition is a great way to learn.)

Isaiah 2:2 Now it shall come to pass in the latter days That the mountain of the LORD'S house Shall be established on the top of the mountains, And shall be exalted above the hills; And all nations shall flow to it. **3** Many people shall come and say, "Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD...

(Parents: Remind the children that they have already learned that a Mountain represents a Kingdom. (They learned it in the TYPES and ANTITYPES Study.) Then talk to them a little about what this verse means.

II Corinthians 12:2 I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago – whether in the body I do not know, or whether out of the body I do not know, God knows – such a one was caught up to the third heaven. **3** And I know such a man – whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows – **4** how he was caught up into Paradise and heard inexpressible words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter.

(Discuss this)

Revelation 21:1 Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away...

(Talk about the time-yet-future when this event will take place. It will be after the Millennial, after the 7th Day, when the future eternal ages begin. At that time, the New Heavens and New Earth will be the place where rulership will take place over all of creation. Tell your kids that we will learn a little about this on Sunday and more about this in the last lesson of the study.)

Ephesians 6:12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.

(Discuss the meaning of this passage. Tell the children that the words that are underlined all refer to angelic rulers. Then show them that these angels rule from HEAVENLY places.)

Your children will learn more about these passages next Sunday in class.
Your preparing them for class is much appreciated!

Lesson Two

God's Holy Mountain

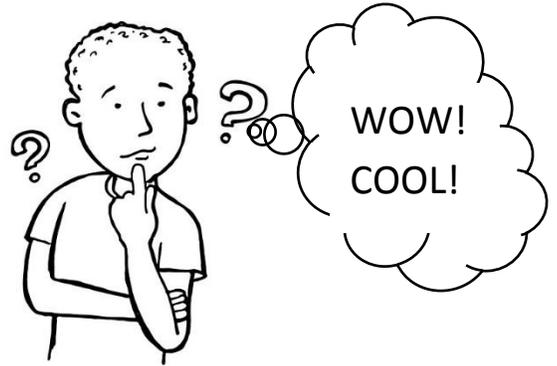
In our first lesson we began to learn what is meant by the phrase THE HEAVENS DO RULE. We learned that God sits on His Throne on the top of “a mountain” which is in the uppermost parts of the North, above everything! This means that there is nothing above or beyond God's Throne! This mountain is called THE MOUNT OF ASSEMBLY.



Do you remember what an ASSEMBLY is? What is it?

Yes, an assembly is a **GATHERING!** Evidently, **ANGELS** are called to assemble around God's Throne on a regular basis.

(Who knows...One of these assemblies might be taking place even right now.)



So...now let's talk about that **MOUNTAIN...**

In the study you did on the **TYPES** and **ANTITYPES**, you learned what a type does. **What does a type do?**

So, if a "TYPE is something that points to something else," and Scripture often uses a mountain as a type, then what does a **MOUNTAIN** point to?

Complete this sentence:

A **MOUNTAIN** points to

_____.

Oh! So now we know that God's Mountain represents
His Kingdom! And so...
God is The King in The Kingdom that is above
ALL other kingdoms,
And...
He rules His Kingdom from the highest heaven!

This is one way in which "The HEAVENS do rule."

But notice something here



Is this speaking of ONE heaven or MORE THAN ONE?

How do you know?

Well...we have seen that God rules from the HIGHEST HEAVEN over all of creation. Did you know that the Scripture refers to this heaven as "the THIRD heaven"? The Apostle Paul spoke of a man being "taken up to the third heaven," who saw visions and revelations of God that even if that man were to explain it to us we wouldn't be able to understand it (II Cor. 12:1, 2).

THIS is the place from which God rules –
The place called: The Mount of Assembly.

And so, if there is a **THIRD** heaven, then what else must there be?

There must be a **FIRST** and a **SECOND** heaven, right?

The **FIRST** heaven is the one we see when we look up into the sky.



In the daytime we see the sun and clouds and blue sky.



At night we see the moon and the stars.

This heaven is mentioned in Revelation 21:1. It is the **FIRST** heaven that surrounds the earth.



Revelation 21:1 Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away...

We've seen the **FIRST** heaven and the **THIRD** heaven...

But what about the SECOND heaven? Where and what is that?

And even though the Bible doesn't use the words "SECOND heaven" (like it does "FIRST heaven" and "THIRD heaven") it does DESCRIBE the second one.

One of the places where we get hints of the SECOND heaven can be found in this verse –

For we do not wrestle against Flesh and blood, but
Against principalities,
against powers,
against the rulers of the darkness of this age,
against spiritual hosts of wickedness
in the heavenly places.

Ephesians 6:12

This passage can teach us a lot, but for now we just want to know that this describes FALLEN ANGELS, and tells the location of their rulership!

The words that describe the fallen angels are:

- PRINCIPALITIES
- POWERS
- RULERS OF THE DARKNESS OF THIS AGE
- SPIRITUAL HOSTS OF WICKEDNESS

Go back to the passage and underline these words or phrases.

And the location of their rulership is in seen the very last line of the passage. Can you fill in the missing word? They rule from

THE _____ PLACES.

So, do you think the heavenly places from which these fallen angels rule is in the

FIRST
Heaven

SECOND
Heaven

THIRD
Heaven

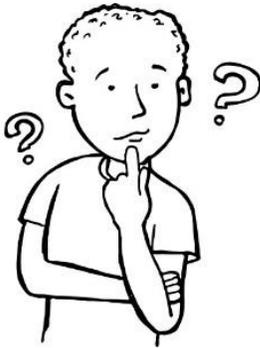
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We will learn more about this LOCATION in the weeks to come, but for now we want to understand that

THE HEAVENS DO RULE!

So far, we have seen that God rules from the highest heaven above all of creation, and Satan and his fallen angels rule from the second heaven above the earth.

But were these angels always bad?



Think about this:

Do you think God would have created BAD angels?

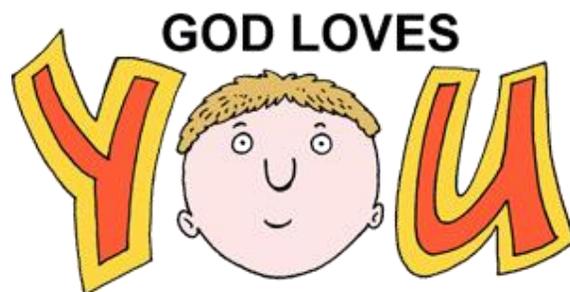
Yes No

What makes you think so?

In upcoming weeks we will look into Scripture and see what in heaven happened!

We are going to learn so much more about all of this!
And it will be so exciting to see how God puts it all together at the beginning. Always remember – God is in CONTROL of everything!!!

And ALSO REMEMBER that...



See you NEXT WEEK!

Scriptures for you to read At home to prepare for the next lesson

Let your children know that next week they will be learning some things about God. Please be talking to them about:

- how God has ALWAYS existed;
- what God looks like,
- that there was a point in time when God began TIME, and
- that it was the beginning of TIME when God created the heavens and the earth.

Here are some passages to discuss with them throughout the week:

Psalm 104:1a Bless the LORD, O my soul! O LORD my God, You are very great: You are clothed with honor and majesty, 2 Who cover Yourself with light as with a garment...

(Parents: Spend some time discussing with your children how they might picture God. Glimpse through Lesson Three to get an idea of what they will be learning.)

These next passages are grouped together. You can read and discuss a few each day. The point here is that there was a point in eternity past that God began TIME. See underlined part in each passage. Remember, repetition is good!

Genesis 1:1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

Hebrews 1:10 And: "You, LORD, in the beginning laid the foundation of the earth, And the heavens are the work of Your hands.

Ephesians 3:9 and to make all see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the ages has been hidden in God who created all things through Jesus Christ;

Romans 16:25 Now to Him who is able to establish you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery kept secret since the world began...

II Timothy 1:9 who has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was given to us in Christ Jesus before time began,

I Corinthians 2:7 But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, the hidden wisdom which God ordained before the ages for our glory,

(In class we will be looking at what happened AT THE BEGINNING. Preparation will be good for your child!)

Lesson Three

In the Beginning God...

In the past two lessons we began a journey to understand what it means that
“The Heavens Do Rule.”

We have learned that this phrase means
all rulership takes place
from a heavenly realm.

Firstly, **God rules from the uppermost heaven –
above all things; and secondly,
Angels rule under God from the heavenly realms
over various created parts of the Universe.**

In this lesson we are going to go back again to the
very beginning of everything.

Look at the title of this lesson.

IN THE BEGINNING GOD...

Wow! This is really going back to the **BEGINNING**,
isn't it? But **WHAT** beginning does this phrase refer
to? The **BEGINNING** of **WHAT**?

Let's begin by asking this question:

DOES GOD HAVE A BEGINNING?

What do you think?

Well, let's see if we can find the answer to that question from God's Holy Word.

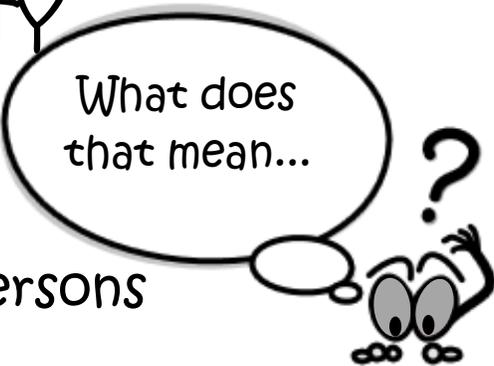
Since God is the One Who **INSPIRED** the Bible, then any description of God would really be God describing Himself, right? **RIGHT!**

So when God says, "In the beginning God..." He tells us something about Himself right there!

In the **ORIGINAL** language of the Bible, the Hebrew word for **GOD** is "ELOHIM". This Hebrew word reveals something very important about God!

It reveals that

God is a TRINITY



What does that mean...

It means there are **THREE** Persons in **ONE** God –

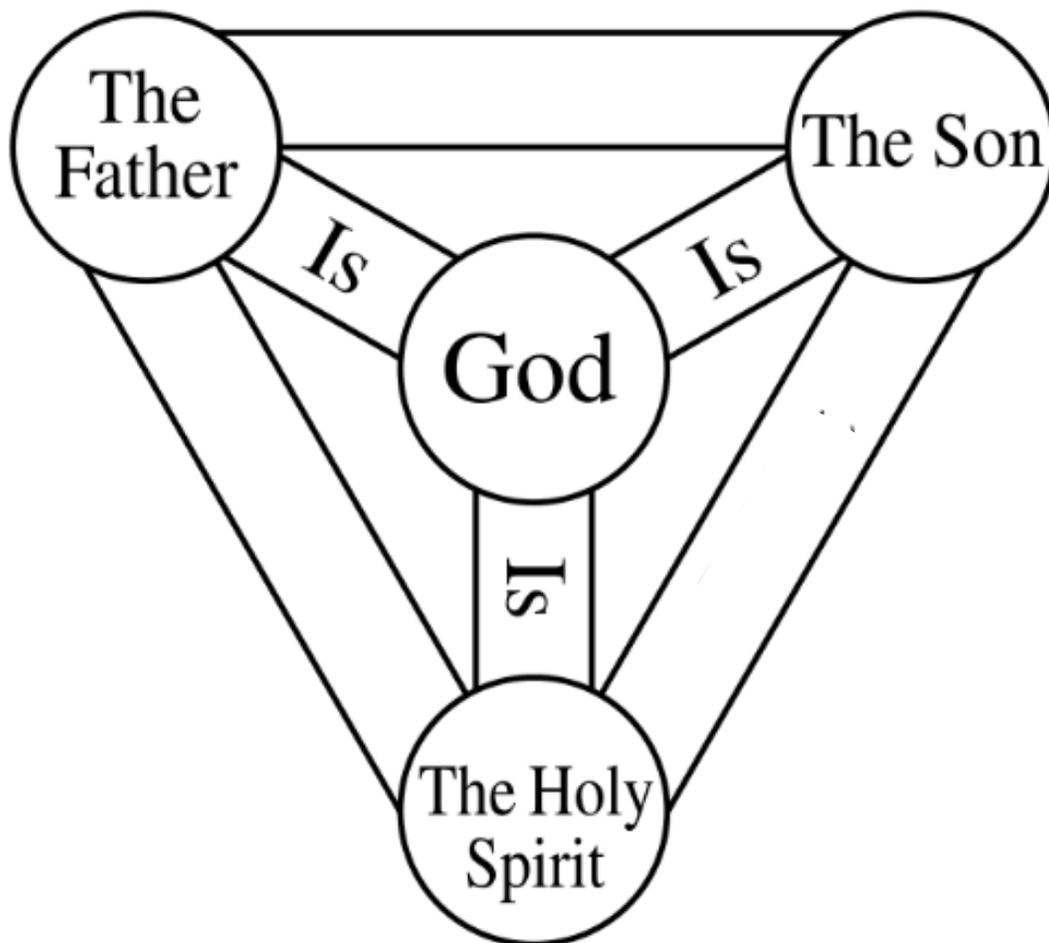
Father

Son

Holy Spirit

Here is one of the passages that shows the **THREE** parts of God:

“GO THEREFORE AND MAKE DISCIPLES OF ALL THE NATIONS, BAPTIZING THEM IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER AND OF THE SON AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT...
(MATTHEW 28:19)



There is a **LOT MORE** that we can learn about God, but for now, let's discover one more thing! In another Psalm, God describes what He **LOOKS** like!
(Did you know that?)

The Psalm says this of God:

...YOU ARE VERY GREAT:
YOU ARE CLOTHED WITH
SPLENDOR AND MAJESTY,
COVERING YOURSELF WITH LIGHT
AS WITH A GARMENT...
(Ps. 104:1b, 2a)



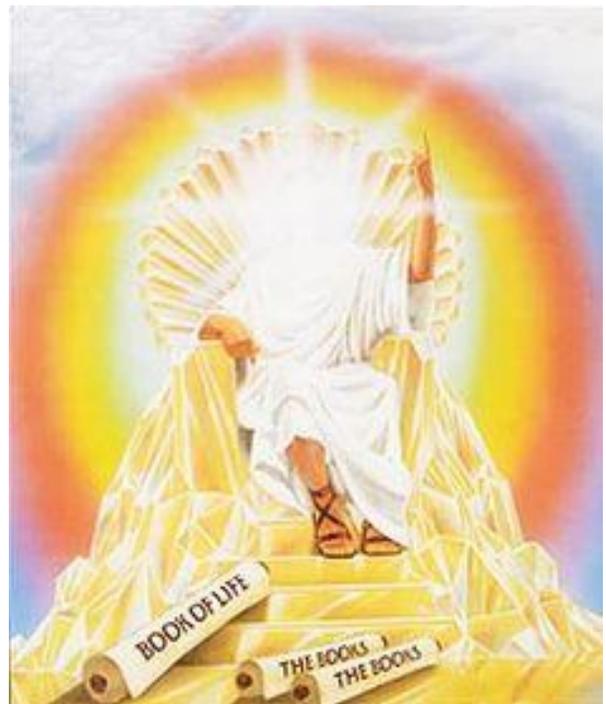
So...



God covers Himself
with LIGHT...

And clothes Himself with
SPLENDOR and
MAJESTY!

This description – in itself –
reveals that God is the
Supreme Ruler!



Now that we've learned more about God, let's go back to our opening phrase and see what else we can learn.

"In the beginning..." First, what BEGINNING does the phrase refer to? The beginning of what?

And second, did God exist BEFORE the beginning?

There are a few places in Scripture that might show us WHAT began at the beginning...

The phrase:

Is used in:

"...from the beginning of the ages"

Ephesians 3:9

"...since the world began"

Romans 16:25

"...before time began"

II Timothy 1:9

According to these phrases, what began at the beginning? (CIRCLE the answer in each phrase.)

And then, did anything or any One exist BEFORE the beginning of the ages? ...Before the world began? ...Before time began?

Here is one Scriptural phrase that gives us a hint:

The phrase:

Is used in:

"which God ordained
before the ages"

I Corinthians 2:7

Do you think anything or any One existed BEFORE time began? If so, Who? And why do you think so?

Of course! GOD existed before time began! In fact, He is the One Who began time and created everything!

And: "You, LORD, in the beginning laid the foundation of the earth, And the heavens are the work of Your hands. – Hebrews 1:10

God has ALWAYS existed.

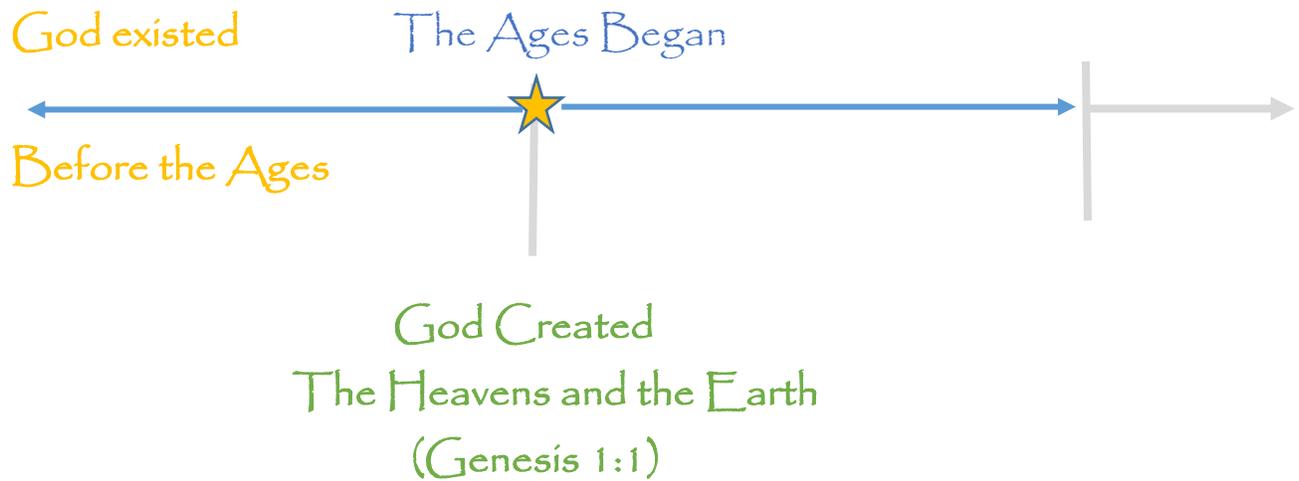
And...

God began the AGES *when* He created
The heavens and the earth.
He is THE MOST HIGH GOD.

So now let's review what we have just learned:

- The phrase "In the beginning..." means that there was a point when "the ages began."
- It was at THAT time that the heavens and the earth were created.
- The One who created the heavens and the earth is The Lord GOD, the Most High, And,
- God has ALWAYS existed!

Let's look at it on a time line.



We'll learn more about what happened **AFTER** the ages began in upcoming lessons.



You are doing a great job! Keep it up!!! During this week, be sure to look at the passages on the next page with one of your parents.

See you next week. (Don't forget to ask your parents read the Scriptures on the next page to you.)

Scriptures for you to read

At home to prepare for the next lesson

(Parents, throughout this week, simply read and discuss a few of these passages with your child/children each day. Thanks for preparing them for next week's study.)

Genesis 1:1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

Psalm 8:3 When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, The moon and the stars, which You have ordained,

Psalm 89:11 The heavens are Yours, the earth also is Yours; The world and all its fullness, You have founded them. 12a The north and the south, You have created them...

Psalm 102:25 Of old You laid the foundation of the earth, And the heavens are the work of Your hands.

Psalm 146:6 Who made heaven and earth, The sea, and all that is in them; Who keeps truth forever,

Jeremiah 10:12 He has made the earth by His power, He has established the world by His wisdom, And has stretched out the heavens at His discretion.

John 1:3 All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.

Acts 17:24 "God, who made the world and everything in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands.

Colossians 1:16 For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him.

Hebrews 1:10 And: "You, LORD, in the beginning laid the foundation of the earth, And the heavens are the work of Your hands.

Revelation 4:11 "You are worthy, O Lord, To receive glory and honor and power; For You created all things, And by Your will they exist and were created."

Revelation 10:6 and swore by Him who lives forever and ever, who created heaven and the things that are in it, the earth and the things that are in it, and the sea and the things that are in it...

Lesson Four

...God Created the Heavens and the Earth

In our last lesson we learned about the Beginning, didn't we? We learned that "The Beginning" was when God

- Began the Ages, and
- Created the heavens and the earth.

We also learned some things about God. We saw that:

- God has always existed, and
- He covers Himself with **LIGHT (GLORY)** and clothes Himself in **SPLENDOR AND MAJESTY**.
- He is **THE MOST HIGH GOD**.

This is what God says about Himself:

For I am God, and there is no other;
I am God, and there is none like Me...

Isaiah 46:9b

There is not another God --- there is only **ONE GOD**. He is the One true God; the Most High God.



That's good to know! We'll need to remember this!

In this lesson we are going to learn about the heavens and the earth, remembering that the main focus of our study is to understand about God's system of rulership under Him. So let's look at it!



"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth."
All that God created in the beginning is often called
THE UNIVERSE.

But Scripture specifically mentions the earth. And there is a reason for that!

It's easy to understand what the earth is! It is the very planet we live on.



The earth consists of air, water and dirt; and plants, bushes and trees.

We can SEE the earth. We can FEEL it, Touch it, SMELL it, and STAND ON IT.

And...after the lesson this morning,
YOU CAN COLOR IT!!!

But what about the heavens? Have you ever wondered exactly what the heavens consist of?

We've already learned that:

- God sits on His Throne on the Mount of Assembly in the THIRD HEAVEN
- The Angels rule over the earth from the SECOND HEAVEN above the earth
- We can see the FIRST HEAVEN when we look up into the sky.

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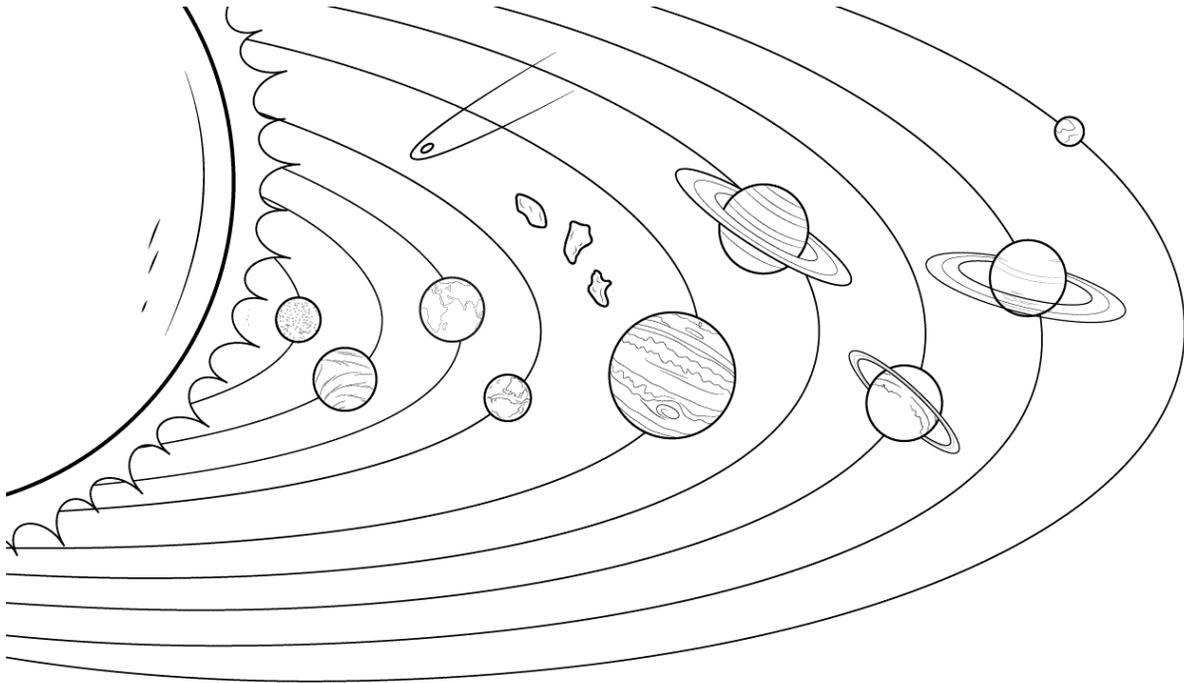
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The FIRST and SECOND heavens directly have to do with our earth, all of which are only a SMALL part of what God created in the beginning.

There are SO MANY more parts of the Universe that God created. We just can't see them, but they do exist! In fact...

The Universe is so
L A R G E
we can't even imagine it!

A very small portion of the Universe is our
SOLAR SYSTEM.
And our earth is part of that system.
Here is a drawing...



This is the **FIRST HEAVEN** that
surrounds the earth.

Can you point to the sun in this drawing?

Can you find where the earth is?

(Hint: It's the third planet from the sun.)

Just for fun... You can easily remember the order of the planets
from the sun outward by remembering this sentence:

My Very Educated Mother Just Served Us Noodles,
(Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn Uranus, and Neptune.)

See how smart you are!

In the daytime, we can see the SUN. And in the nighttime, we can see the moon and the stars. But have you ever been able to see the other planets?

Yes

No

Just because you can't see them with the 'naked eye' doesn't mean they don't exist, right?

We've read "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth"
Now let's read WHAT He created IN the heavens and ON the earth.

God created ALL things, but this passage tells us about some SPECIFIC things.

What are the things God created IN the heavens and ON the earth?
(Hint: the words are underlined.)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

COLOSSIANS 1:16

For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him.

Things that we can SEE are called “visible” things; and things that we cannot see are called “invisible” things. But even if we cannot see them, does that mean they do not exist?

Yes

No

Can we see thrones and rulers on earth?

Yes

No

Can you name some earthly rulers?

Can we see thrones and rulers in the heavens?

Yes

No

Can you name any heavenly rulers?

Can you guess which would be the more powerful – earthly or heavenly rulers? And why do you think so?

Now we are going to draw a picture of how we might imagine the three heavens and the earth. Let's do it together! (For now, just use a pencil. You can color it in later.) First, let's draw the earth at the very bottom of the page. Then draw the first heaven around the earth. Then draw a place for the second heaven with angels in it. Then at the very top of the page, draw the Mount of Assembly with God sitting on the very top!



This is a picture of HOW God set things up!
You are doing a GREAT job!
Keep up the GOOD work!

Scriptures for you to read

At home to prepare for the next lesson

(Parents: Read and discuss a passage or two with your children every night. You can even repeat passages throughout the week since repetition is a great way to learn.)

Ezekiel 28:12 "Son of man, take up a lamentation for the king of Tyre, and say to him, 'Thus says the Lord GOD: "**You were the seal of perfection, Full of wisdom and perfect in beauty. 13 You were in Eden, the garden of God; Every precious stone was your covering: The sardius, topaz, and diamond, Beryl, onyx, and jasper, Sapphire, turquoise, and emerald with gold. The workmanship of your timbrels and pipes Was prepared for you on the day you were created. 14 You were the anointed cherub who covers; I established you; You were on the holy mountain of God; You walked back and forth in the midst of fiery stones. 15 You were perfect in your ways from the day you were created, Till iniquity was found in you.**

(Parents: The bold part of this passage speaks about Lucifer's creation. Spend a little time talking through this passage with them. Have them describe to you what they think this angel looked like when first created. Make sure their description is based upon this passage, only in their own words.)

Isaiah 14:13 For you have said in your heart: 'I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will also sit on the mount of the congregation On the farthest sides of the north; 14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will be like the Most High.'

(Parents: This passage reveals HOW Lucifer fell. He rebelled against God. Have your child/children describe to you what Lucifer did in his rebellion. Make sure their description is based upon this passage, only in their own words.)

Genesis 1:2 The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep.

(This passage shows us how Lucifer's rebellion affected the earth and the heavens that surround the earth. Remind them that God created the earth perfectly, but it became corrupted after Lucifer rebelled. Have them describe what the earth must have looked like now.)

Parents: You can repeat these passages throughout the week.

Lesson Five

First Created Rulers over the Earth

In last week's lesson we learned that there is only ONE true and Living God. He is **THE MOST HIGH GOD**. There is none other!

We learned that God existed BEFORE time began, and He is the One Who created all things.

God created the heavens and the earth; He created thrones, dominions, principalities and powers. (That means He created rulers and authorities, and places for this rulership.) Some are **visible** (we can see them), and some are **invisible** (we cannot see them). There are **invisible** angelic rulers; we just can't see them! But just because something is **invisible** doesn't mean it doesn't exist. Right?

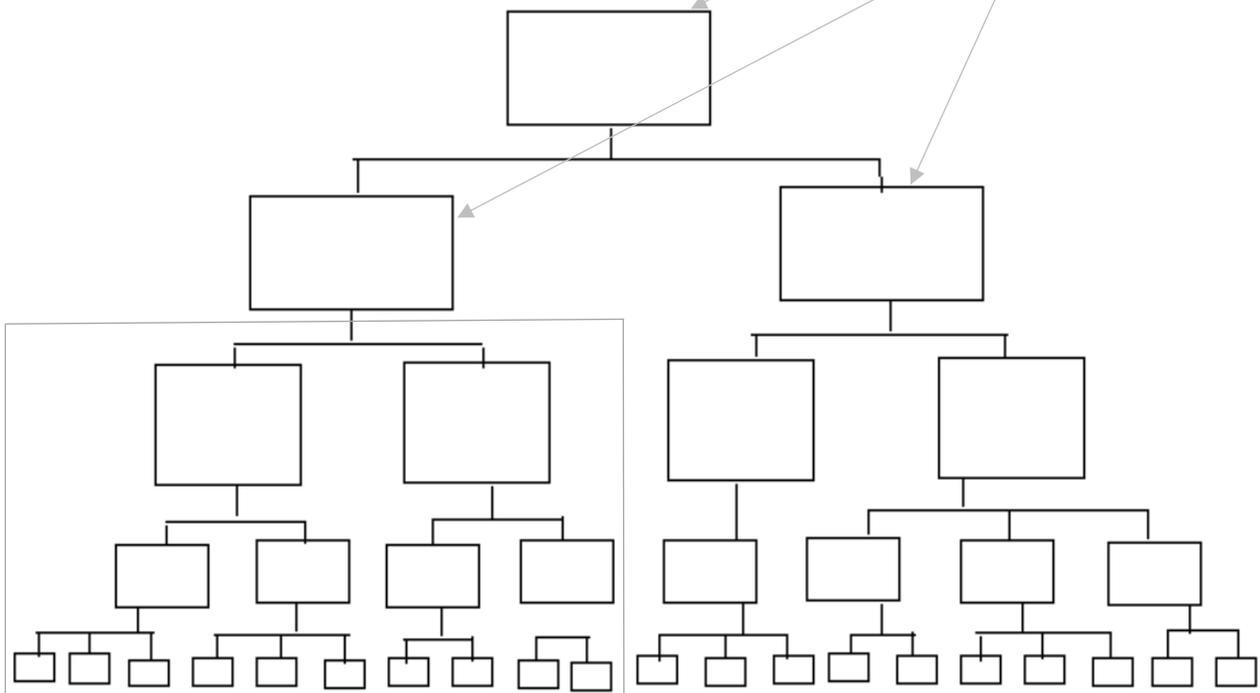


This week we are going to learn more about these angels. This is a **KEY** which will help unlock more understanding of how **THE HEAVENS DO RULE**.

Are you ready? Let's GO...

In the beginning – when God began the ages – He created angels to rule over all the various parts of the Universe. And the highest, most powerful angels over each part of the universe are called “Morning Stars.” Each Morning Star is like a CAPTAIN over a large group of angels under him called a HOST – a host of angels. Then, within this host are various positions of power and rulership, all set up by God at the beginning. Let’s look at a chart that might help us understand how God set up His system of rulership.

- In the box at the top, write in the Name “GOD.”
- In the next 2 boxes write “Morning Star” in each.
(Or you can just put the abbreviation MS instead.)



- Now notice the SQUARE around all the boxes under the first MORNING STAR, write the words HOST OF ANGELS on the line under it. Then, will you draw another box just like it under the second MORNING STAR and write the words HOST OF ANGELS again?

This is an illustration of how God set up various positions of rulership over the different parts in the Universe. And the earth was no different. Our earth had a MORNING STAR as the top ruler, too.

The Bible even tells us the name of this ruler. It was...

Lucifer

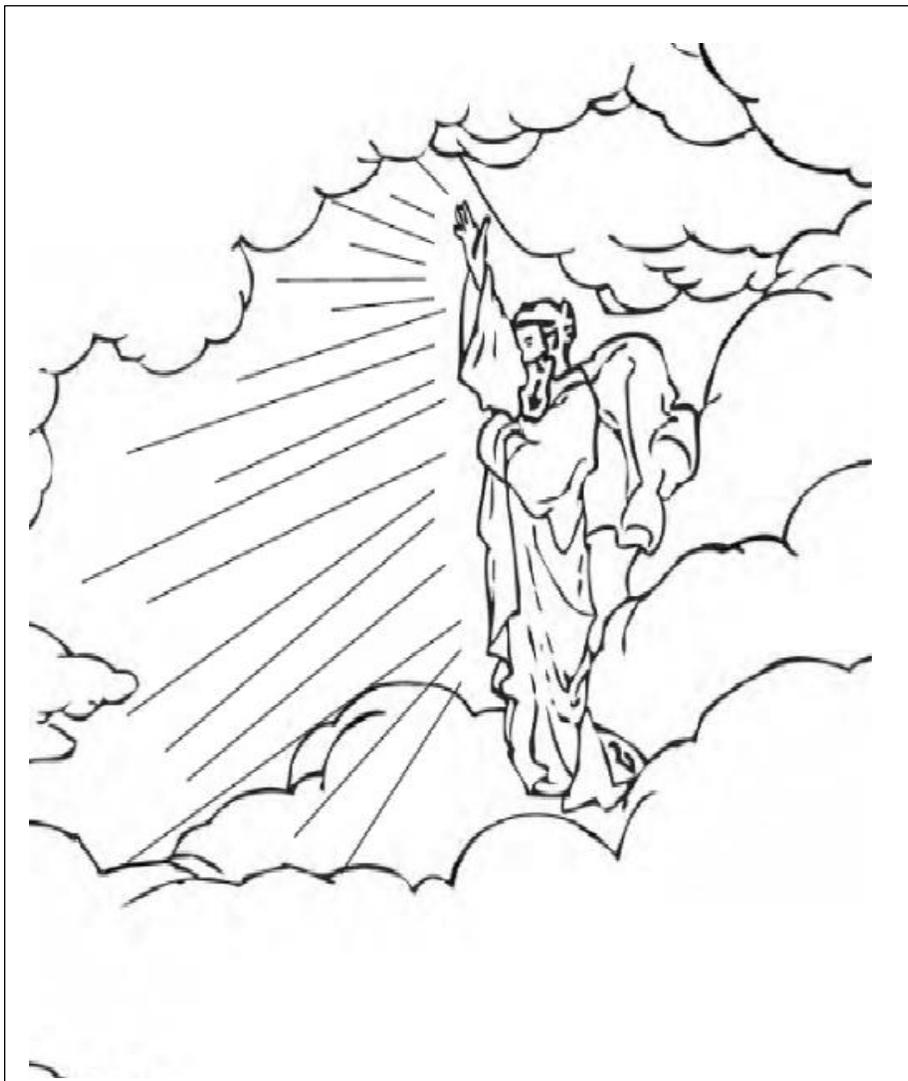
God created Lucifer as the morning star over the earth – the highest angel over the host of angels who were specifically created to rule over the earth.

Finish this sentence:

Lucifer was the M _____

S _____ over the earth.

And so we see that 'The heavens do rule.' God rules over all of creation from the uppermost parts of the North; and Lucifer and his angels rule from the heavens above the earth. And thousands (perhaps thousands upon thousands) of Morning Stars – along with their hosts – rule in the other provinces throughout the Created Universe. That seems to be the order in which God set things up!

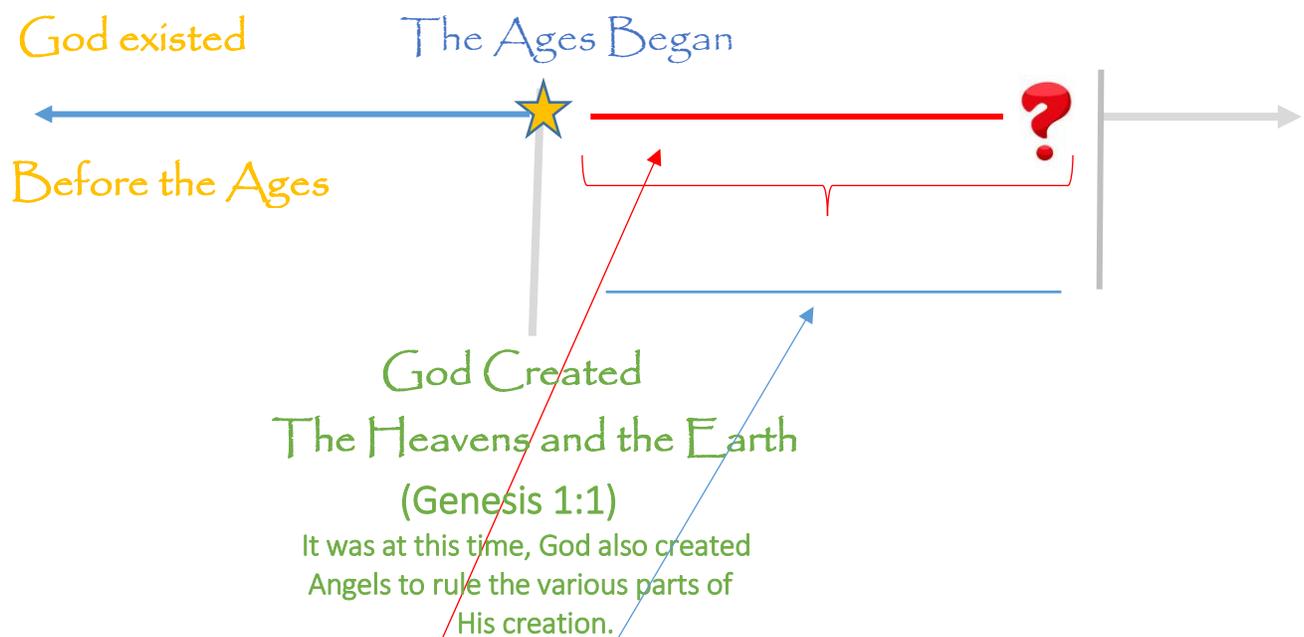


We don't know how long things continued as God had originally created everything...

...but something happened that changed things!

At some point after time began –
Lucifer rebelled against God.

Let's look again at our timeline of when The AGES began and add some more information.



Now look at the **RED** line. It was somewhere in here on our timeline that Lucifer rebelled.

So on the **BLUE** line, write the words:
“Lucifer Rebelled.”

And because Lucifer was the Morning Star over the earth, his rebellion brought about some major changes to the earth and the heaven that surround the earth (the **FIRST** heaven). Here is the way the Bible describes what happened to the earth after Lucifer rebelled:

Genesis 1:2 The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

Let's read how God describes Lucifer's creation, and what happened. 

So what was Lucifer like? Can you write some of the descriptive words? (Hint: Look for blue words.)

Where was he? (Hint: Green words.)

What was he? (Hint: Purple words)

Then Lucifer did something that changed things. What happened? What did he do? (Hint: Red words.)

"You were the seal of perfection, Full of wisdom and perfect in beauty.

You were in Eden, the garden of God; ... on the day you were created.

You were the anointed cherub who covers;

I established you;

You were on the holy mountain of God; You walked back and forth in the midst of fiery stones.

You were perfect in your ways from the day you were created,

Till iniquity was found in you. By the

abundance of your trading You became

filled with violence within, And you

sinned...

Ezekiel 28:12-16

And so we see that Lucifer was 'perfect in all his ways from the day he was created until iniquity was found in [him].' Another way to say it is that Lucifer was created perfectly in every way until he **SINNED**. (Sin and iniquity are the same thing.) And THAT changed EVERYTHING!

Here is how Lucifer sinned – He said in his heart:

...I WILL ASCEND TO HEAVEN;
I WILL RAISE MY THRONE ABOVE THE STARS OF GOD,

‘AND I WILL SIT ON THE MOUNT OF ASSEMBLY
IN THE RECESSES OF THE NORTH.

‘I WILL ASCEND ABOVE THE HEIGHTS OF THE CLOUDS;
I WILL MAKE MYSELF LIKE THE MOST HIGH.’

Isaiah 14:13, 14 NASB

He is referring to the THIRD heaven where God sits on His Throne.

He is referring to the other Morning Stars!

What do you think Lucifer meant by all of this?

Lucifer wanted to be like God, didn't he? In fact, He wanted to BE God. But we already know that there is ONLY ONE GOD and there is NO ONE like HIM. Right?

Next week we will look into what happened as a result of Lucifer's rebellion. See you then!

And don't forget to have your dad or mom read the passages on the next page this week.

Scriptures for you to read

At home to prepare for the next lesson

(Have your dad or mom read and discuss these passages with you.)

Genesis 1:2a The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep...

(This was taught in some detail this past week. Just review it with your children, asking them questions and letting them answer.)

Genesis 1:2b And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

(This begins to describe God's restoration of the "messed-up earth". Talk to your children about how God had to be the One to restore, as no one else could have done it. He was the One Who created it, and He would have to be the one to restore it. As you know, these things are so foundational.)

(Parents, spend a couple of evenings talking about the SIX days in Genesis 1:3-31. Read/Tell what happened on each day. It should be familiar to them, and fun to review. Again, we will talk more about these things this coming week.)

And then AFTER the six days, we see that God rested from all His Work.

Genesis 2:1 Thus the heavens and the earth, and all the host of them, were finished. 2 And on the seventh day God ended His work which He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had done. 3 Then God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because in it He rested from all His work which God had created and made.

(Ask your children if they think God RESTED because He was tired or for another reason. And if for another reason, ask them what the reason was. Then explain to them that God was laying the foundation through this 7th day of rest in Genesis 2 in order to let us know that we will have the same type of rest on our 7th day...our 7th thousandth year day.)

Lesson Six

And the Earth Became without Form and Void

In last week's lesson we learned that at the time God created the heavens and the earth, He also created all the angels to RULE over the various parts of the Universe. We learned that Lucifer had been created as the Morning Star over the earth, and a whole host of angels had been created to rule under him.

But Lucifer was not satisfied with just ruling over the earth! He wanted to rule over the WHOLE Universe. In fact, he wanted to sit where God sits – enthroned upon the Mount of Assembly.

Well...


THAT'S NOT
GONNA HAPPEN!!

So what DID happen?

That's what we will study this week – What happened as a result of Lucifer's Rebellion.

And of course, the Bible tells us EXACTLY what happened as a result of Lucifer's rebellion against God!

The place over which Lucifer ruled fell into horrible ruin!
Read it here →

The earth was
[“became”] without
form, and void; and
darkness was on the
face of the deep....
Genesis 1:2a

What would that LOOK like? What does “without form and void” mean? Let's see if we can “picture” this.

Here is a picture of the perfectly created earth. →

Color it green and blue.

Now take a BLUE crayon and scribble out the whole earth. (Make it solid!)

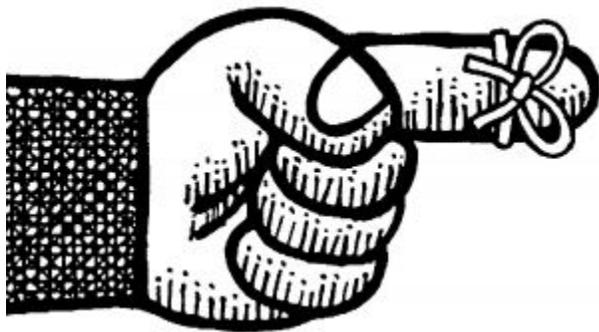


After you do that, take a BLACK crayon and scribble over the BLUE crayon.

It's a mess, isn't it? That's what
“without form and void” looks like!

What you have now is darkness over raging waters – the very meaning of the passage we just read in Genesis 1:2a!

The words – WITHOUT FORM and VOID – mean that the earth became a WASTE PLACE. Nothing existed on the earth. It was absolute chaos. Raging waters covered the earth, and darkness covered the waters.



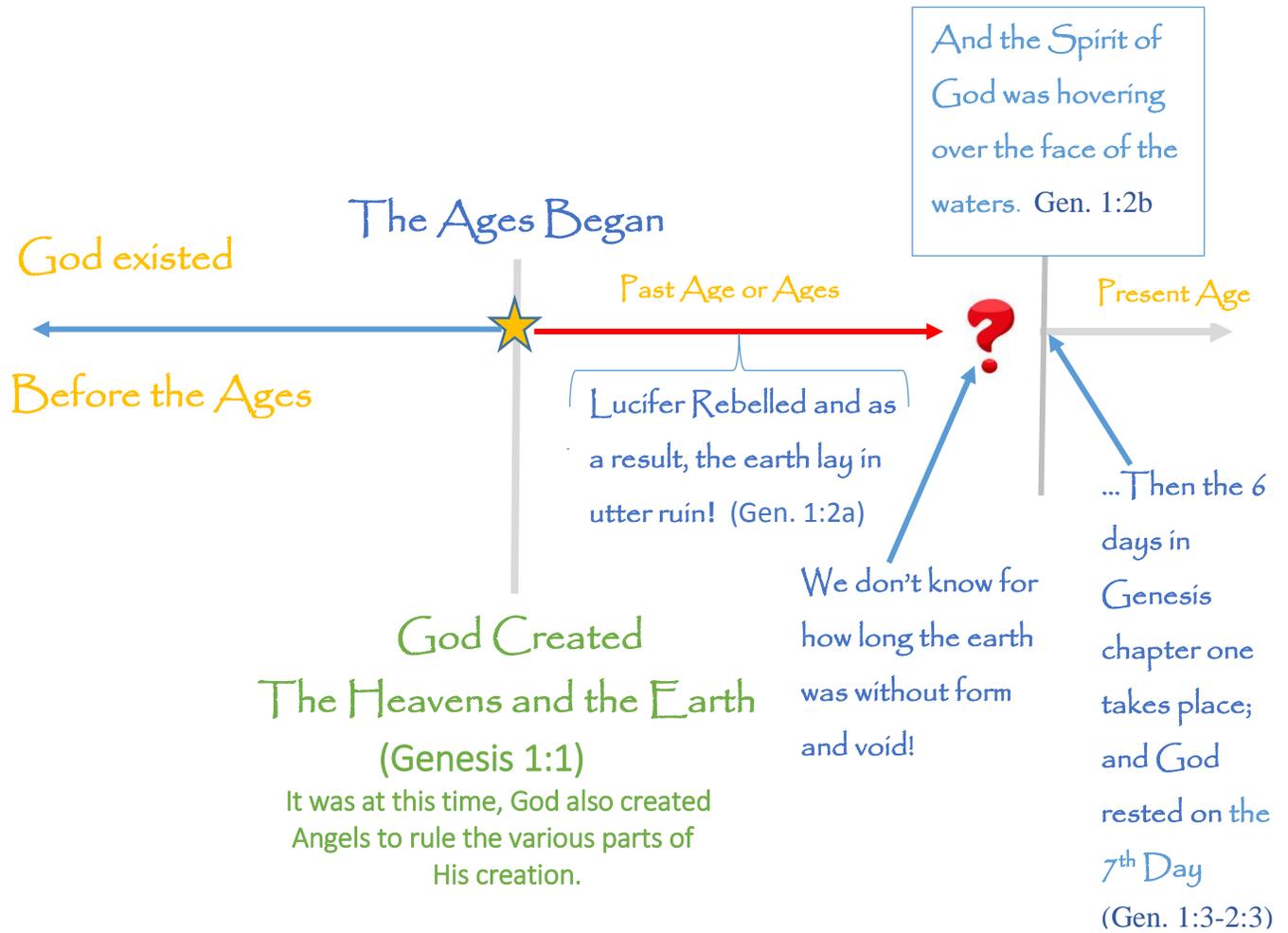
(But don't forget – that is NOT the way God created the earth! It became that way due to Lucifer's rebellion.)

And we have no way of knowing just how LONG the earth lay in such ruins. (If God wanted us to know, He would have told us in His Word, wouldn't He? So we will just have to leave it at that!)

And so... AS YOU ALREADY KNOW, God restored the earth in 6 days and rested on the 7th day.

This is the REASON for the need of a restoration. And although the earth lay in ruins for some period of time, God had a plan to bring the ruined earth back to a perfect state, and create man to rule in Lucifer's place. (More on that in upcoming lessons...)

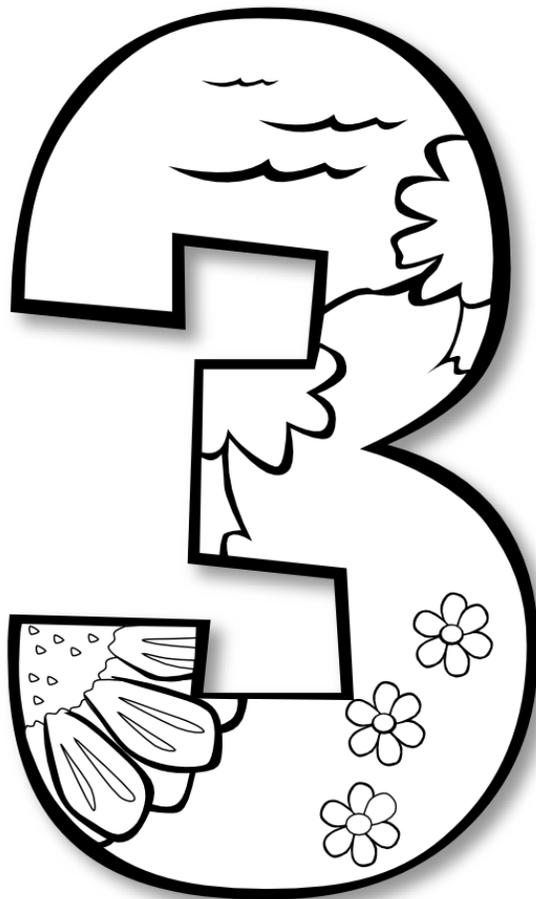
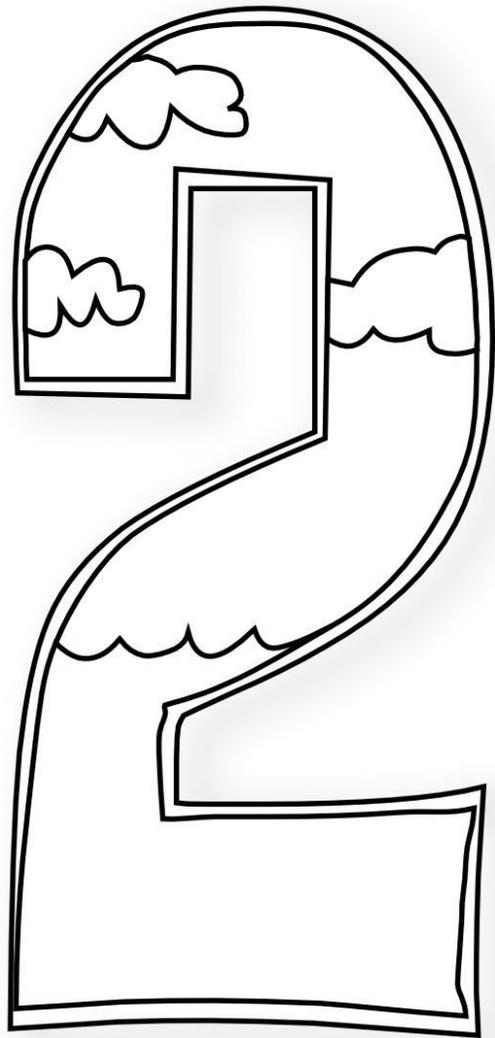
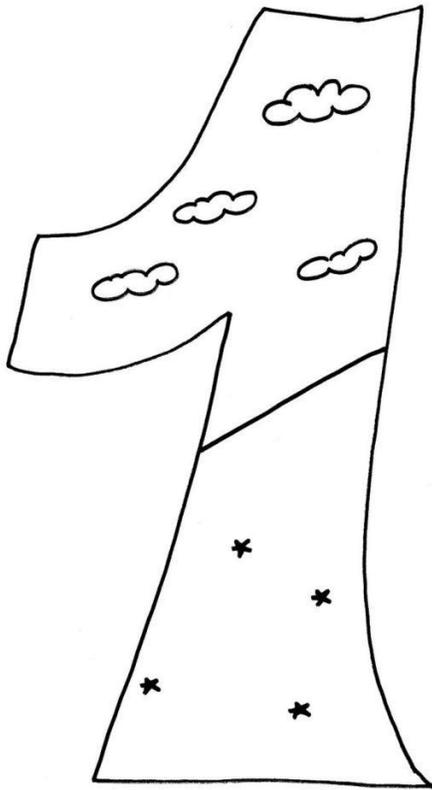
But for now...Let's look at our timeline again, adding this new information.

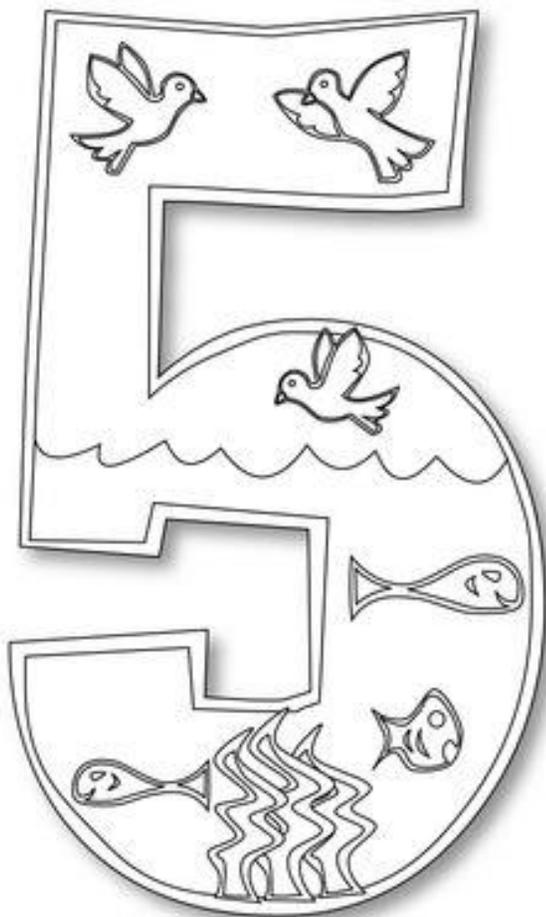


(Your teacher or your parents will explain this more carefully!)

Even though you know a lot about what happened on each of the 6 days of restoration, let's just have some fun in a review. OK? On the next two pages, you can color what took place on each of the 6 days. While you are coloring, your teacher will talk about each of the days.

Days of Restoration





And then...

God Saw that it was



Genesis 1:31

Genesis 2:1 Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. 2 And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made. 3 And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made.

See you next week.

Scriptures for you to read At home to prepare for the next lesson

(Parents: Read these verses to you children and then ask the questions, discussing as needed.)

Genesis 1:26 Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

Why would God say... "Let US make man in OUR image..." What have you learned about God? (See page 23.) Why did God create man?

27 So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

Discuss HOW God created first the man, then the woman.

28 Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

This is basically a repeat of v. 26. Ask "Why do you think God repeated this?"

Psalms 8:6 You have made him to have dominion over the works of Your hands; You have put all things under his feet, **7** All sheep and oxen-Even the beasts of the field, **8** The birds of the air, And the fish of the sea That pass through the paths of the seas.

Genesis 2:15 Then the LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to tend and keep it. **16** And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, "Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; **17** but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die."

Discuss passages.

Lesson Seven

The Purpose for Man's Creation

Do you **REMEMBER** that **GOD** made YOU for a VERY SPECIFIC PURPOSE? You have already studied this in THE FOUNDATIONAL STUDY OF GENESIS CHAPTER TWO.

This truth is so foundational, that we must look at it again in this study, because **our purpose** has to do with rulership.



And so....

Do you **REMEMBER** why **God** made you?

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It is so important for us to REMEMBER why God made us that He clearly stated His reason on the very FIRST PAGE of the Bible. I guess He wants us to get it!

In verse 26, God said: “Let **US** make man in **OUR** image, according to **OUR** likeness.”

What do you think God means by saying “LET **US**” make man “IN **OUR**” image? Who is the “**US**”?
(Hint: Look at page 22 and 23.)

Do you REMEMBER what God looks like? We talked about it a few weeks back. Write out how God describes Himself. (Hint: Look at page 24.)

So if God is THREE parts, and God made Man in His likeness, what would Man be? (Circle the answer.)

One part

Two parts

Three parts

Here's a THOUGHT:

It may be that the very reason God tells us what He LOOKS like is so that we will understand More clearly just HOW He created Adam and the Woman. Evidently, He wants us to understand that!

SO...

Can you name the three parts of man?

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

If God covers Himself in LIGHT and clothes Himself with garments of SPLENDOR and MAJESTY, and if Man was created in God's Image and Likeness, what might be God's plan for Man to ultimately look like?

And then God said: "...Let them have **DOMINION** over the earth.'

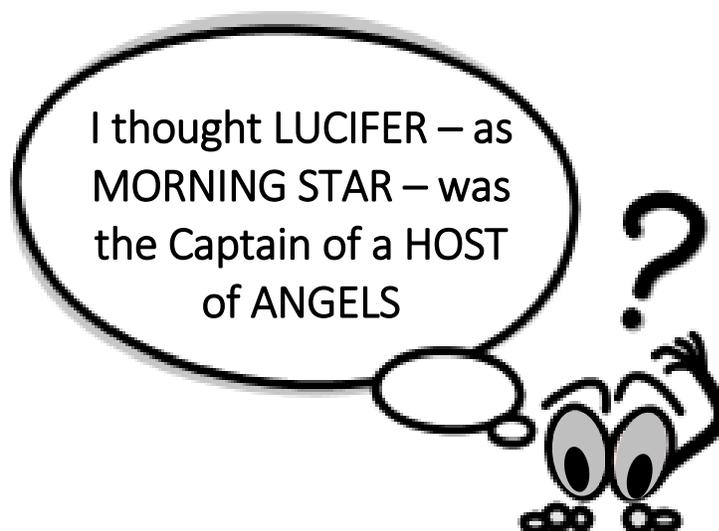
Another way to say it would be:

"...Let them **RULE** over the earth."

Draw a circles around the words DOMINION and RULE.
Then connect the circles with a line.
These words mean the same thing!

THAT is why God created Man!

But wait...



Yes! That is correct! But REMEMBER what you learned a couple of lessons back? What did Lucifer do that was very bad? (Hint: Look what you wrote on the BLUE line under the red bracket on pg. 43.)

And because of what Lucifer did, God caused His perfectly created earth to become desecrated, and in need of restoration. Therefore, at some point after Lucifer fell, God restored the earth over a 6-day period, and at the end of the 6th day, He created man saying, "LET THEM RULE..."

Now...

**DOESN'T THAT
MAKE SENSE???**

But there is something else that must be
REMEMBERED here...

Before anyone can rule over the earth in the place of
angels, they must first prove themselves WORTHY to
rule by OBEYING God.

Therefore, we must

"OBEY THE LORD"

And so...

God TESTED Adam and the Woman – giving them a
chance to prove themselves WORTHY to rule – by giving
them a COMMAND to obey!

Do you remember what the command was? What was it?

Did they OBEY God's Command?

And so we'll have to always REMEMBER that ...

In order for **ANYONE** to RULE WITH GOD,
They must first OBEY what He says.

(That's important to REMEMBER) ↗

Just in case you forgot, this is how God tested Adam and the Woman –

After God created Adam, He placed him in the Garden of Eden. There He had already made fruit trees and bushes from which they would eat. God told Adam to take care of the Garden and work it. Then...

Among all the trees in the Garden,
God showed Adam **Two Trees** in the center of the
Garden:

The Tree of Life

(This tree would give them wisdom to rule),

AND

The Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil.

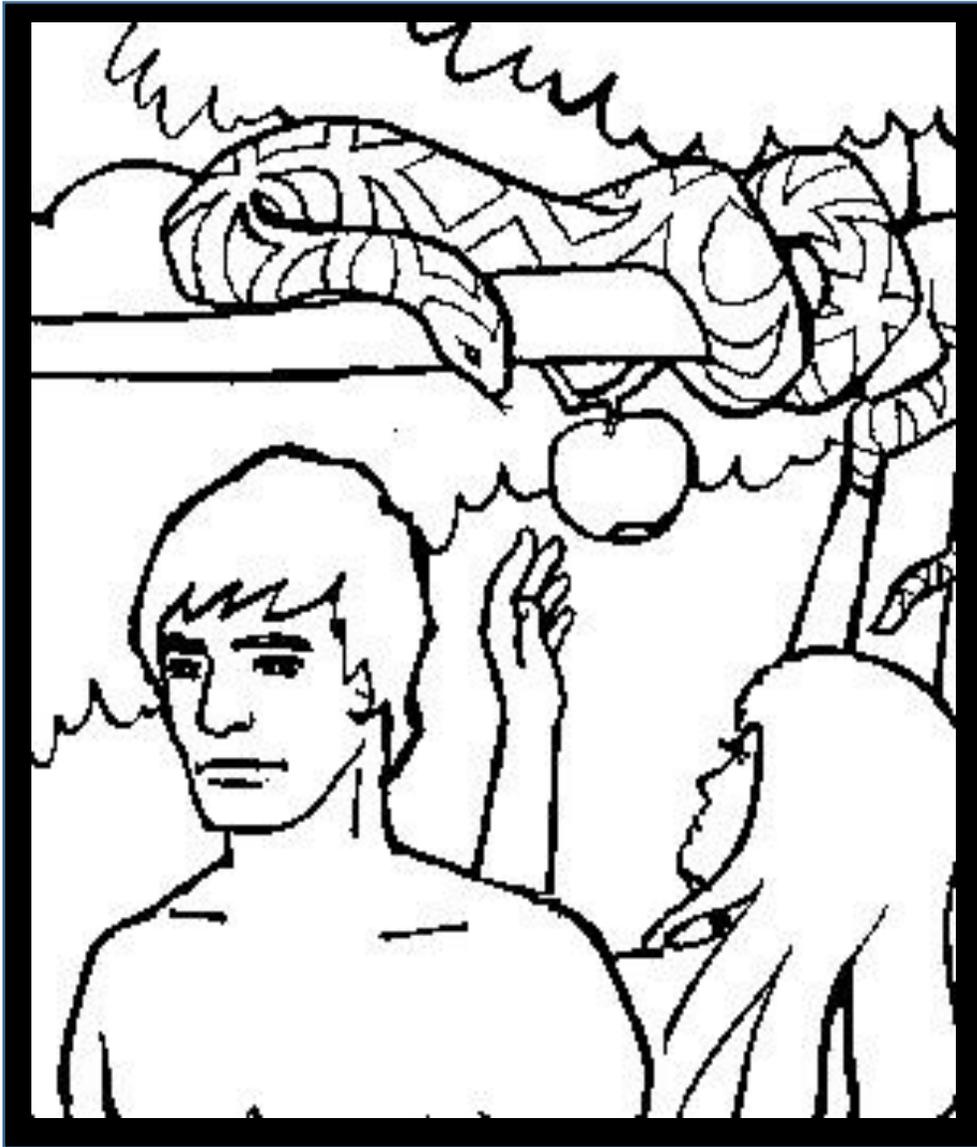
AND THE LORD GOD COMMANDED THE MAN, SAYING, "OF EVERY TREE OF THE GARDEN YOU MAY FREELY EAT; 17 BUT OF THE TREE OF THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOOD AND EVIL YOU SHALL NOT EAT, FOR IN THE DAY THAT YOU EAT OF IT YOU SHALL SURELY DIE." GENESIS 2:16, 17

According to this passage, **WHAT** was OK for Adam and the Woman to do?

What were they not supposed to do?

What would happen if they disobeyed God's Command?

That's pretty clear, isn't it?



Tell what is happening in this picture.

Next week we will continue... See you then!

Scriptures for you to read

At home to prepare for the next lesson

(Have your dad or mom read and discuss these passages with you.)

Genesis 2:15 Then the LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to tend and keep it. **16** And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, "Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; **17** but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die."

Genesis 3:4 Then the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. **5** For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." **6** So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate. **7** Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked...

(Parents, after reading these passages to your children, talk to them about it. Put the story into your own words.

Then on another day, reread the passage to them and ask them to tell you the story.)

Genesis 3:14 So the LORD God said to the serpent: "Because you have done this, You are cursed more than all cattle, And more than every beast of the field; On your belly you shall go, And you shall eat dust All the days of your life. **15** And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, And you shall bruise His heel."

Talk to your children about v. 15 and what it means for us! It means that God will send His Son as the Redeemer!

Lesson Eight

So, What Happened?

So far we have seen that Lucifer and his host of angels had been originally created to rule over the earth. But Lucifer wanted to be like God and rule over ALL of creation. And so, he and 1/3 of his angels rebelled against God. It was because of this rebellion, God created Man to rule in the place of the angels. But before the Man and Woman could begin to rule, they were first tested. They would first have to OBEY God.



Think about this: Do you think Satan wanted the Man and the Woman to OBEY God's Command?

Why or Why not?

Do you **REMEMBER** that when God created Man, He created them in **HIS IMAGE AND LIKENESS**?

Write the word "MAN" in the center of the yellow. What would this mean?

(Hint: See Page 24.)



Then the Bible says:

AND THEY WERE BOTH NAKED, THE MAN AND HIS WIFE,
AND WERE NOT ASHAMED. GENESIS 2:25

They were “not ashamed” because they were covered in LIGHT (in Glory) just like God, but they were “naked” because they did not yet possess the outer garments of Splendor and Majesty.

The Glory is like...

An under-Garment.

And the garments of Splendor and Majesty are like...

Outer-Garments.



It was in this way that they were partly naked, and not completely naked.

But, BEFORE they would receive the garments of SPLENDOR AND MAJESTY, they had to first prove themselves worthy!

And the only way they could prove themselves worthy was to CHOOSE to OBEY God!
They HAD to OBEY God's command!

Remember what God's Command was:

AND THE LORD GOD COMMANDED THE MAN, SAYING,
“OF EVERY TREE OF THE GARDEN
YOU MAY FREELY EAT;
BUT OF THE TREE OF THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOOD AND EVIL
YOU SHALL NOT EAT,
FOR IN THE DAY THAT YOU EAT OF IT YOU
SHALL SURELY DIE.” GENESIS 2:16, 17

But here is what happened:

The Women was **deceived** by the serpent (who was really Satan) who questioned and twisted what God had told Adam about that tree. And being deceived, The Woman **disobeyed** what God had said. This disobedience is called **sin**.

It was because of this sin that Adam took on the sin of his wife (“...and he ate...”). This was the only way that God’s plan would be/could be fulfilled, Because it was not good for the Man to be alone – He must have a helper (a wife) in order to rule.

We’ll remember that...

A type points to something else!

And so *Adam -- eating the fruit that his wife gave him to eat -- is a type that points to something else.*

Adam, taking on the sin of his wife, points to what Christ did for us on the cross. Jesus took on the sin of mankind so that He could redeem a Wife for Himself, all of which was done in order to fulfill God’s plan –

A Man ruling over the earth alongside His Wife.

.....

Now...getting back to Adam and the Woman –
Once they had both eaten from the forbidden tree:

THEN THE EYES OF BOTH OF THEM WERE OPENED, AND
THEY KNEW THAT THEY WERE NAKED; AND THEY
SEWED FIG LEAVES TOGETHER AND MADE THEMSELVES
COVERINGS. GENESIS 3: 7

Now they were **completely** naked – they no longer had
the “undergarment” -- they lost the covering of Glory.
Apparently...now they were ashamed, having become
utterly naked. And without the covering of glory they
would not be able to receive the outer garments of
Splendor and Majesty.

In other words, because they disobeyed God’s
command, they lost the right to rule over the earth.
And so, they TRIED to HIDE from God!



Do you think
anyone can
HIDE from
God?

YES NO

But do you know what God did?

He called out to them.
He wanted to bring them back to Him!

He loved them so much! (Just like He loves YOU!)

And once they admitted what they had done,

God made a wonderful **PROMISE!**

He spoke to the serpent...
who was really Satan...
who had been Lucifer.



God told Satan that He was
going to send a Redeemer for
the Man and the Woman.

AND SO THE LORD GOD
SAID TO THE SERPENT "...
... I will put enmity
between you and the
woman, And between
your seed and her
Seed; He shall bruise
your head, And you
shall bruise His heel."

Genesis 3:14a, 15

Do you know Who the Redeemer is?
Who is our REDEEMER?

(Fill in the Blanks)

___ **E** ___ ___ **S**

___ ___ **R** ___ **S** ___.

God has made it very clear that Satan will not win!
God will have His way!

Eventually, God will bring about a Man and a Woman to
rule together over the earth in Satan's place!



We'll look at that next week, but for now we have to
find out something more about Adam and the Woman...

In the midst of all of this, Adam and the Woman
believed what God had said to the serpent. They
believed that God would send a Redeemer through the
seed of the woman.

And because of their belief in what God said about the
Redeemer, Adam changed His wife's name from...

“Woman”, which means “She was taken out of man”

To... “Eve”, which means “Mother of all the living”.

And because of their faith in what God said,
God did something wonderful!



God
covered
their
nakedness!

He
clothed
them in the
skins of a
sacrificed,
innocent
animal to
cover their
complete
nakedness.

But there is
MORE to
the story! So
much more!

See you next week!

Scriptures for you to read

At home to prepare for the next lesson

(Have your dad or mom read and discuss these passages with you.)

Genesis 3:20 And Adam called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all living. **21** Also for Adam and his wife the LORD God made tunics of skin, and clothed them. **22** Then the LORD God said, "Behold, the man has become like one of Us, to know good and evil. And now, lest he put out his hand and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live forever" -

23 therefore the LORD God sent him out of the garden of Eden to till the ground from which he was taken. **24** So He drove out the man; and He placed cherubim at the east of the garden of Eden, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to guard the way to the tree of life.

Parents, spend some time discussing this passage with your children.

Genesis 2:1 Thus the heavens and the earth, and all the host of them, were finished. **2** And on the seventh day God ended His work which He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had done. **3** Then God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because in it He rested from all His work which God had created and made.

Remind your children that it has always been God's plan for there to be a 7th Day rest for God's people. Talk about it being the Millennial Kingdom of Christ.

Heb 4:4 For He has spoken in a certain place of the seventh day in this way: "And God rested on the seventh day from all His works"... . . .**9** There remains therefore a rest for the people of God.

II Peter 3:8 But, beloved, do not forget this one thing, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.

Talk about how these two passages relate to each other.

Lesson Nine

How Long will it Take?

Last week we remembered that God created the Man and the Woman to rule over the earth because Lucifer – the one originally created as the ruler over the earth – along with 1/3 of his host of angels rebelled against God. This rebellion, you'll remember, brought about the destruction of the perfectly created earth.

Then, 6,000 years ago, God restored the earth over a 6-day period and created Man to rule in Satan's place.



But before Man could rule, they would have to prove themselves worthy. So... God gave them a test to see if they would obey Him. God told Adam:



"...but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die."

Then – you'll remember – something happened!



Satan knew that if he could get the Man to eat from the forbidden tree, they would not be able to take his place in ruling over the earth. And so...

... Satan **deceived** the woman into eating the fruit and she gave to her husband and he ate also.

That means he TRICKED her into thinking it was OK to disobey God!

And as we have already seen, they both lost their covering of glory, and became completely naked.

(PS. It is NEVER OK to disobey God! So never let anyone try to tell you that it is OK! It is NOT OK! OK? OK!)



So now God needed to restore a perfect creation once again.

Last week we ended our lesson by seeing that God gave a PROMISE of a Redeemer! And then – after Adam and Eve believed God's promise – God sacrificed an innocent animal to cover their complete nakedness. This was the first step in the process of His restoring mankind in order to put them back in a position where they would be able to rule.

GOD WILL HAVE HIS WAY!

But here is something we need realize! Even though Adam and Eve were not **completely** naked any longer (God had covered them with the animal skins), they still were not covered in **GLORY**, and therefore could not be clothed in **SPLENDOR** and **MAJESTY**! And in this condition – they were not yet ready to rule!

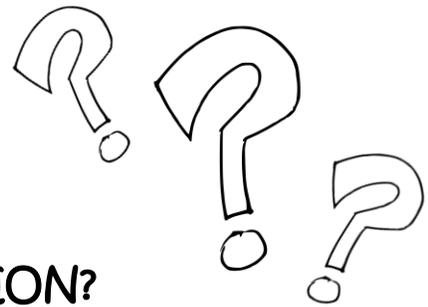
Therefore the LORD God sent him out of the garden of Eden to till the ground from which he was taken. So He drove out the man; and He placed cherubim at the east of the garden of Eden, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to guard the way to the tree of life.

Genesis 3:23, 24

God placed them out of the Garden because now they had work to do! They had to work the very ground from which they had been taken.

And so the question is...

**HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE TO
COMPLETE THIS 2nd RESTORATION?**



Well...Since God had previously taken **6 days** to restore the first ruined creation – which was brought about by Lucifer's fall, God will again take **6 days** to restore the second ruined creation – which had been brought about by Man's fall.

And **JUST AS** the first restoration was followed by a 7th day of rest, **EVEN SO** there will again be a 7th Day of Rest following the second restoration.

THERE REMAINS THEREFORE A
REST FOR THE PEOPLE OF GOD.

Hebrews 4:9

He restored the ruin perfectly the first time; He will do it in the same perfect way the second time.



Only **THIS** time a day will last 1,000 years!

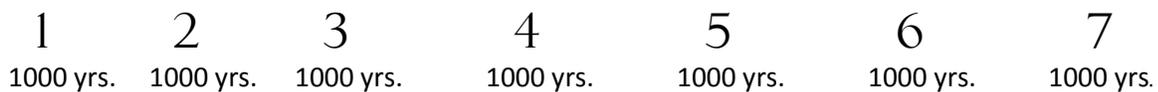
Since God took SIX days to restore the ruined creation as seen in Genesis 1...

FIRST RESTORATION IN GENESIS 1:3-2:3



So He will use this same PATTERN to restore the second ruined creation as seen throughout the remainder of Scripture:

SECOND RESTORATION IN GENESIS 3:15 - REVELATION 22:21



Knowing this helps us to better understand something Peter wrote. Let's read it here:

BUT, BELOVED,
DO NOT FORGET THIS ONE THING,
THAT WITH THE LORD ONE DAY
IS AS A THOUSAND YEARS,
AND A THOUSAND YEARS AS ONE DAY.

II PETER 3:8

Let's do a little exercise with the charts above. Will you draw lines connecting the "days" in the first restoration with the "days" in the second restoration?

(The first one is done for you. Now, you connect the 2s, then the 3s, etc.)

And now draw an oval around the six days.

(The first one is done for you.)

Now put a square around the 7th day in both places.

It becomes easy to see that the way God restored the ruin the first time is the same way He is restoring the ruin the second time, doesn't it? Only this time, a day lasts a thousand years.

One 24-hour day
In the first restoration

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One 1,000-year day
In the second restoration

It's all so clear when you see how God has laid it out at the very beginning, isn't it?

And while God is in the process of restoring man during these "6 DAYS" (6,000 years), **WHO DO YOU THINK RULES OVR THE EARTH FROM THE HEAVENS ABOVE THE EARTH?** Write your answer on the line.

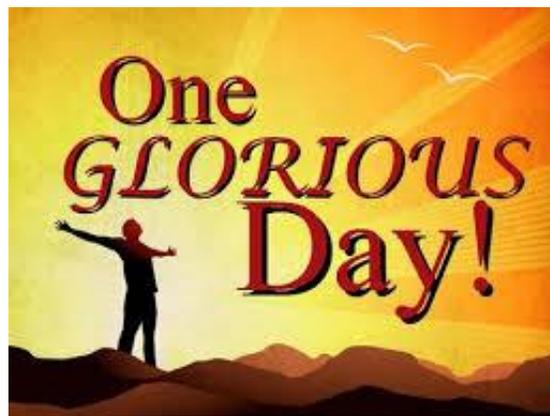
(Hint: He is the one who was originally created to rule the earth.)

Satan, along with his fallen angels have continued to rule over the earth from the heavens above the earth.

But...

There is Coming a “Day” (a thousand-year day)
when Jesus will come again
and set up His Kingdom!
THEN saved people
– who have been **OBEDIENT** to God –
will rule from the heavens over the earth in the place of
Satan and his host of angels!

THAT WILL BE...



I can't wait!
How about you???

Scriptures for you to read

At home to prepare for the next lesson

(Have your dad or mom read and discuss these passages with you.)

Genesis 2:1 Thus the heavens and the earth, and all the host of them, were finished. 2 And on the seventh day God ended His work which He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had done. 3 Then God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because in it He rested from all His work which God had created and made.

Parents, remind your children that God took 6 days to restore the first ruin of the earth and rested on the 7th day. This set up a PATTERN for Him to do it the same way for the second ruin after Man fell. Let them know that this coming week we will be looking at *how close we are to that 7th day!* Show them that you are really excited about it, and encourage them to be excited, too.

Exodus 31:14 'You shall keep the Sabbath, therefore, for it is holy to you. Everyone who profanes it shall surely be put to death; for whoever does any work on it, that person shall be cut off from among his people. 15 Work shall be done for six days, but the seventh is the Sabbath of rest, holy to the LORD. Whoever does any work on the Sabbath day, he shall surely be put to death. 16 Therefore the children of Israel shall keep the Sabbath, to observe the Sabbath throughout their generations as a perpetual covenant. 17 It is a sign between Me and the children of Israel forever; for in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, and on the seventh day He rested and was refreshed.'"

Hebrews 4:4 For He has spoken in a certain place of the seventh day in this way: "And God rested on the seventh day from all His works"... . . .6 Since therefore it remains that some must enter it...

Talk to your children all the time about the 7th day of Rest, and how we must strive to enter it by always trying to OBEY God. Even talk to them about confessing their sins when they don't obey God. Explain how this is like taking a spiritual bath...a cleansing. Instill in your children a real excitement for this DAY, teaching them HOW to strive for it!!!

Lesson Ten

So, Where are We Now?

In recent lessons we have seen that:

- LUCIFER was the Morning Star over the earth.
- There were ANGELS who ruled under Lucifer.
- Then at some point, Lucifer and 1/3 of the angels in his host REBELLED against God.
- As a result, God created Adam and the Woman to RULE in the place of Angels.
- Lucifer, who has come to be called SATAN, tricked the Woman, and she and her husband DISOBEYED God.
- This DISOBEDIENCE brought about the LOSS of their covering of Glory, so now they could not receive the outer garments of Splendor and Majesty, and would not be able to rule UNTIL THEY BECAME FULLY REDEEMED.

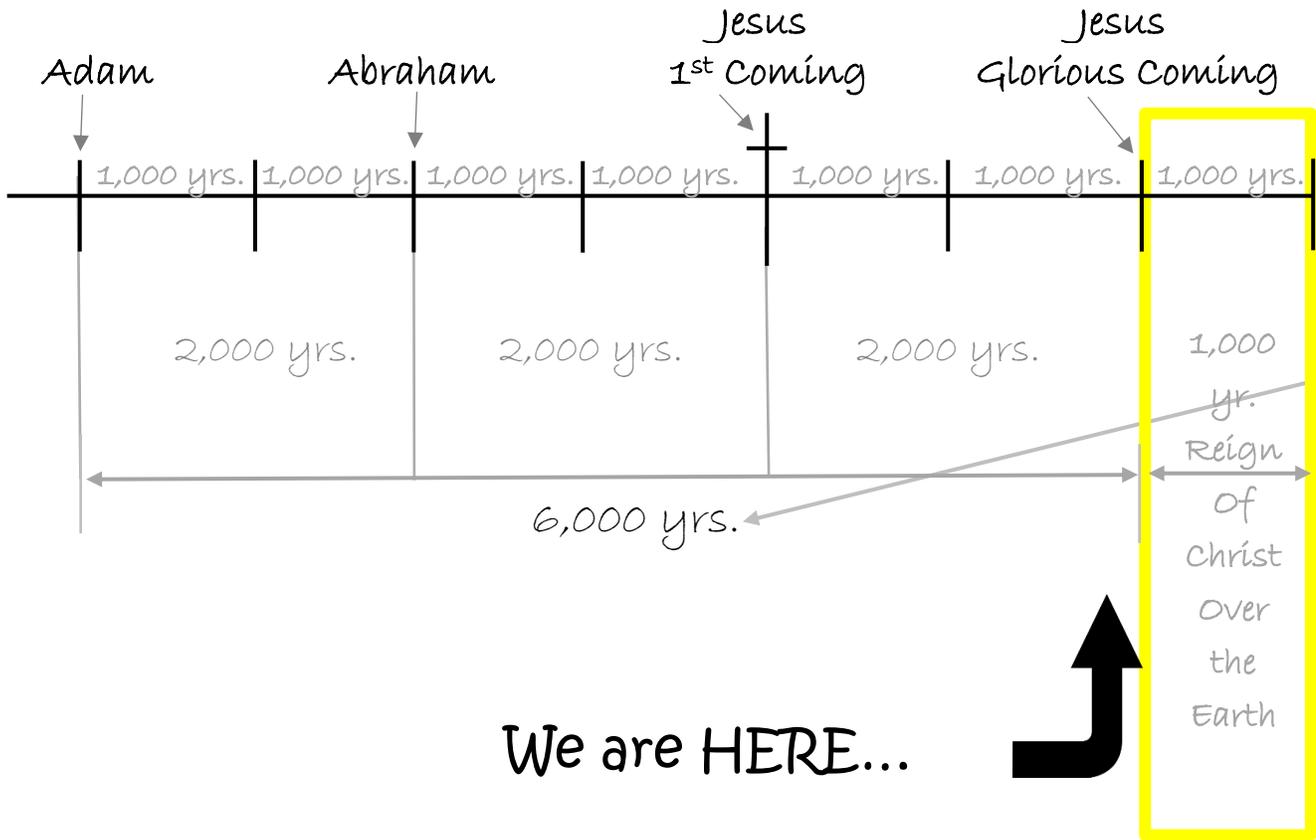
And so YOU might want to ask the QUESTION:

WHERE ARE
WE NOW
(on the timeline)



Well...

...On the time line,



Very close to the GLORIOUS Return of Jesus!

Now, THAT is

EXCITING NEWS!

Because...

...THAT means that God is about to bring forth His plans to allow MAN to rule over the earth in the place of Satan and his angels! But...

For this entire 6,000-year period, Satan and his fallen angels have continued to rule over the earth.

Remember, it was sin that caused them not to be able to rule! This sin ruined what God had perfectly restored and created; therefore, God has to RESTORE everything once again.

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You have already learned that –

A TYPE IS SOMETHING THAT POINTS TO SOMETHING ELSE.

And so...

JUST AS... God took a 6-day period to restore the ruined creation (after Satan's sin),

EVEN SO... this second time God is taking another 6-day period to restore another ruined creation (after Man's sin).

Only THIS time, a "day" is measured as a 1,000-year period instead of a 24-hour period.

(Remember last week's lesson?)

After the 6 days of God restoring the earth the first time, what did God do on the 7th day?

”AND GOD RESTED ON THE SEVENTH DAY FROM ALL HIS WORKS”

– Genesis 2:2b

So what will He do on the 7th day this time?

THERE REMAINS THEREFORE A REST FOR THE PEOPLE OF GOD.

Hebrews 4:9

And so we can also say that:

JUST AS... God rested on the 7th Day the first time,

EVEN SO... there will be a 7th Day Rest for the people of God. Only **THIS** time, the 7th day will last 1,000 years.

Now, will you go back to the timeline on page 80 and fill in the yellow rectangle with a **YELLOW CRAYON**?
(We'll let yellow reflect that **GLORIOUS DAY!**)

Can you see how close we are?

Yes

No

Here is another question
you might want to ask...

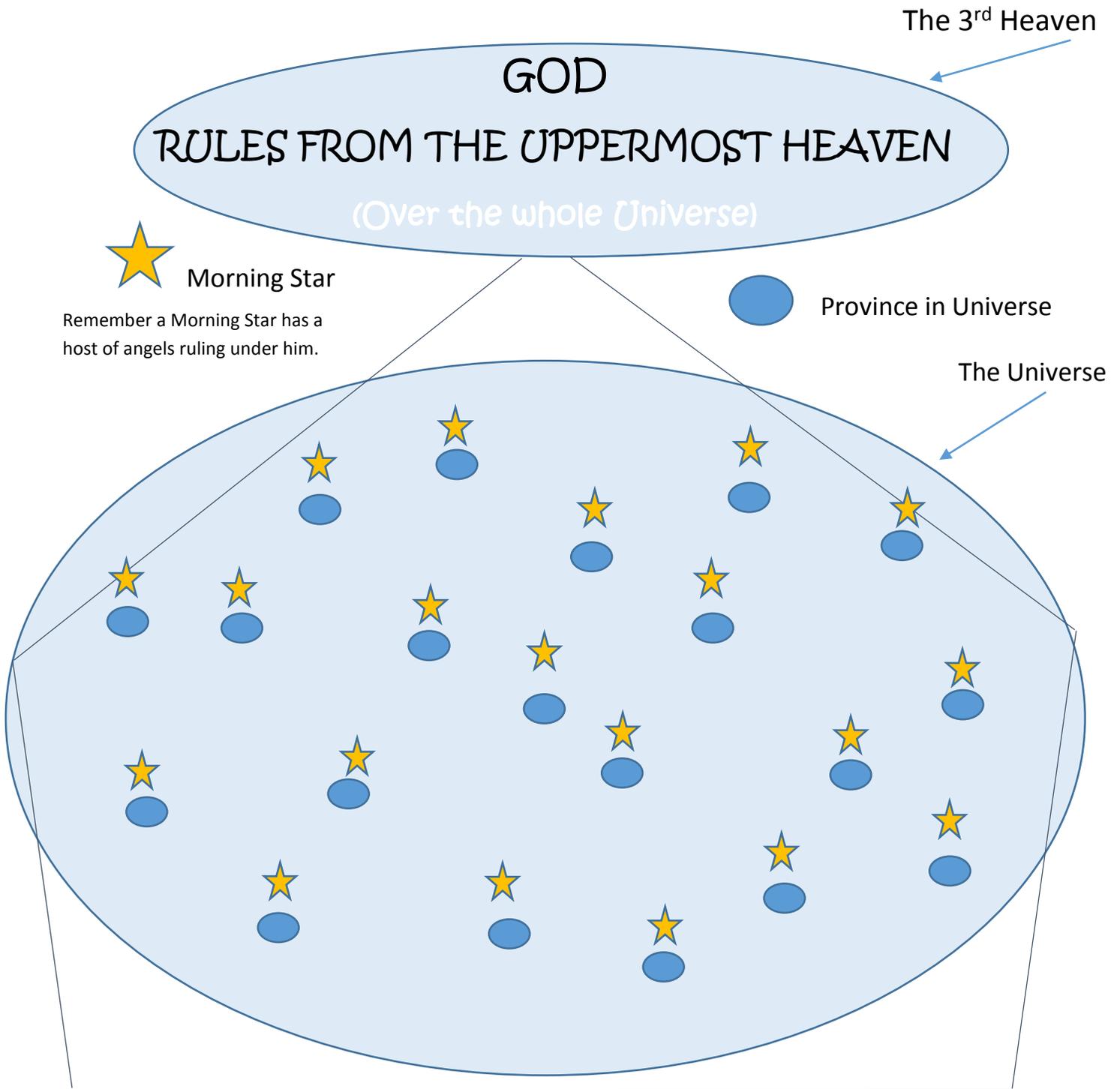


That is a good question! Let's try to DESCRIBE it.

At the time that God created the Universe and all the different provinces throughout it, He also created all the angels. From that time on, Angels have ruled over the different provinces which God had created. From Scripture it appears that each province has its own Morning Star – a head angel – with a host of angels ruling under him.

Evidently, this is just the way God set things up at the very beginning.

So now let's try to PICTURE it:

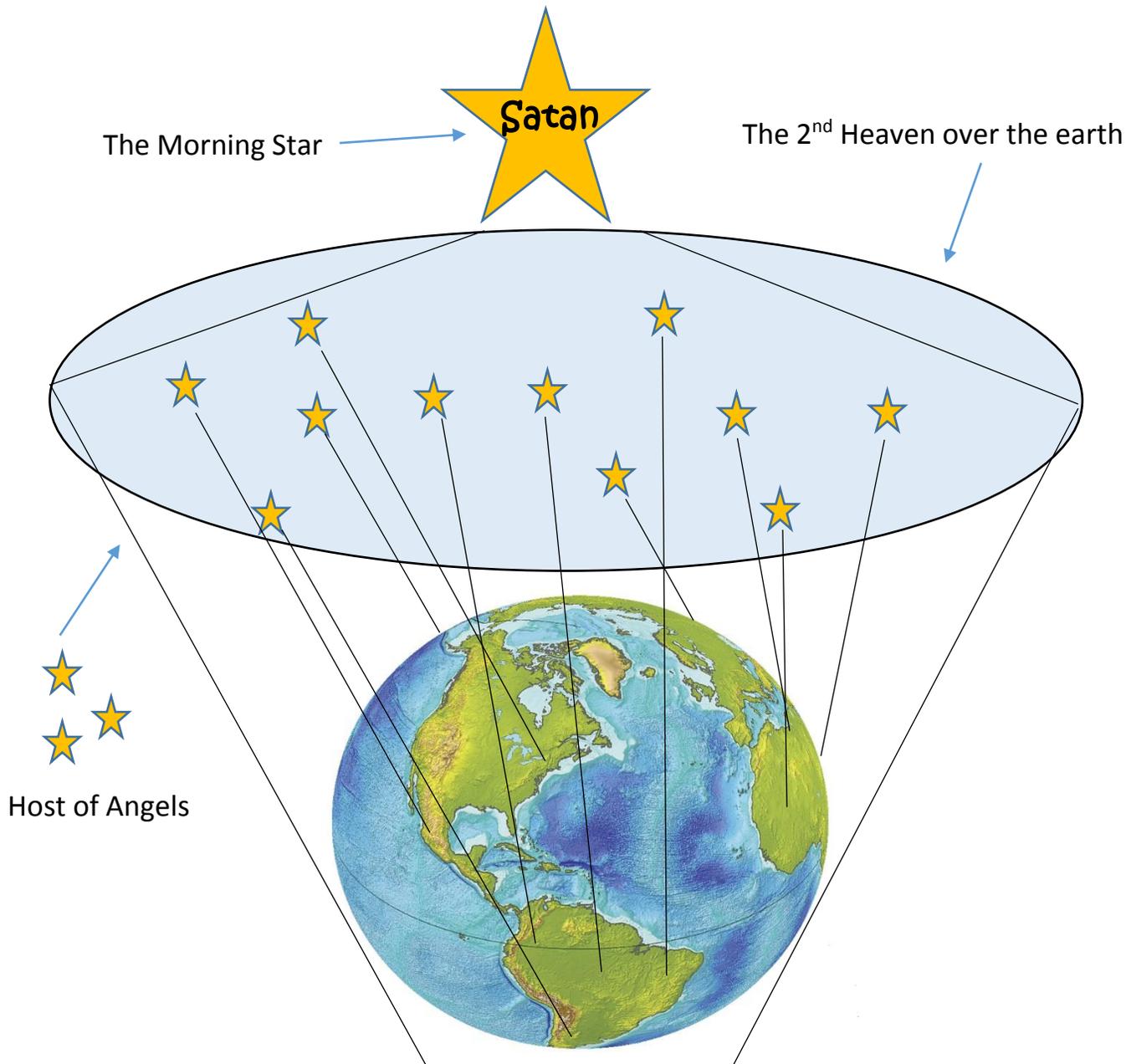


Angels rule from the heavens above their provinces, with God ruling over ALL things from the highest point.

Go back and draw a circle around one of the Morning Stars and his province. Write the name SATAN over that star.

Now let's talk about this province – it is our earth.

Here it is pictured:



Satan rules from the heavens above the earth, with his fallen angels (1/3 of the original host) ruling over various parts of the earth. And right now, man's governments are like puppet-governments under these angels.

But things are about to change...

Go back to the time-line on the second page of this lesson (pg. 80). Do you see where the large arrow points? That's where we are now.

SOON Jesus is going to come back and set up His Kingdom. Then, He will then be the MORNING STAR over the earth. Of course, Jesus is not an angel – He is the ONLY BEGOTTEN SON OF GOD! And He will have the HIGHEST position over the earth, as The King of kings and Lord of lords.

At that time Satan and his angels will be put down from ruling, and a whole new order of rulers will rule over the earth from the heavenly city. Christians who have OBEYED Jesus will make up His WIFE, and they will rule together from the HEAVENS over the earth! And so we see that it is true:

THE HEAVENS DO RULE!

And there will be peace on earth throughout the entire kingdom of men!

Next week, in our final lesson in this study, we will learn about the Heavenly City. See you then!

Scriptures for you to read

At home to prepare for the next lesson

(Have your dad or mom read and discuss these passages with you.)

Parents, this next week we are going to be teaching your child about the heavenly city, the New Jerusalem. Here are some of the verse we will be covering. Please talk to your child a lot about this city during the week.

Hebrews 11:16 But now they desire a better, that is, a heavenly country. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for He has prepared a city for them.

Hebrews 11:10 for he waited for the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God.

Talk to your child about GOD being the designer and maker of this city.

Hebrews 12:22 But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, to an innumerable company of angels,

Revelation 21:2 Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

Revelation 21:10 And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me the great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God...

John 14:2 "In My Father's house are many mansions [dwelling places]; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.

This will be an exciting week, as we will close out this study. Your child will have learned a lot! Thank you so much for your help in the process!

Lesson 1 1

The Heavenly City

In recent weeks we have learned what has been going on in the heavens above the earth for the past 6,000 years. Satan and 1/3 of his host of angels are ruling over the earth from the heavens above.

But Jesus, Our Redeemer, is coming back soon! And His Return will bring about a change on the earth and in the Heavens above the earth. Just before Jesus died on the cross, He said this to His disciples:



"In My Father's house are many mansions [or dwelling places]; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

John 14:2

Jesus said that in His Father's House there are 'many "mansions". This "house" that Jesus is going to prepare refers to the place where Christ and His Wife will live during the Kingdom Age. It will be in the heavens above the earth.

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Think of it like this –



...is a very large building. And a great number of people live in it. This is where the government of the USA is located!

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Well...

The HOUSE that Jesus is preparing will be the place from which rulership in the heavens over the earth will take place during the Coming Age. This HOUSE will have LOTS of "dwelling places" in it. (The word "Mansions" means *dwelling places, or places where people live.*)

We can learn more about this “HOUSE”— this place of rulership in the heavens – from these verses:

Hebrews 11:16 But now they desire a better, that is, a heavenly country. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for He has prepared a city for them.

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“My Father’s House”



“The Heavenly Jerusalem”

REVELATION 21:10 AND HE CARRIED ME AWAY IN THE SPIRIT TO A GREAT AND HIGH MOUNTAIN, AND SHOWED ME THE GREAT CITY, THE HOLY JERUSALEM, DESCENDING OUT OF HEAVEN FROM GOD...

List the things you have learned about “the Father’s House” from these verses?

You’re doing a Great Job!

You have learned so much! TWO things you will want to remember about the Father’s House is:

- 1) It is a City which, at that time, will be located in the heavens above the earth, and
- 2) It’s the place from which rulership comes during the Kingdom Age.

And so once again, we see that



There was one point in the Apostle John's life where the Lord took him up HEAVEN to show him this city. He wrote a very long description of this City in Revelation chapter twenty-one. Let's look at different parts of this long passage and see what we can learn.

Read about it here:

Revelation 21:10

And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me the great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God,



That would be AWESOME!!!

Where was John carried away to?

Where do you think this "great and high mountain" is located? (We looked at it weeks ago in Lesson 2.)

According to this verse, what did John see was happening to this city?

(The word "descending" means it was going downward!)

Let's keep reading...

10 the great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God 11 having the glory of God. Her light was like a most precious stone, like a jasper stone, clear as crystal. 12 Also she had a great and high wall with twelve gates, and twelve angels at the gates...

What surrounds the city?

How many gates are in this wall that surrounds the city?

And what is at each gate?

16...And he measured the city with the reed: twelve thousand furlongs. Its length, breadth, and height are equal. ...



**A “furlong” is a measurement.
12,000 furlongs = 1,500 miles**

So this city is 1,500 miles long, 1,500 mile wide, and 1,500 miles high. If this city sat on the earth, the size of it would look like this.

No one knows if the shape of the city is a cube or a mountain. But it is sometimes called "Mount Zion" in the Bible.



Let's get some more information about this city from our passage in Revelation 21:

21 The twelve gates were twelve pearls: each individual gate was of one pearl. And the street of the city was pure gold, like transparent glass. **22** But I saw no temple in it, for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. **23** The city had no need of the sun or of the moon to shine in it, for the glory of God illuminated it. The Lamb is its light.

What was each gate made of?

What were the streets made of?

Why was there no temple in the city?

What was the source of Light in the city?

The Bible verses that we have looked at in this lesson teach us that Jesus is preparing the city from which Christ and His co-heirs will rule. This city will be in the heavens above the earth, specifically above the earthly city Jerusalem.

This city will be called

THE HEAVENLY JERUSALEM.

John 14:2 "In My Father's house are many mansions [dwelling places]; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.

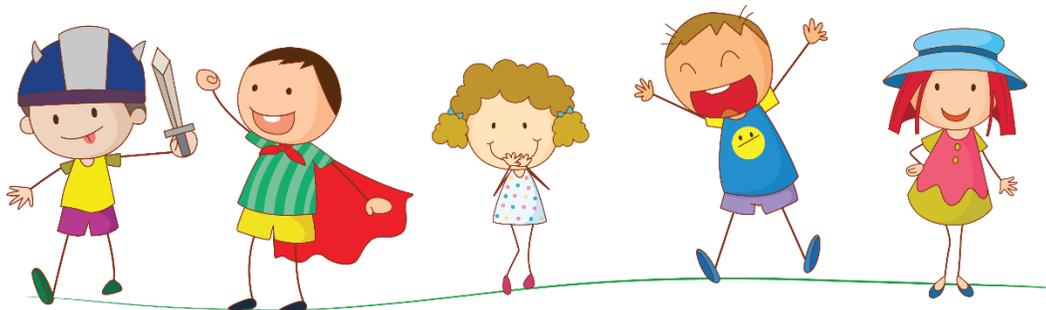
YES!!!! Jesus IS coming again! He is coming to get us, in order that we would be able to LIVE with Him in the Heavenly Jerusalem. But one thing is VERY important to remember!

We must remember that in order to rule with Christ from this heavenly city in His kingdom, we will have to be doing something first. Do you remember what we have to do? Fill in the blank.



" THE LORD "

Hey Kids...



You have done a great Job!
Keep up the good work!!!

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Teacher's Guide

For

...The Heavens
Do Rule

...After that thou shalt have known that the heavens do rule.

Daniel 4:26b (KJV)

God's Hierarchy of
Rulership over the Earth

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Note to the Teachers

We would like to welcome you, and to THANK YOU so much for being willing to teach this study to the Children! Children are such a GIFT from God, and it is so exciting to have the privilege to teach them about the Kingdom of our Lord!

Here are a couple of points that may help you understand how to use this TEACHER'S GUIDE:

- Please give yourself time to go over the lesson, becoming familiar with it PRIOR to the day you will be teaching. There may be some things you will have to understand (or prepare) ahead of class.
- For each lesson in this study, you will mostly need to simply READ the lesson aloud to the class, asking them to follow along in their books. When you come to a question in the reading, make sure you give them time to think through the question and come up with the answer. Discuss the question and answer as needed. There may be some questions to which you will want to write the answer on the board, so they can fill in their sheets as they go.
- There will be some additional points or suggestions made to you as the teacher. You will find these comments and/or suggestions scripted in this type of box, so that you can easily identify that this is a NOTE FOR THE TEACHER. The text in the box will be self-explanatory.

If you have any question or comment please feel free To contact Cindy at: kseeker1@aol.com.

Again, THANK YOU SO MUCH!

Cindy Zeigler



Lesson One

The Heavens Do Rule

... after that thou shall have known that
the heavens do rule. (Dan. 4:26b KJV)

What does it mean to say that “The Heavens do rule”?

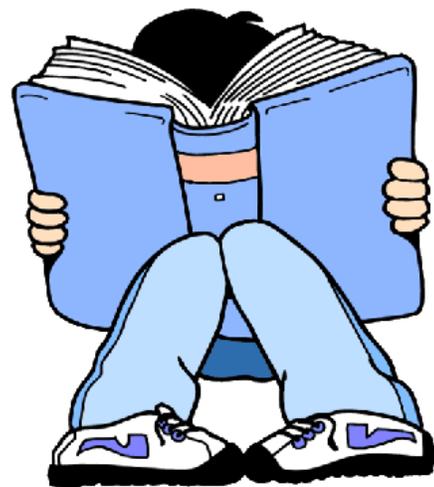
WHO or WHAT rules from the heavens?

HOW did it all begin? And,

WHERE do you think we would have to go in order to
get the answers to these questions?

Don't expect
answers to
these
questions
yet. Just
read them

We would go to the only
place that is 100% true and
accurate – the Bible,
God's Holy Word!



THE BIBLE

The phrase:
“THE HEAVENS DO RULE”
is found in one of the Books of
Prophecy – the Book of Daniel.

Daniel 4:26b ... after that
thou shall have known
that the heavens do rule.
(KJV)

(Do you remember who Daniel was? He was the Prophet from the Old Testament who was saved out of the Lion's Den by the Hand of God.)

Since God spoke through the Prophets so long ago, there is SO much to learn from God's Prophets! But in this study, we will want to focus on the fact that

Ask about and discuss any other events they might remember from this OT Book.

RULERSHIP TAKES PLACE FROM THE HEAVENS!

There is another Prophet who tells us more of what it means that “The Heavens do rule”! The Prophet Isaiah wrote some things what happened when Lucifer rebelled against God. Read it here:

Ask if they know what Lucifer is.

Remind them that he is the angel who became known as Satan. Tell them that they will be learning more about this angel as we study.

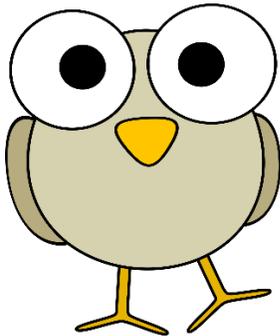
Lucifer said in his heart:
... ‘I will ascend to heaven;
I will raise my throne above the stars of
God, And I will sit on the mount of
assembly In the recesses of the north...’
(Isa. 14:13b NASB)

From this passage we can see that Lucifer wanted to take God's place! He actually wanted to be God.

But this passage also teaches us something else...

This explains WHERE God's Throne is!

God's Throne is on
A Mount of Assembly
Which is in the
Recesses of the North.



?? But,
**WHAT DOES THAT
MEAN?**

It means that God's Throne is on "top of a mountain," and that Mountain is the most Northern (or uppermost) part of the Universe.

It means that there is **NOTHING** Above or beyond God's Throne!!!

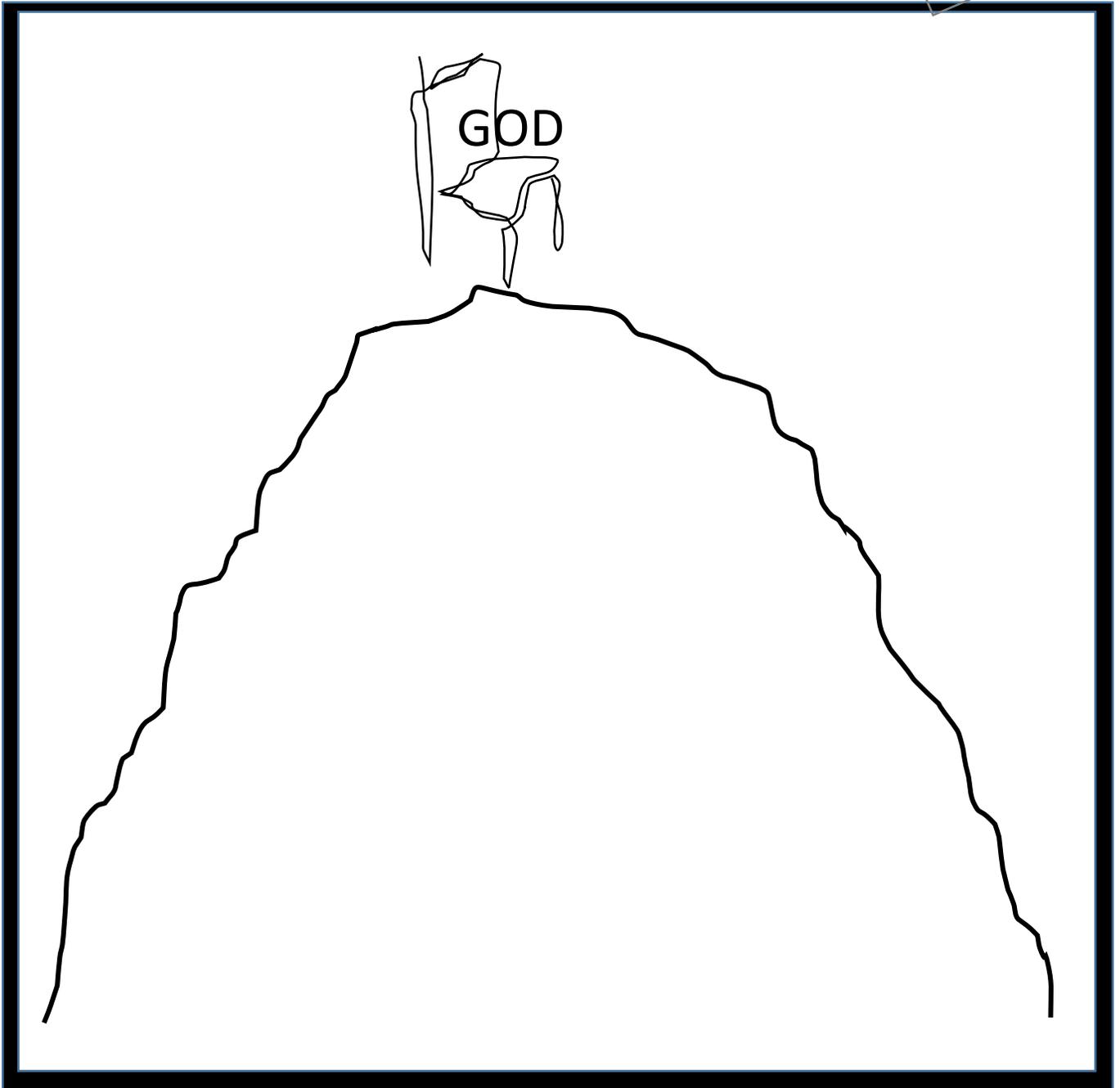
Feel free to ask questions
and let them discuss this a
bit.

Will you draw a mountain and place a THRONE on the
very top of the mountain?

Then write the Name "GOD" on the Throne.

(We'll add more to this picture in a minute.)

Draw this on the
board, so that
they can draw it in
their books.



The Bible gives more information about the location from which God rules! The mountain upon which God sits on His Throne is not only the highest place over all of Creation, but it also is a place where **regular assemblies** take place.

Do you know what an **ASSEMBLY** is?

An assembly is some type of **GATHERING!**

Give them a chance to answer but help if needed.

But **WHO** is gathering on this High Mountain, and **WHY** are they gathering?

The ancient Book of Job gives us hints!

Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan also came among them. And the LORD said To Satan, "From where do you come?" So Satan answered the LORD and said, "From going to and from on the earth, and from walking back and forth on it."

Job 1:6, 7

Psst...
"Sons of God"
are ANGELS



This is part of the picture of one of those **ASSEMBLIES**. From this passage we can see that **Angels** gather to present themselves before the **Lord!**

And then another assembly took place on another day...

Again there was a day when the sons of God [angels] came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan came also among them to present himself before the LORD. And the LORD said to Satan, "From where do you come?" So Satan answered the LORD and said, "From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking back and forth on it."

Job 2:1, 2

So now you tell me... Where do the "sons of God" gather to present themselves before God? (What have we just learned?)

Yes! It would have to be on the MOUNTAIN OF ASSEMBLY – the Mountain upon which God sits on His Throne, which is in the uppermost parts of the North – far above ALL of creation!

From these two passages in the Book of Job, we can learn that on a regular basis God calls the Angels to gather from all over the Universe to assemble (to gather) together before HIM – evidently for the purpose of a giving a report to God about what is going on in their area of the Universe.

But we know that...



And so...The reason for these assemblies would **NOT** be because God does not **KNOW** what is going on in the whole Universe! Do you think He knows?

Of course He knows! This is just the way in which God set things up, because He is an orderly God and this is part of His order!

Now go back to the picture you began to draw of the mountain with the Throne on it, and draw angels gathering all around the mountain. Then choose one of the angels that you drew and write the name "SATAN" under it.

You have just drawn an illustration of part of what it means that "The Heavens do rule"! But there is **MORE** to learn. Next week we will talk a bit more about that **MOUNTAIN!**

Please remind the kids to ask their parents to read the passages for next week's lesson.

Go back to your drawing on the board and show them how to add angels all around the mountain. Then, you choose one and write the name ...

Scriptures for you to read

At home to prepare for the next lesson

(Parents: Read and discuss a passage or two with your children every night. You can even repeat passages throughout the week since repetition is a great way to learn.)

Isaiah 2:2 Now it shall come to pass in the latter days That the mountain of the LORD'S house Shall be established on the top of the mountains, And shall be exalted above the hills; And all nations shall flow to it. **3** Many people shall come and say, "Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD...

(Parents: Remind the children that they have already learned that a Mountain represents a Kingdom. (They learned it in the TYPES and ANTITYPES Study.) Then talk to them a little about what this verse means.

II Corinthians 12:2 I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago – whether in the body I do not know, or whether out of the body I do not know, God knows – such a one was caught up to the third heaven. **3** And I know such a man – whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows – **4** how he was caught up into Paradise and heard inexpressible words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter.

(Discuss this)

Revelation 21:1 Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away...

(Talk about the time-yet-future when this event will take place. It will be after the Millennial, after the 7th Day, when the future eternal ages begin. At that time, the New Heavens and New Earth will be the place where rulership will take place over all of creation. Tell your kids that we will learn a little about this on Sunday and more about this in the last lesson of the study.)

Ephesians 6:12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.

(Discuss the meaning of this passage. Tell the children that the words that are underlined all refer to angelic rulers. Then show them that these angels rule from HEAVENLY places.)

Your children will learn more about these passages next Sunday in Class.

Your preparing them for class is much appreciated!

Lesson Two

God's Holy Mountain

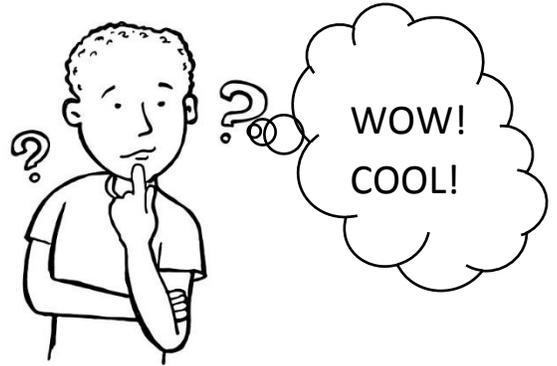
In our first lesson we began to learn what is meant by the phrase THE HEAVENS DO RULE. We learned that God sits on His Throne on the top of “a mountain” which is in the uppermost parts of the North, above everything! This means that there is nothing above or beyond God's Throne! This mountain is called THE MOUNT OF ASSEMBLY.



Do you remember what an ASSEMBLY is? What is it?

Yes, an assembly is a **GATHERING!** Evidently, **ANGELS** are called to assemble around God's Throne on a regular basis.

(Who knows...One of these assemblies might be taking place even right now.)



So...now let's talk about that **MOUNTAIN...**

In the study you did on the **TYPES** and **ANTITYPES**, you learned what a type does. **What does a type do?**

A "type" points to something else. Perhaps you could ask the kids if they remember one of the types they learned from the study they did on types.

So, if a "TYPE is something that points to something else," and Scripture often uses a mountain as a type, then what does a **MOUNTAIN** point to?

Complete this sentence:
A **MOUNTAIN** points to _____.

In Scripture, a mountain often points to a kingdom.

Oh! So now we know that God's Mountain represents
His Kingdom! And so...
God is The King in The Kingdom that is above
ALL other kingdoms,
And...
He rules His Kingdom from the highest heaven!

Feel free to write these two points on the board, and discuss this a bit.

This is one way in which "The HEAVENS do rule."

But notice something here



Is this speaking of ONE heaven or MORE THAN ONE?

How do you know?

Write the word "Heaven" on the board, then add the "S". Then ask these questions

Well...we have seen that God rules from the HIGHEST HEAVEN over all of creation. Did you know that the Scripture refers to this heaven as "the THIRD heaven"? The Apostle Paul spoke of a man being "taken up to the third heaven," who saw visions and revelations of God that even if that man were to explain it to us we wouldn't be able to understand it (II Cor. 12:1, 2).

Familiarize yourself with this passage and be ready to tell them a bit more about it.

THIS is the place from which God rules –
The place called: The Mount of Assembly.

And so, if there is a **THIRD** heaven, then what else must there be?



Let them think about this for a minute; see if anyone will answer the question.
(Then continue reading.)

There must be a **FIRST** and a **SECOND** heaven, right?

The **FIRST** heaven is the one we see when we look up into the sky.



In the daytime we see the sun and clouds and blue sky.

At night we see the moon and the stars.



This heaven is mentioned in Revelation 21:1. It is the **FIRST** heaven that surrounds the earth.



Revelation 21:1 Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away...

We've seen the **FIRST** heaven and the **THIRD** heaven, but what about the **SECOND** heaven? Where and what is that?

And even though the Bible doesn't use the words "SECOND heaven" (like it does "FIRST heaven" and "THIRD heaven") it does **DESCRIBE** the second one.

One of the places where we get hints of the **SECOND** heaven can be found in this verse –

For we do not wrestle against Flesh and blood, but
Against principalities,
against powers,
against the rulers of the darkness of this age,
against spiritual hosts of wickedness
in the heavenly places.

Ephesians 6:12

This passage can teach us a lot, but for now we just want to know that this describes **FALLEN ANGELS**, and tells the location of their rulership!

The words that describe the fallen angels are:

- **PRINCIPALITIES**
- **POWERS**
- **RULERS OF THE DARKNESS OF THIS AGE**
- **SPIRITUAL HOSTS OF WICKEDNESS**

Go back to the passage and underline these words or phrases.

And the location of their rulership is in seen the very last line of the passage. Can you fill in the missing word? They rule from

THE _____ PLACES.

So, do you think the heavenly places from which these fallen angels rule is in the

FIRST
Heaven

SECOND
Heaven

THIRD
Heaven

Circle one

We will learn more about this LOCATION in the weeks to come, but for now we want to understand that

THE HEAVENS DO RULE!

So far, we have seen that God rules from the highest heaven above all of Creation, and Satan and his fallen angels rule from the second heaven above the earth.

But were these angels always bad?



Think about this:

Do you think God would have created **BAD** angels?

Yes No

What makes you think so?

In upcoming weeks we will look into Scripture and see what in heaven happened!

We are going to learn so much more about all of this!
And it will be so exciting to see how God puts it all together at the beginning. Always remember – God is in **CONTROL** of everything!!!

And **ALSO REMEMBER** that...



Don't forget to remind the kids to have their parents read the passages for next week.

See you **NEXT WEEK!**

Scriptures for you to read

At home to prepare for the next lesson

Let your children know that next week they will be learning some things about God. Please be talking to them about:

- how God has ALWAYS existed;
- what God looks like,
- that there was a point in time when God began TIME, and
- that it was the beginning of TIME when God created the heavens and the earth.

Here are some passages to discuss with them throughout the week:

Psalm 104:1a Bless the LORD, O my soul! O LORD my God, You are very great: You are clothed with honor and majesty, 2 Who cover Yourself with light as with a garment...

(Parents: Spend some time discussing with your children how they might picture God. Glimpse through Lesson Three to get an idea of what they will be learning.)

These next passages are grouped together. You can read and discuss a few each day. The point here is that there was a point in eternity past that God began TIME. See underlined part in each passage. Remember, repetition is good!

Genesis 1:1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

Hebrews 1:10 And: "You, LORD, in the beginning laid the foundation of the earth, And the heavens are the work of Your hands.

Ephesians 3:9 and to make all see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the ages has been hidden in God who created all things through Jesus Christ;

Romans 16:25 Now to Him who is able to establish you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery kept secret since the world began...

II Timothy 1:9 who has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was given to us in Christ Jesus before time began,

I Corinthians 2:7 But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, the hidden wisdom which God ordained before the ages for our glory,

(In class we will be looking at what happened AT THE BEGINNING. Preparation will be good for your child!)

If you have not had a chance to look over the first two lessons in this study please do so in preparation for teaching this lesson.

Lesson Three

In the Beginning God...

In the past two lessons we began a journey to understand what it means that “The Heavens Do Rule.” We have learned that this phrase means all rulership takes place from a heavenly realm.

Firstly, God rules from the uppermost heaven – above all things; and secondly, Angels rule under God from the heavenly realms over various created parts of the Universe.

In this lesson we are going to go back again to the very beginning of everything.

Look at the title of this lesson.

IN THE BEGINNING GOD...

Wow! This is really going back to the BEGINNING, isn't it? But WHAT beginning does this phrase refer to? The BEGINNING of WHAT?

It might be a good idea to add any details to this very brief review of the past two lessons. Feel free to do so.

Let's begin by asking this question:
DOES GOD HAVE A BEGINNING?
What do you think?

Well, let's see if we can find the answer to that question from God's Holy Word.

Since God is the One Who **INSPIRED** the Bible, then any description of God would really be God describing Himself, right? **RIGHT!**

So when God says, "In the beginning God..." He tells us something about Himself right there!

In the **ORIGINAL** language of the Bible, the Hebrew word for **GOD** is "ELOHIM". This Hebrew word reveals something very important about God!

It reveals that

God is a TRINITY

It means there are **THREE** Persons in **ONE** God –

Father

Son

Holy Spirit

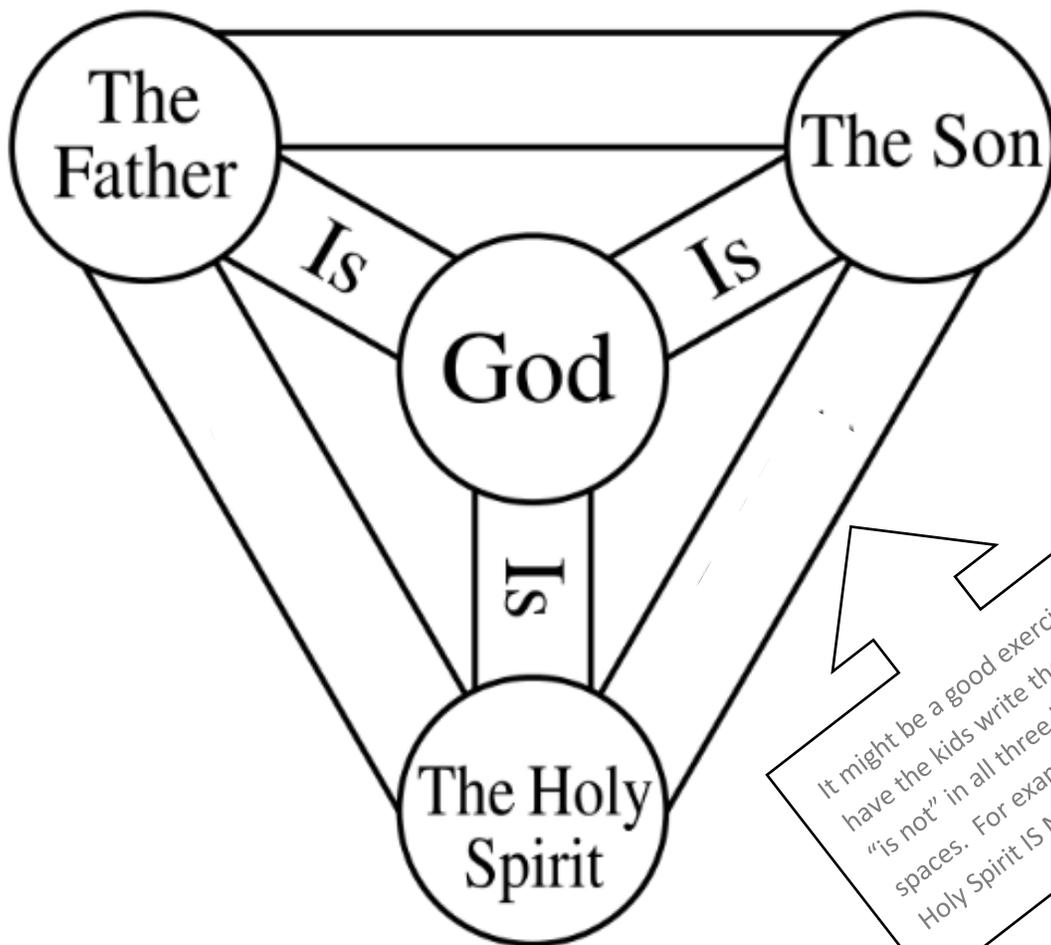
"Inspired" means that God is actually **speaking** to us in His Word. "Inspire" means to "Breath in". We have to "breath in" in order to say something, don't we? God literally **BREATHED** His Word.

What does that mean...



Here is one of the passages that shows the **THREE** parts of God:

“GO THEREFORE AND MAKE DISCIPLES OF ALL THE NATIONS, BAPTIZING THEM IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER AND OF THE SON AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT...
(MATTHEW 28:19)



It might be a good exercise to have the kids write the words "is not" in all three blank spaces. For example: The Holy Spirit IS NOT The Son.

There is a **LOT MORE** that we can learn about God, but for now, let's discover one more thing! In another Psalm, God describes what He **LOOKS** like!
(Did you know that?)

The Psalm says this of God:

...YOU ARE VERY GREAT:
YOU ARE CLOTHED WITH
SPLENDOR AND MAJESTY,
COVERING YOURSELF WITH LIGHT
AS WITH A GARMENT...
(Ps. 104:1b, 2a)



So...

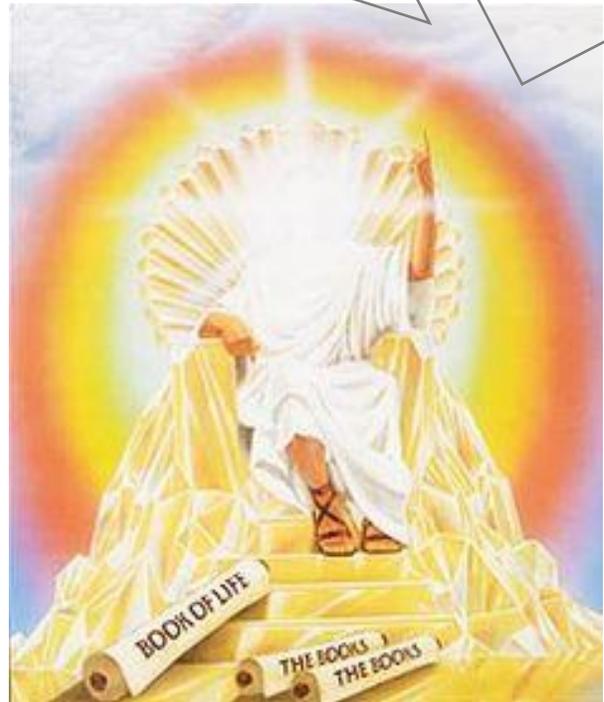


God covers Himself
with **LIGHT**...

Try to engage children in a discussion about the way God describes Himself. Emphasize the idea that this is HIS description of Himself.

And clothes Himself with
SPLENDOR and
MAJESTY!

This description – in itself –
reveals that God is the
Supreme Ruler!



Now that we've learned more about God, let's go back to our opening phrase and see what else we can learn.

"In the beginning..." First, what BEGINNING does the phrase refer to? The beginning of what?

And second, did God exist BEFORE the beginning?

There are a few places in Scripture that might show us WHAT began at the beginning...

The phrase:

Is used in:

"...from the beginning of the ages"

Ephesians 3:9

"...since the world began"

Romans 16:25

"...before time began"

II Timothy 1:9

According to these phrases, what began at the beginning? (CIRCLE the answer in each phrase.)

And then, did anything or any One exist BEFORE the beginning of the ages? ...Before the world began? ...Before time began?

Here is one Scriptural phrase that gives us a hint:

The phrase:

Is used in:

"which God ordained
before the ages"

I Corinthians 2:7

Do you think anything or any One existed BEFORE time began? If so, Who? And why do you think so?

Simply discuss these concepts. Let the kids ask and/or answer questions.

Of course! GOD existed before time began! In fact, He is the One Who began time and created everything!

And: "You, LORD, in the beginning laid the foundation of the earth, And the heavens are the work of Your hands." – Hebrews 1:10

God has ALWAYS existed.

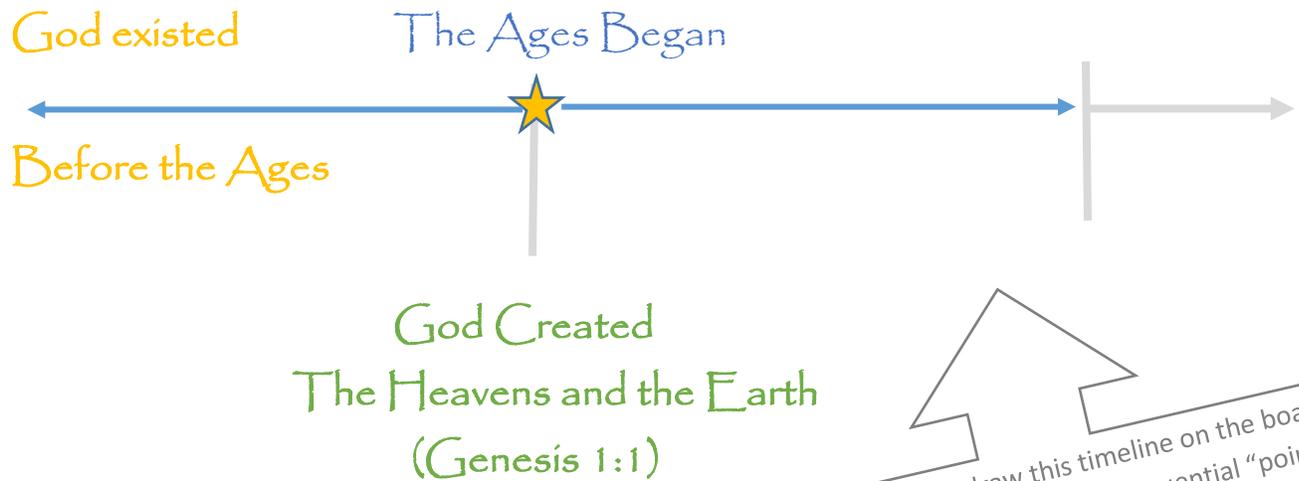
And...

God began the AGES *when* He created
The heavens and the earth.
He is THE MOST HIGH GOD.

So now let's review what we have just learned:

- The phrase "In the beginning..." means that there was a point when "the ages began."
- It was at THAT time that the heavens and the earth were created.
- The One who created the heavens and the earth is The Lord GOD, the Most High, And,
- God has ALWAYS existed!

Let's look at it on a time line.



You might want to draw this timeline on the board in front of the class, adding the sequential "points in time" as you discuss them. This is a good visual for the kids, and the repetition of the timeline concept is good for their understanding. We will be adding more and more information to this timeline in weeks to come.

We'll learn more about what happened **AFTER** the ages began in upcoming lessons.



You are doing a great job! Keep it up!!! During this week, be sure to look at the passages on the next page with one of your parents.

See you next week. (Don't forget to ask your parents read the Scriptures on the next page to you.)

Scriptures for you to read

At home to prepare for the next lesson

(Parents, throughout this week, simply read and discuss a few of these passages with your child/children each day. Thanks for preparing them for next week's study.)

Genesis 1:1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

Psalm 8:3 When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, The moon and the stars, which You have ordained,

Psalm 89:11 The heavens are Yours, the earth also is Yours; The world and all its fullness, You have founded them. 12a The north and the south, You have created them...

Psalm 102:25 Of old You laid the foundation of the earth, And the heavens are the work of Your hands.

Psalm 146:6 Who made heaven and earth, The sea, and all that is in them; Who keeps truth forever,

Jeremiah 10:12 He has made the earth by His power, He has established the world by His wisdom, And has stretched out the heavens at His discretion.

John 1:3 All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.

Acts 17:24 "God, who made the world and everything in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands.

Colossians 1:16 For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him.

Hebrews 1:10 And: "You, LORD, in the beginning laid the foundation of the earth, And the heavens are the work of Your hands.

Revelation 4:11 "You are worthy, O Lord, To receive glory and honor and power; For You created all things, And by Your will they exist and were created."

Revelation 10:6 and swore by Him who lives forever and ever, who created heaven and the things that are in it, the earth and the things that are in it, and the sea and the things that are in it...

In preparation for this class,
please review last week's
lesson. Also, FYI, each child will
need a pencil today.

Lesson Four

...God Created the Heavens and the Earth

In our last lesson we learned about the Beginning, didn't we? We learned that "The Beginning" was when God

- Began the Ages, and
- Created the heavens and the earth.

We also learned some things about God. We saw that:

- God has always existed, and
- He covers Himself with **LIGHT (GLORY)** and clothes Himself in **SPLENDOR AND MAJESTY**.
- He is **THE MOST HIGH GOD**.

This is what God says about Himself:

For I am God, and there is no other;
I am God, and there is none like Me...

Isaiah 46:9b

There is not another God --- there is only **ONE GOD**. He is the One true God; the Most High God.



That's good to know! We'll need to remember this!

In this lesson we are going to learn about the heavens and the earth, remembering that the main focus of our study is to understand about God's system of rulership under Him. So let's look at it!

Make sure the kids understand that this is the focus of this study.

"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth."
All that God created in the beginning is often called
THE UNIVERSE.

But Scripture specifically mentions the earth. And there is a reason for that!

It's easy to understand what the earth is! It is the very planet we live on.



The earth consists of air, water and dirt; and plants, bushes and trees.

We can SEE the earth. We can FEEL it, Touch it, SMELL it, and STAND ON IT.

And...after the lesson this morning,
YOU CAN COLOR IT!!!

But what about the heavens? Have you ever wondered exactly what the heavens consist of?

We've already learned that:

- God sits on His Throne on the Mount of Assembly in the THIRD HEAVEN
- The Angels rule over the earth from the SECOND HEAVEN above the earth
- We can see the FIRST HEAVEN when we look up into the sky.

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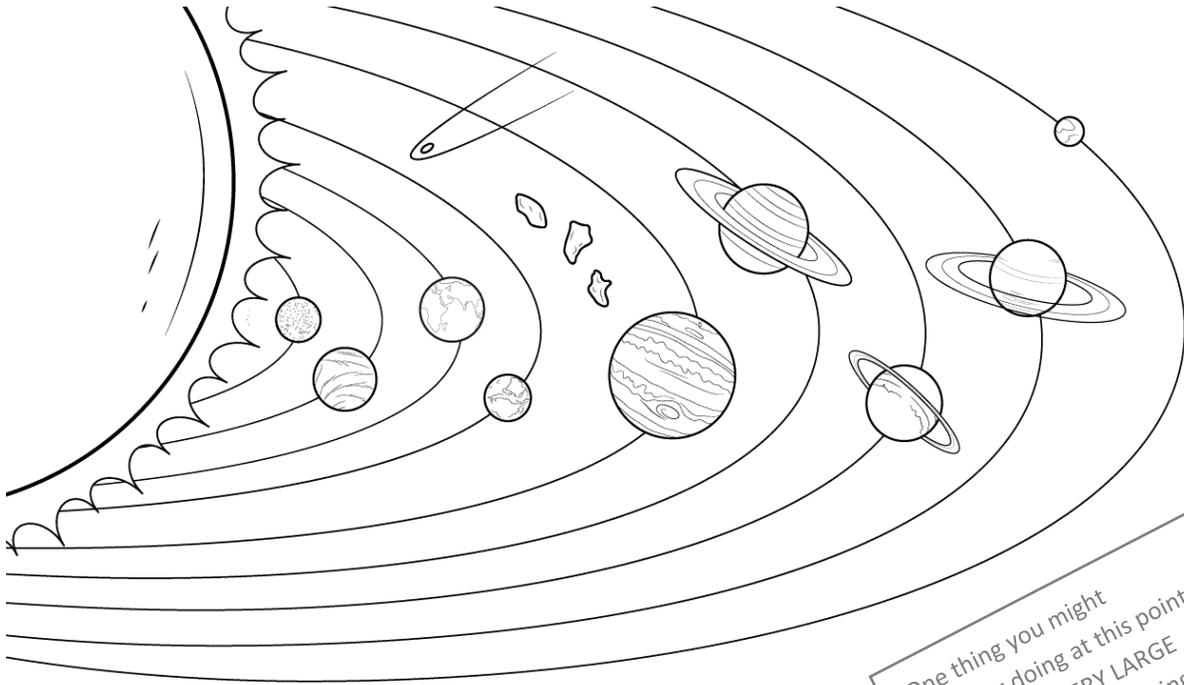
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The FIRST and SECOND heavens directly have to do with our earth, all of which are only a SMALL part of what God created in the beginning.

There are SO MANY more parts of the Universe that God created. We just can't see them, but they do exist! In fact...

The Universe is so
L A R G E
we can't even imagine it!

A very small portion of the Universe is our
SOLAR SYSTEM.
And our earth is part of that system.
Here is a drawing...



This is the **FIRST HEAVEN** that
surrounds the earth.

Can you point to the sun in this drawing?

Can you find where the earth is?
(Hint: It's the third planet from the sun.)

One thing you might consider doing at this point is to draw a **VERY LARGE** oval on the board (using the **WHOLE** board to make the oval) and then draw a very small spec at one place within the oval. Tell the kids that this is the perspective of our solar system within the Universe. And yet, with all that God created in the Universe (Hundreds of trillions of galaxies), God brings attention to our earth!

Just for fun... You can easily remember the order of the planets from the sun outward by remembering this sentence:

My Very Educated Mother Just Served Us Noodles,
(Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn Uranus, and Neptune.)

See how smart you are!

In the daytime, we can see the SUN. And in the nighttime, we can see the moon and the stars. But have you ever been able to see the other planets?

Yes

No

Just because you can't see them with the 'naked eye' doesn't mean they don't exist, right?

We've read "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth"
Now let's read WHAT He created IN the heavens and ON the earth.

COLOSSIANS 1:16

For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him.

God created ALL things, but this passage tells us about some SPECIFIC things.

What are the things God created IN the heavens and ON the earth?
(Hint: the words are underlined.)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Have the kids fill the answers in their books while you write the answers on the board.

Things that we can SEE are called “visible” things; and things that we cannot see are called “invisible” things. But even if we cannot see them, does that mean they do not exist?

Yes

No

Can we see thrones and rulers on earth?

Yes

No

Can you name some earthly rulers?



Help them come up with some names.

Can we see thrones and rulers in the heavens?

Yes

No

Can you name any heavenly rulers?

Can you guess which would be the more powerful – earthly or heavenly rulers? And why do you think so?

Now we are going to draw a picture of how we might imagine the three heavens and the earth. Let's do it together! (For now, just use a pencil. You can color it in later.) First, let's draw the earth at the very bottom of the page. Then draw the first heaven around the earth. Then draw a place for the second heaven with angels in it. Then at the very top of the page, draw the Mount of Assembly with God sitting on the very top!



You may want to draw your own picture of this on the board as an example of what they might do, but DO ENCOURAGE them to think these things through for themselves as they make their own drawing. As time permits, let them color what they draw.

Remind them to have their parents read the Scriptures to them for next week's class.

This is a picture of HOW God set things up!
You are doing a GREAT job!
Keep up the GOOD work!

Scriptures for you to read

At home to prepare for the next lesson

(Parents: Read and discuss a passage or two with your children every night. You can even repeat passages throughout the week since repetition is a great way to learn.)

Ezekiel 28:12 "Son of man, take up a lamentation for the king of Tyre, and say to him, 'Thus says the Lord GOD: "**You were the seal of perfection, Full of wisdom and perfect in beauty. 13 You were in Eden, the garden of God; Every precious stone was your covering: The sardius, topaz, and diamond, Beryl, onyx, and jasper, Sapphire, turquoise, and emerald with gold. The workmanship of your timbrels and pipes Was prepared for you on the day you were created. 14 You were the anointed cherub who covers; I established you; You were on the holy mountain of God; You walked back and forth in the midst of fiery stones. 15 You were perfect in your ways from the day you were created, Till iniquity was found in you.**

(Parents: The bold part of this passage speaks about Lucifer's creation. Spend a little time talking through this passage with them. Have them describe to you what they think this angel looked like when first created. Make sure their description is based upon this passage, only in their own words.)

Isaiah 14:13 For you have said in your heart: 'I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will also sit on the mount of the congregation On the farthest sides of the north; 14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will be like the Most High.'

(Parents: This passage reveals HOW Lucifer fell. He rebelled against God. Have your child/children describe to you what Lucifer did in his rebellion. Make sure their description is based upon this passage, only in their own words.)

Genesis 1:2 The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep.

(This passage shows us how Lucifer's rebellion affected the earth and the heavens that surround the earth. Remind them that God created the earth perfectly, but it became corrupted after Lucifer rebelled. Have them describe what the earth must have looked like now.)

Parents: You can repeat these passages throughout the week.

Lesson Five

First Created Rulers over the Earth

Please review last week's lesson in preparation for teaching this week. (Each child will need a pencil.) Also, you may want to have two things drawn on the board BEFORE class begins: at least half of the chart on page 40, AND the basic part of the timeline on page 43. Just look ahead and make the preparations needed. Then you will fill in the information during class.

In last week's lesson we learned that there is only **ONE** true and Living God. He is **THE MOST HIGH GOD**. There is none other!

We learned that God existed **BEFORE** time began, and He is the One Who created all things.

God created the heavens and the earth; He created thrones, dominions, principalities and powers. (That means He created rulers and authorities, and places for this rulership.) Some are **visible** (we can see them), and some are **invisible** (we cannot see them). There are **invisible** angelic rulers; we just can't see them! But just because something is **invisible** doesn't mean it doesn't exist. Right?

Spend a few minutes reviewing this from last week's lesson (pg. 35).

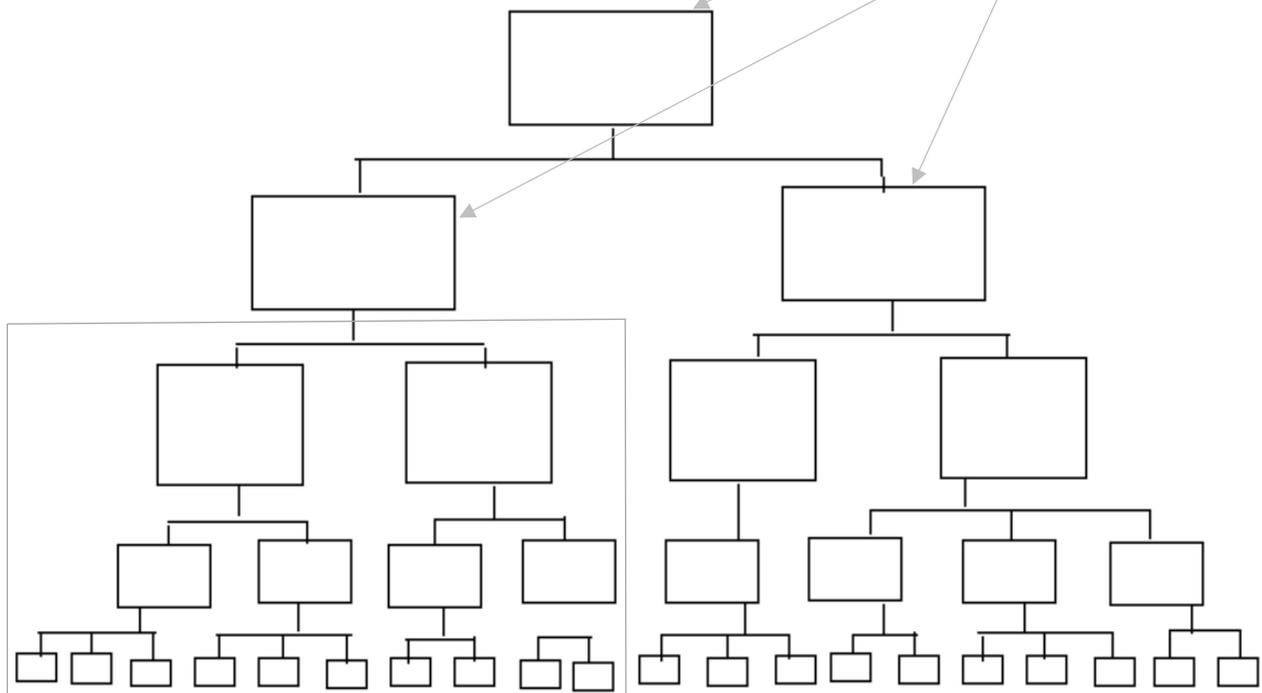


This week we are going to learn more about these angels. This is a **KEY** which will help unlock more understanding of how **THE HEAVENS DO RULE**.

Are you ready? **Let's GO...**

In the beginning – when God began the ages – He created angels to rule over all the various parts of the Universe. And the highest, most powerful angels over each part of the universe are called “Morning Stars.” Each Morning Star is like a CAPTAIN over a large group of angels under him called a HOST – a host of angels. Then, within this host are various positions of power and rulership, all set up by God at the beginning. Let’s look at a chart that might help us understand how God set up His system of rulership.

- In the box at the top, write in the Name “GOD.”
- In the next 2 boxes write “Morning Star” in each.
(Or you can just put the abbreviation MS instead.)



- Now notice the SQUARE around all the boxes under the first MORNING STAR, write the words HOST OF ANGELS on the line under it. Then, will you draw another box just like it under the second MORNING STAR and write the words HOST OF ANGELS again?

Fill in the blanks on the board during class. In the boxes under the Morning Star, you can just write "Angel" in each.

This is an illustration of how God set up various positions of rulership over the different parts in the Universe. And the earth was no different. Our earth had a MORNING STAR as the top ruler, too.

The Bible even tells us the name of this ruler. It was...

Lucifer

God created Lucifer as the morning star over the earth – the highest angel over the host of angels who were specifically created to rule over the earth.

Finish this sentence:

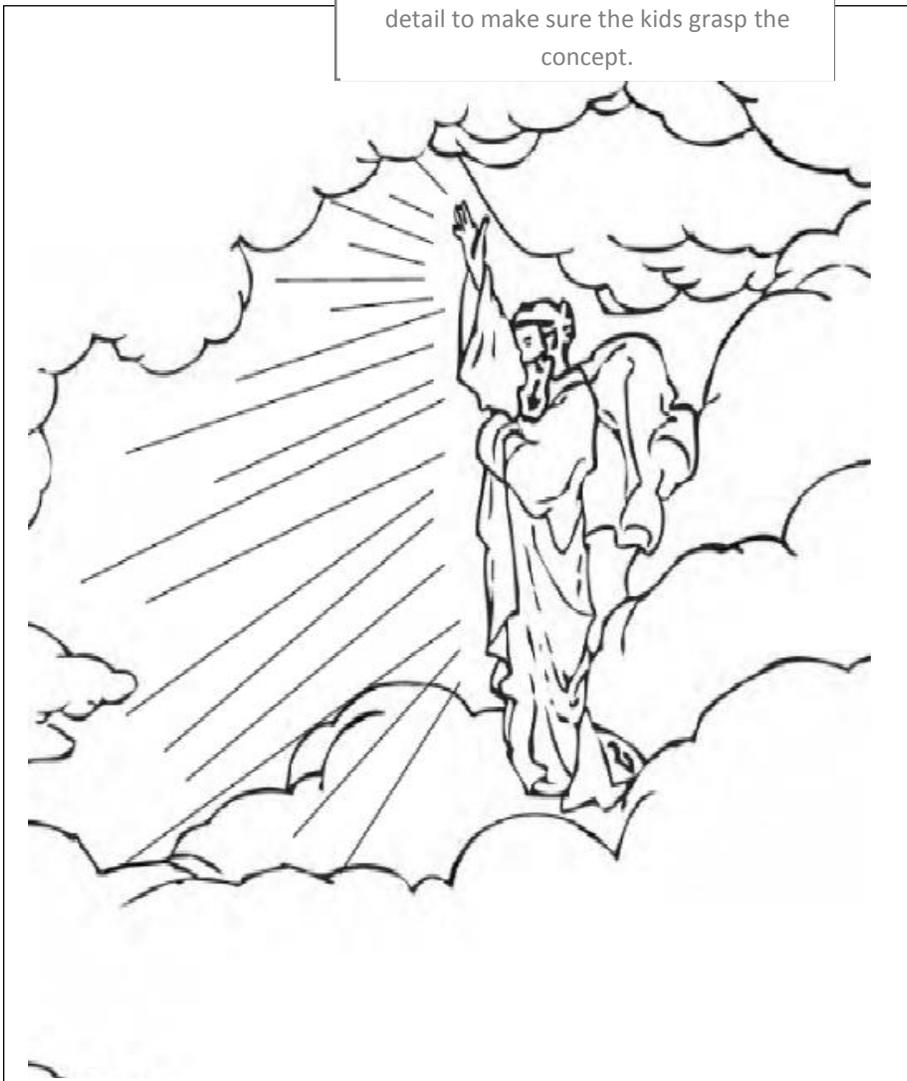
"Morning Star"

Lucifer was the M _____

S _____ over the earth.

And so we see that 'The heavens do rule.' God rules over all of creation from the uppermost parts of the North; and Lucifer and his angels rule from the heavens above the earth. And thousands (perhaps thousands upon thousands) of Morning Stars – along with their hosts – rule in the other provinces throughout the Created Universe. That seems to be the order in which God set things up!

You may need to teach this in a bit more detail to make sure the kids grasp the concept.

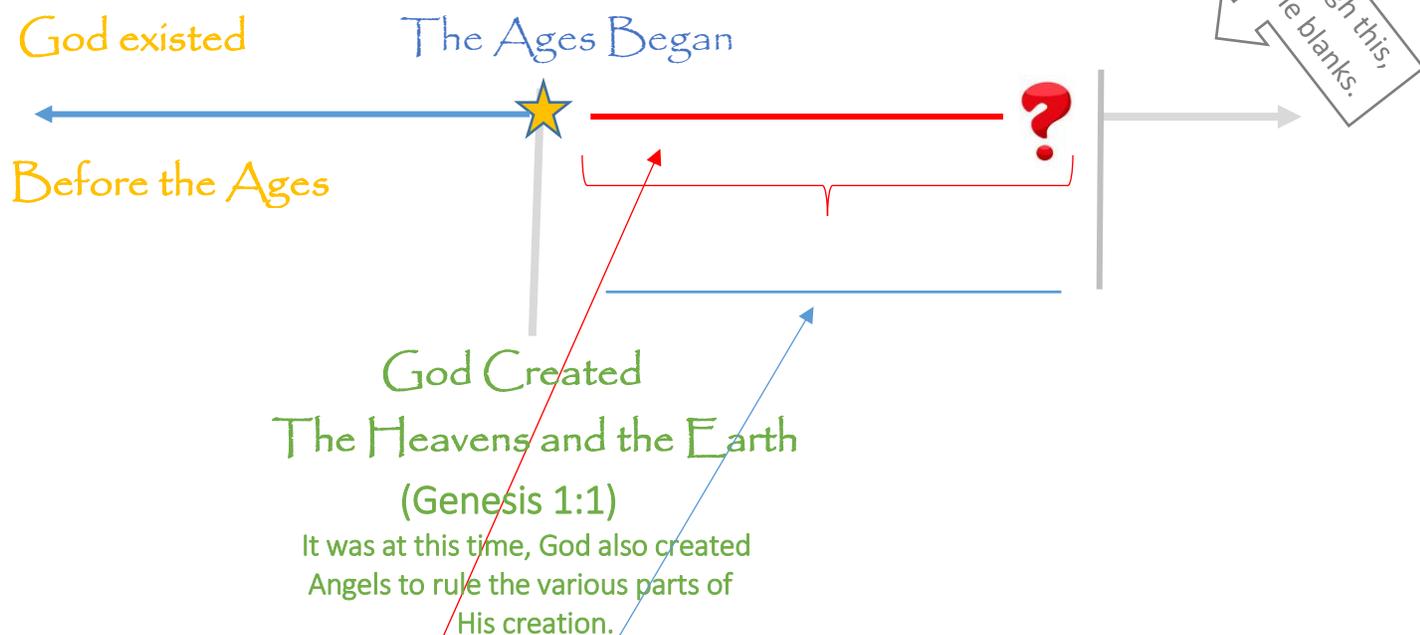


We don't know how long things continued as God had originally created everything...

...but something happened that changed things!

At some point after time began –
Lucifer rebelled against God.

Let's look again at our timeline of when The AGES began and add some more information.



Now look at the **RED** line. It was somewhere in here on our timeline that Lucifer rebelled.

So on the **BLUE** line, write the words:
"Lucifer Rebelled."

And because Lucifer was the Morning Star over the earth, his rebellion brought about some major changes to the earth and the heaven that surround the earth (the **FIRST** heaven). Here is the way the Bible describes what happened to the earth after Lucifer rebelled:

Genesis 1:2 The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

Help them with this as needed.

Let's read how God describes Lucifer's creation, and what happened. 

So what was Lucifer like? Can you write some of the descriptive words? (Hint: Look for blue words.)

Where was he? (Hint: Green words.)

What was he? (Hint: Purple words)

Then Lucifer did something that changed things. What happened? What did he do? (Hint: Red words.)

"You were the seal of perfection, Full of wisdom and perfect in beauty.

You were in Eden, the garden of God; ... on the day you were created.

You were the anointed cherub who covers;

I established you;

You were on the holy mountain of God; You walked back and forth in the midst of fiery stones.

You were perfect in your ways from the day you were created,

Till iniquity was found in you. By the

abundance of your trading You became

filled with violence within, And you

sinned...

Ezekiel 28:12-16

And so we see that Lucifer was 'perfect in all his ways from the day he was created until iniquity was found in [him].' Another way to say it is that Lucifer was created perfectly in every way until he **SINNED**. (Sin and iniquity are the same thing.) And THAT changed EVERYTHING!

Here is how Lucifer sinned – He said in his heart:

...I WILL ASCEND TO HEAVEN;
I WILL RAISE MY THRONE ABOVE THE STARS OF GOD,

'AND I WILL SIT ON THE MOUNT OF ASSEMBLY
IN THE RECESSES OF THE NORTH.

'I WILL ASCEND ABOVE THE HEIGHTS OF THE CLOUDS;
I WILL MAKE MYSELF LIKE THE MOST HIGH.'

Isaiah 14:13, 14 NASB

He is referring to the THIRD heaven where God sits on His Throne.

He is referring to the other Morning Stars!

What do you think Lucifer meant by all of this?

Lucifer wanted to be like God, didn't he? In fact, He wanted to BE God. But we already know that there is ONLY ONE GOD and there is NO ONE like HIM. Right?

Next week we will look into what happened as a result of Lucifer's rebellion. See you then!

And don't forget to have your dad or mom read the passages on the next page this week.

Scriptures for you to read

At home to prepare for the next lesson

(Have your dad or mom read and discuss these passages with you.)

Genesis 1:2a The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep...

(This was taught in some detail this past week. Just review it with your children, asking them questions and letting them answer.)

Genesis 1:2b And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

(This begins to describe God's restoration of the "messed-up earth". Talk to your children about how God had to be the One to restore, as no one else could have done it. He was the One Who created it, and He would have to be the one to restore it. As you know, these things are so foundational.)

(Parents, spend a couple of evenings talking about the SIX days in Genesis 1:3-31. Read/Tell what happened on each day. It should be familiar to them, and fun to review. Again, we will talk more about these things this coming week.)

And then AFTER the six days, we see that God rested from all His Work.

Genesis 2:1 Thus the heavens and the earth, and all the host of them, were finished. 2 And on the seventh day God ended His work which He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had done. 3 Then God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because in it He rested from all His work which God had created and made.

(Ask your children if they think God RESTED because He was tired or for another reason. And if for another reason, ask them what the reason was. Then explain to them that God was laying the foundation through this 7th day of rest in Genesis 2 in order to let us know that we will have the same type of rest on our 7th day...our 7th thousandth year day.)

Lesson Six

And the Earth Became without Form and Void

- Briefly review last week's lesson in preparation to teach this week's lesson.
- Each student will need their whole box of crayons for this lesson.
- Before class, draw the basis of the timeline from page 50 on the board.
- Be sure to bring a bible so that you can read most of Gen. 1 during the coloring time on the last two pages.

In last week's lesson we learned that at the time God created the heavens and the earth, He also created all the angels to **RULE** over the various parts of the Universe. We learned that Lucifer had been created as the Morning Star over the earth, and a whole host of angels had been created to rule under him.

But Lucifer was not satisfied with just ruling over the earth! He wanted to rule over the **WHOLE** Universe. In fact, he wanted to sit where God sits – enthroned upon the Mount of Assembly.

Well...

**THAT'S NOT
GONNA HAPPEN!!**

So what DID happen?

That's what we will study this week – What happened as a result of Lucifer's Rebellion.

And of course, the Bible tells us EXACTLY what happened as a result of Lucifer's rebellion against God!

The place over which Lucifer ruled fell into horrible ruin!
Read it here →

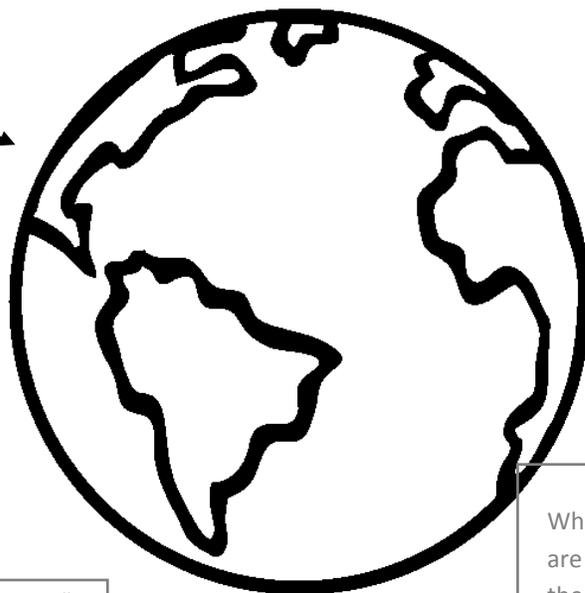
The earth was
[“became”] without
form, and void; and
darkness was on the
face of the deep....
Genesis 1:2a

What would that LOOK like? What does “without form and void” mean? Let's see if we can “picture” this.

Here is a picture of the perfectly created earth. →

Color it green and blue.

Now take a BLUE crayon and scribble out the whole earth. (Make it solid!)



While they are coloring blue, tell them that the words “face of the deep” means **raging waters** covered the entire earth. (FYI cf. II Peter. 3:5-6)

After you do that, take a BLACK crayon and scribble over the BLUE crayon.

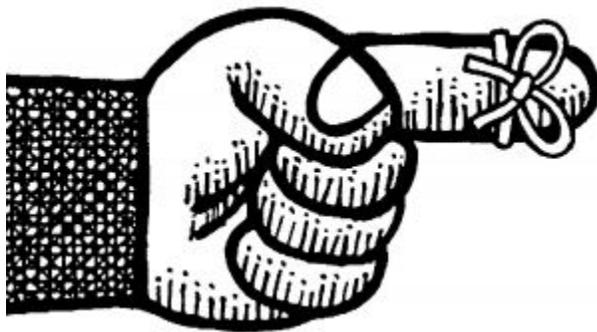
It's a mess, isn't it? That's what “without form and void” looks like!

While they are using the black crayon, tell them that the black represents the darkness that God used to cover over the raging waters.

What you have now is darkness over raging waters – the very meaning of the passage we just read in Genesis 1:2a!

Reread the passage on the previous page.

The words – WITHOUT FORM and VOID – mean that the earth became a WASTE PLACE. Nothing existed on the earth. It was absolute chaos. Raging waters covered the earth, and darkness covered the waters.



(But don't forget – that is NOT the way God created the earth! It became that way due to Lucifer's rebellion.)

And we have no way of knowing just how LONG the earth lay in such ruins. (If God wanted us to know, He would have told us in His Word, wouldn't He? So we will just have to leave it at that!)

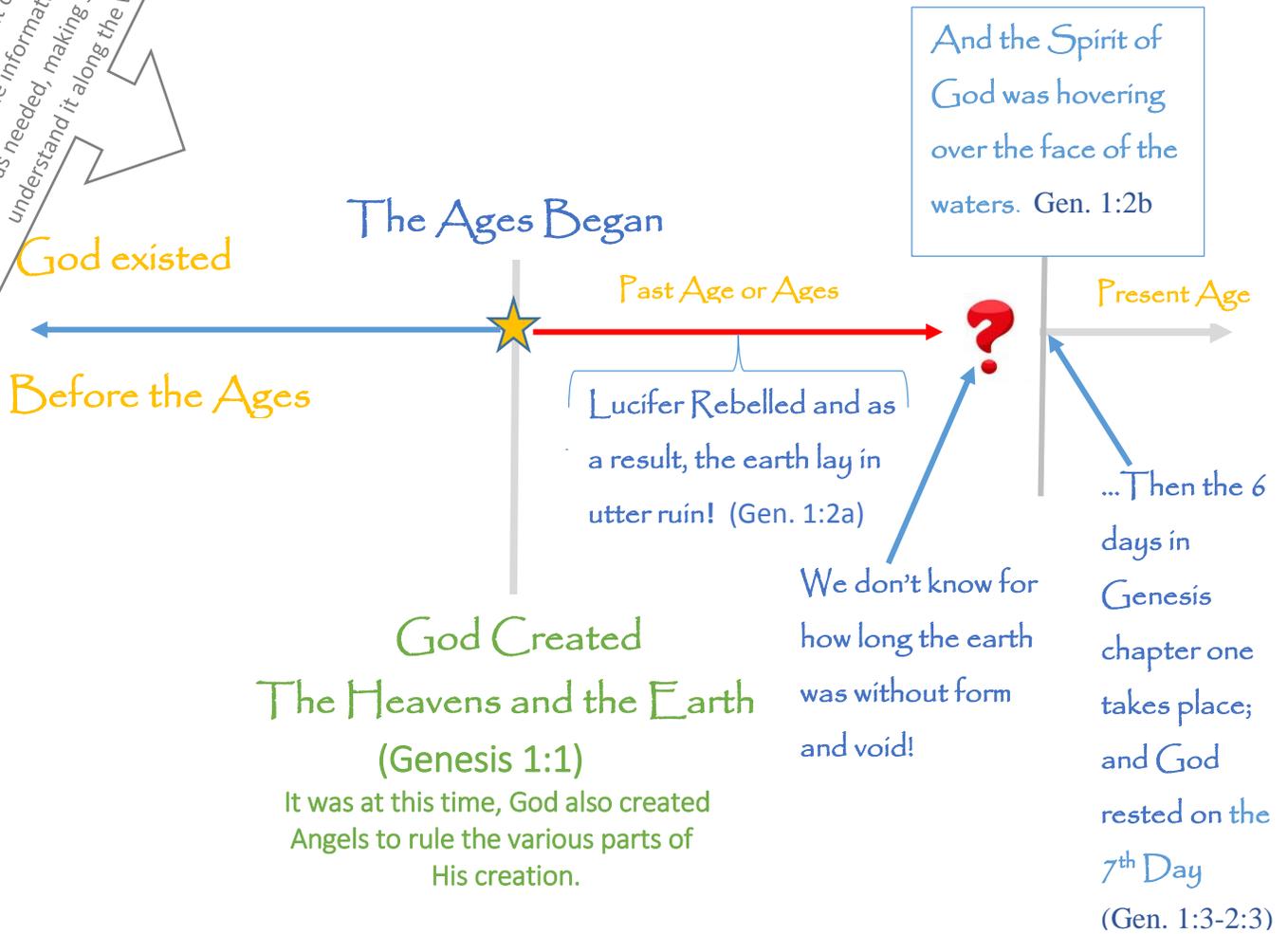
And so... AS YOU ALREADY KNOW, God restored the earth in 6 days and rested on the 7th day.

Discuss as desired

This is the REASON for the need of a restoration. And although the earth lay in ruins for some period of time, God had a plan to bring the ruined earth back to a perfect state, and create man to rule in Lucifer's place. (More on that in upcoming lessons...)

But for now...Let's look at our timeline again, adding this new information.

Teach through this timeline. (Kids have already seen parts of it on pgs. 27 and 43.) Fill in the information on the board as needed, making sure they understand it along the way.

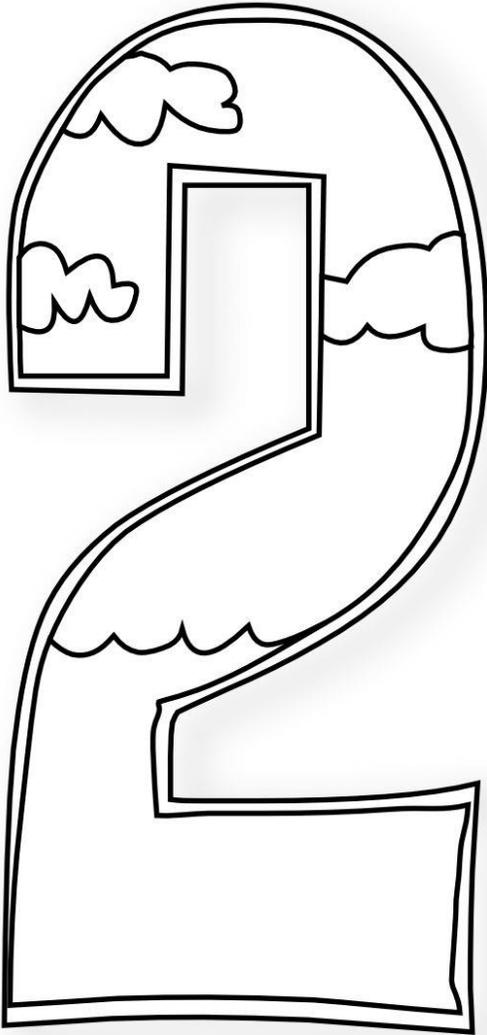
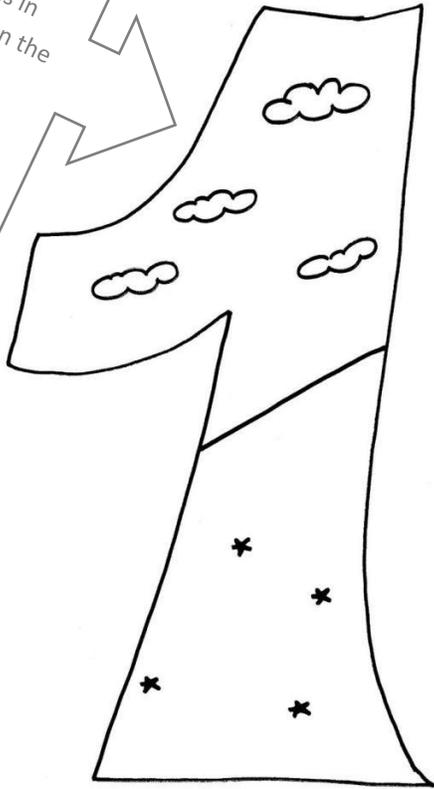


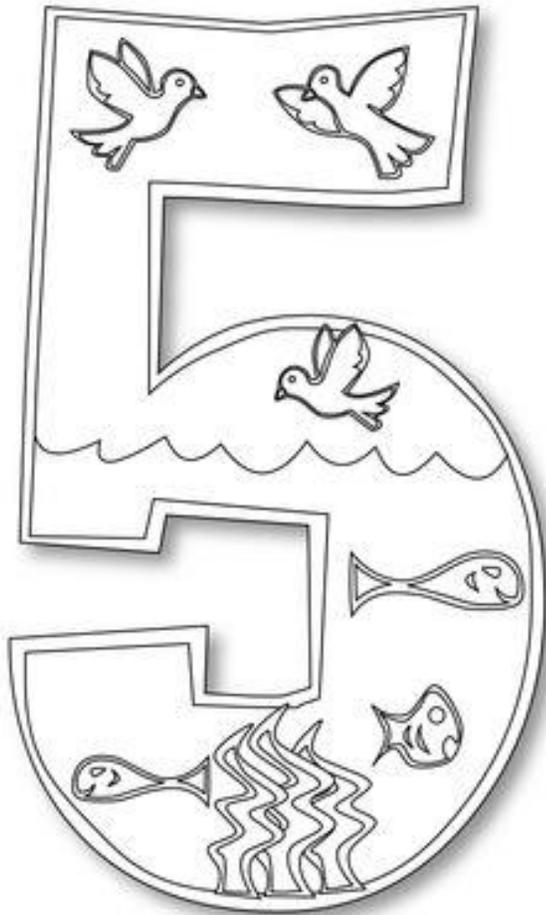
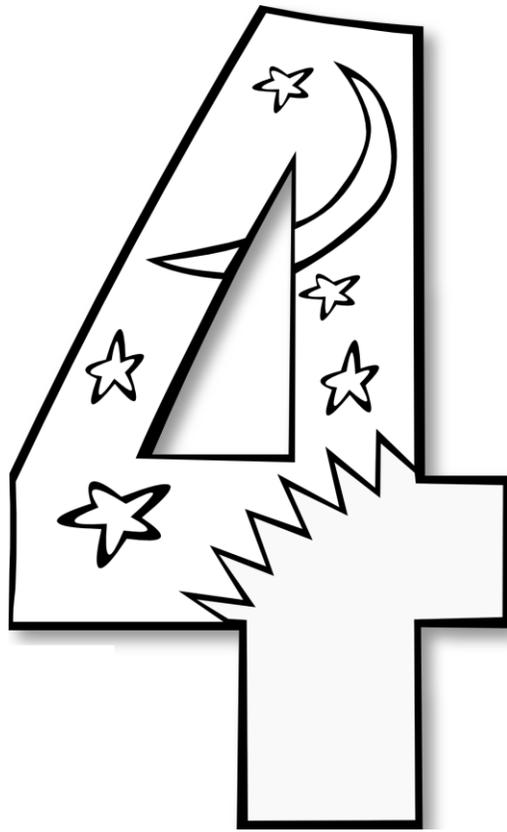
(Your teacher or your parents will explain this more carefully!)

Even though you know a lot about what happened on each of the 6 days of restoration, let's just have some fun in a review. OK? On the next two pages, you can color what took place on each of the 6 days. While you are coloring, your teacher will talk about each of the days.

Days of Restoration

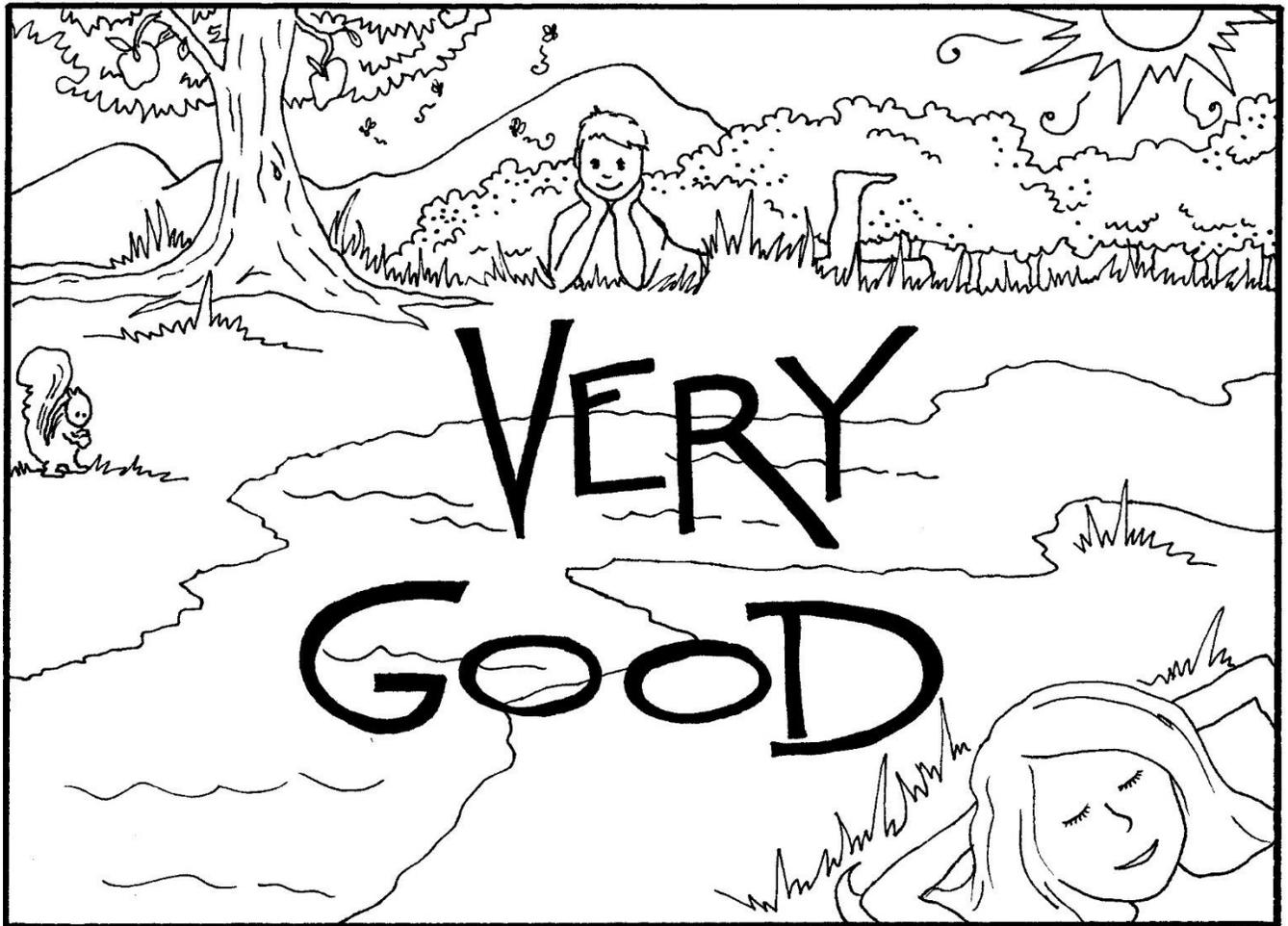
For the remainder of the class, please read through the passages in Gen. 1, on the 6 days of restoration, AS THE CHILDREN color that particular day.





And then...

God Saw that it was



Genesis 1:31

Genesis 2:1 Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. 2 And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made. 3 And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made.

See you next week.

Don't forget to remind the kids to ask their parents to read the Scriptures for next week's lesson to them.

Scriptures for you to read At home to prepare for the next lesson

(Parents: Read these verses to you children and then ask the questions, discussing as needed.)

Genesis 1:26 Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

Why would God say... "Let US make man in OUR image..." What have you learned about God? (See page 23.) Why did God create man?

27 So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

Discuss HOW God created first the man, then the woman.

28 Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

This is basically a repeat of v. 26. Ask "Why do you think God repeated this?"

Psalms 8:6 You have made him to have dominion over the works of Your hands; You have put all things under his feet, **7** All sheep and oxen-Even the beasts of the field, **8** The birds of the air, And the fish of the sea That pass through the paths of the seas.

Genesis 2:15 Then the LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to tend and keep it. **16** And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, "Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; **17** but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die."

Discuss passages.

In preparation for teaching this week's study, please review last week's lesson.

If time permits, they could color the picture at the end of the lesson, so have the boxes of crayons ready to pass out, if needed.

Lesson Seven

The Purpose for Man's Creation

Do you **REMEMBER** that **GOD** made YOU for a VERY SPECIFIC PURPOSE? You have already studied this in THE FOUNDATIONAL STUDY OF GENESIS CHAPTER TWO.

This truth is so foundational, that we must look at it again in this study, because **our purpose** has to do with rulership.



Have them answer this question before reading the passage.

And so....

Do you **REMEMBER** why **God** made you?

Genesis 1:26 Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." **27** So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. **28** Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

It is so important for us to REMEMBER why God made us that He clearly stated His reason on the very FIRST PAGE of the Bible. I guess He wants us to get it!

In verse 26, God said: “Let **US** make man in **OUR** image, according to **OUR** likeness.”

What do you think God means by saying “LET **US**” make man “IN **OUR**” image? Who is the “**US**”?
(Hint: Look at page 22 and 23.)

Do you REMEMBER what God looks like? We talked about it a few weeks back. Write out how God describes Himself. (Hint: Look at page 24.)

Write out the answer on the board.

So if God is THREE parts, and God made Man in His likeness, what would Man be? (Circle the answer.)

One part

Two parts

Three parts

Here's a THOUGHT:
It may be that the very reason God tells us what He LOOKS like is so that we will understand More clearly just HOW He created Adam and the Woman. Evidently, He wants us to understand that!

SO...

Can you name the three parts of man?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Write the answers
on the board:

- 1) Spirit
- 2) Soul
- 3) Body

It's important to
get in the habit of
saying the list in
that order, as it is
the order that is
used in Scripture.

If God covers Himself in LIGHT and clothes Himself with garments of SPLENDOR and MAJESTY, and if Man was created in God's Image and Likeness, what might be God's plan for Man to ultimately look like?

And then God said: "...Let them have **DOMINION** over the earth.'

Another way to say it would be:

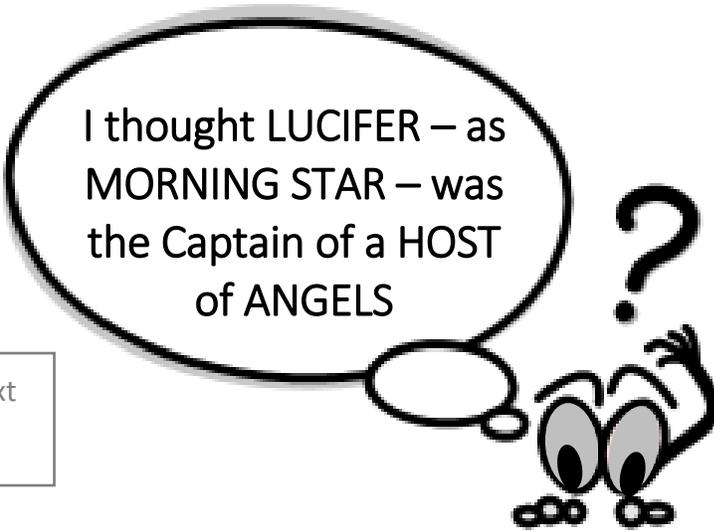
"...Let them **RULE** over the earth."

Draw a circles around the words DOMINION and RULE.
Then connect the circles with a line.
These words mean the same thing!

THAT is why God created Man!

But wait...

Just teach through these next sections.



Yes! That is correct! But REMEMBER what you learned a couple of lessons back? What did Lucifer do that was very bad? (Hint: Look what you wrote on the BLUE line under the red bracket on pg. 43.)

And because of what Lucifer did, God caused His perfectly created earth to become desecrated, and in need of restoration. Therefore, at some point after Lucifer fell, God restored the earth over a 6-day period, and at the end of the 6th day, He created man saying, "LET THEM RULE..."

Now...

**DOESN'T THAT
MAKE SENSE???**

But there is something else that must be
REMEMBERED here...

Before anyone can rule over the earth in the place of
angels, they must first prove themselves WORTHY to
rule by OBEYING God.

Therefore, we must

"OBEY THE LORD"

And so...

God TESTED Adam and the Woman – giving them a
chance to prove themselves WORTHY to rule – by giving
them a COMMAND to obey!

Do you remember what the command was? What was it?

Did they OBEY God's Command?

And so we'll have to always REMEMBER that ...

In order for **ANYONE** to RULE WITH GOD,
They must first OBEY what He says.

(That's important to REMEMBER) ↗

Just in case you forgot, this is how God tested Adam and the Woman –

After God created Adam, He placed him in the Garden of Eden. There He had already made fruit trees and bushes from which they would eat. God told Adam to take care of the Garden and work it. Then...

Among all the trees in the Garden,
God showed Adam **Two Trees** in the center of the
Garden:

The Tree of Life

(This tree would give them wisdom to rule),

AND

The Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil.

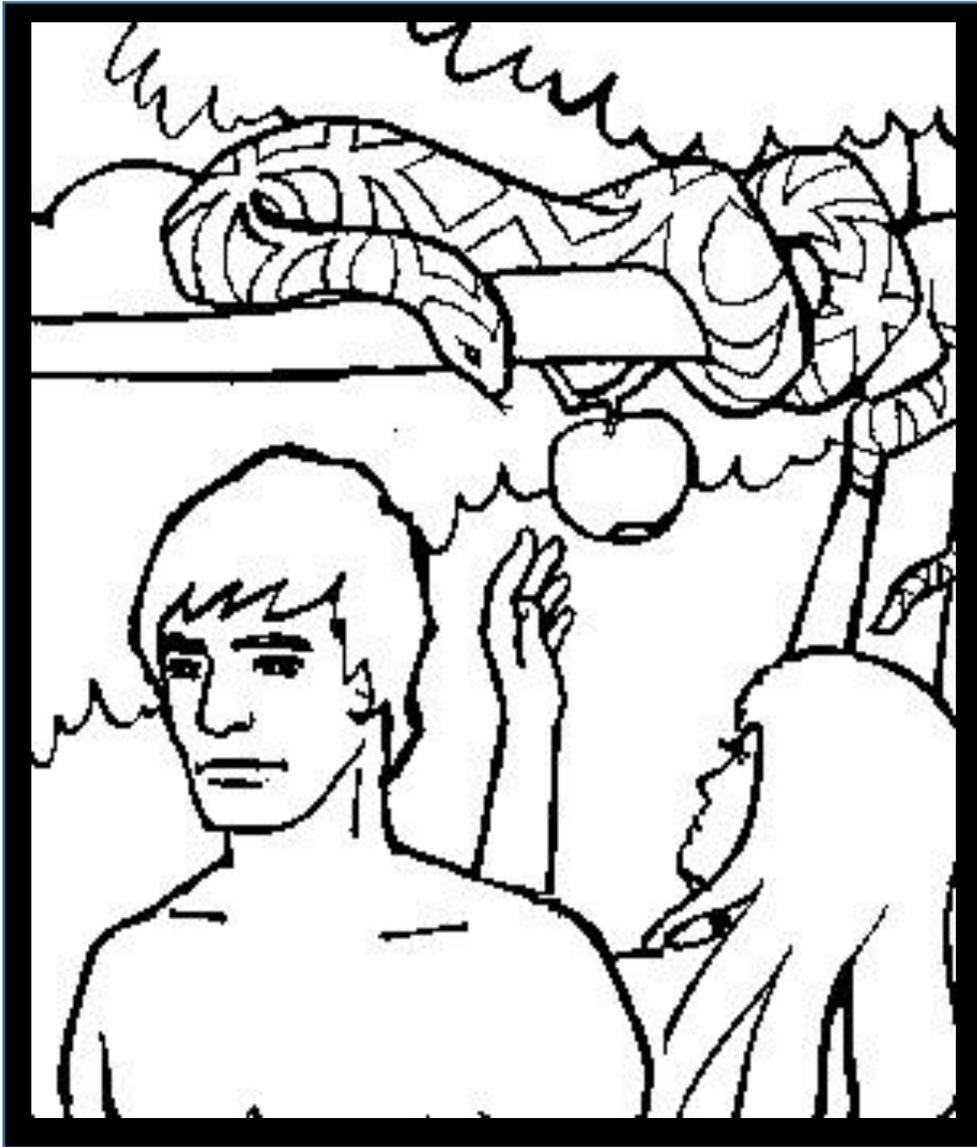
AND THE LORD GOD COMMANDED THE MAN, SAYING, "OF EVERY TREE OF THE GARDEN YOU MAY FREELY EAT; 17 BUT OF THE TREE OF THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOOD AND EVIL YOU SHALL NOT EAT, FOR IN THE DAY THAT YOU EAT OF IT YOU SHALL SURELY DIE." GENESIS 2:16, 17

According to this passage, **WHAT** was OK for Adam and the Woman to do?

What were they not supposed to do?

What would happen if they disobeyed God's Command?

That's pretty clear, isn't it?



Tell what is happening in this picture.

Remind kids to ask their parents to read next week's passages to them.

Next week we will continue... See you then!

Scriptures for you to read

At home to prepare for the next lesson

(Have your dad or mom read and discuss these passages with you.)

Genesis 2:15 Then the LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to tend and keep it. **16** And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, "Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; **17** but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die."

Genesis 3:4 Then the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. **5** For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." **6** So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate. **7** Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked...

(Parents, after reading these passages to your children, talk to them about it. Put the story into your own words.

Then on another day, reread the passage to them and ask them to tell you the story.)

Genesis 3:14 So the LORD God said to the serpent: "Because you have done this, You are cursed more than all cattle, And more than every beast of the field; On your belly you shall go, And you shall eat dust All the days of your life. **15** And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, And you shall bruise His heel."

Talk to your children about v. 15 and what it means for us! It means that God will send His Son as the Redeemer!

In preparation for teaching this lesson, please review last week's lesson.

Lesson Eight

So, What Happened?

So far we have seen that Lucifer and his host of angels had been originally created to rule over the earth. But Lucifer wanted to be like God and rule over ALL of creation. And so, he and 1/3 of his angels rebelled against God. It was because of this rebellion, God created Man to rule in the place of the angels. But before the Man and Woman could begin to rule, they were first tested. They would first have to OBEY God.



Think about this: Do you think Satan wanted the Man and the Woman to OBEY God's Command?

Why or Why not?

Do you **REMEMBER** that when **God** created Man, He created them in **HIS IMAGE AND LIKENESS**?

Write the word "MAN" in the center of the yellow. What would this mean?

(Hint: See Page 24.)



Just teach through these sections.

Then the Bible says:

AND THEY WERE BOTH NAKED, THE MAN AND HIS WIFE, AND WERE NOT ASHAMED. GENESIS 2:25

They were “not ashamed” because they were covered in LIGHT (in Glory) just like God, but they were “naked” because they did not yet possess the outer garments of Splendor and Majesty.

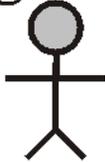
The Glory is like...

An under-Garment.

“Only this undergarment is not embarrassing like ours would be, if worn in front of others.”

And the garments of Splendor and Majesty are like...

Outer-Garments.



It was in this way that they were partly naked, and not completely naked.

But, BEFORE they would receive the garments of SPLENDOR AND MAJESTY, they had to first prove themselves worthy!

And the only way they could prove themselves worthy was to CHOOSE to OBEY God! They HAD to OBEY God’s command!

Remember what God’s Command was:

AND THE LORD GOD COMMANDED THE MAN, SAYING,
“OF EVERY TREE OF THE GARDEN
YOU MAY FREELY EAT;
BUT OF THE TREE OF THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOOD AND EVIL
YOU SHALL NOT EAT,
FOR IN THE DAY THAT YOU EAT OF IT YOU
SHALL SURELY DIE.” GENESIS 2:16, 17

But here is what happened:

The Women was **deceived** by the serpent (who was really Satan) who questioned and twisted what God had told Adam about that tree. And being deceived, The Woman **disobeyed** what God had said. This disobedience is called **sin**.

You will probably have to explain this a bit for the kids to understand. Be sure they do, as it is so important.

It was because of this sin that Adam took on the sin of his wife (“...and he ate...”). This was the only way that God’s plan would be/could be fulfilled, Because it was not good for the Man to be alone – He must have a helper (a wife) in order to rule.

We’ll remember that...

A type points to something else!

And so *Adam -- eating the fruit that his wife gave him to eat -- is a type that points to something else.*

Adam, taking on the sin of his wife, points to what Christ did for us on the cross. Jesus took on the sin of mankind so that He could redeem a Wife for Himself, all of which was done in order to fulfill God’s plan –

Remind them of the study on TYPES and ANTITYPES that they did. You may want to review the concept with them.

A Man ruling over the earth alongside His Wife.

.....

Now...getting back to Adam and the Woman –
Once they had both eaten from the forbidden tree:

THEN THE EYES OF BOTH OF THEM WERE OPENED, AND
THEY KNEW THAT THEY WERE NAKED; AND THEY
SEWED FIG LEAVES TOGETHER AND MADE THEMSELVES
COVERINGS. GENESIS 3: 7

Now they were **completely** naked – they no longer had
the “undergarment” -- they lost the covering of Glory.
Apparently...now they were ashamed, having become
utterly naked. And without the covering of glory they
would not be able to receive the outer garments of
Splendor and Majesty.

In other words, because they disobeyed God’s
command, they lost the right to rule over the earth.
And so, they TRIED to HIDE from God!



Do you think
anyone can
HIDE from
God?

YES NO

But do you know what God did?

He called out to them.
He wanted to bring them back to Him!

He loved them so much! (Just like He loves YOU!)

And once they admitted what they had done,

God made a wonderful **PROMISE!**

He spoke to the serpent...
who was really Satan...
who had been Lucifer.



God told Satan that He was
going to send a Redeemer for
the Man and the Woman.

AND SO THE LORD GOD
SAID TO THE SERPENT "...
... I will put enmity
between you and the
woman, And between
your seed and her
Seed; He shall bruise
your head, And you
shall bruise His heel."

Genesis 3:14a, 15

Just teach through this as necessary.

Do you know Who the Redeemer is?
Who is our REDEEMER?

(Fill in the Blanks)

___ E ___ ___ S

___ ___ R ___ S ___.

JESUS CHRIST

God has made it very clear that Satan will not win!
God will have His way!

Eventually, God will bring about a Man and a Woman to
rule together over the earth in Satan's place!



We'll look at that next week, but for now we have to
find out something more about Adam and the Woman...

In the midst of all of this, Adam and the Woman
believed what God had said to the serpent. They
believed that God would send a Redeemer through the
seed of the woman.

And because of their belief in what God said about the
Redeemer, Adam changed His wife's name from...

"Woman", which means "She was taken out of man"

To... "Eve", which means "Mother of all the living".

Explain that Adam changing the name of The Woman is how
we can know that they believed that God would send a
Redeemer! This was when they were eternally saved.

And because of their faith in what God said,
God did something wonderful!



God
covered
their
nakedness!

He
clothed
them in the
skins of a
sacrificed,
innocent
animal to
cover their
complete
nakedness.

But there is
MORE to
the story! So
much more!

See you next week!

If you have more time in class, let the children color this picture. And be sure to remember to have the children ask their parents to read next week's Scripture passages to them.

Scriptures for you to read At home to prepare for the next lesson

Genesis 3:20 And Adam called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all living. **21** Also for Adam and his wife the LORD God made tunics of skin, and clothed them. **22** Then the LORD God said, "Behold, the man has become like one of Us, to know good and evil. And now, lest he put out his hand and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live forever" -

23 therefore the LORD God sent him out of the garden of Eden to till the ground from which he was taken. **24** So He drove out the man; and He placed cherubim at the east of the garden of Eden, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to guard the way to the tree of life.

Parents, spend some time discussing this passage with your children.

Genesis 2:1 Thus the heavens and the earth, and all the host of them, were finished. **2** And on the seventh day God ended His work which He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had done. **3** Then God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because in it He rested from all His work which God had created and made.

Remind your children that it has always been God's plan for there to be a 7th Day rest for God's people. Talk about it being the Millennial Kingdom of Christ.

Heb 4:4 For He has spoken in a certain place of the seventh day in this way: "And God rested on the seventh day from all His works"... . . . **9** There remains therefore a rest for the people of God.

II Peter 3:8 But, beloved, do not forget this one thing, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.

Talk about how these two passages relate to each other.

Lesson Nine

How Long will it Take?

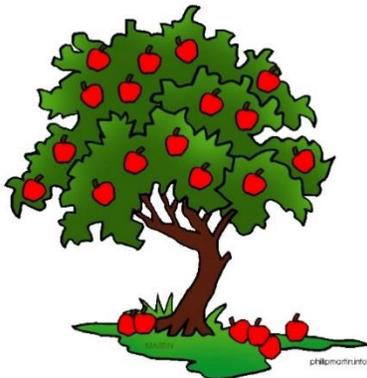
In preparation of this week's study, please review last week's lesson, especially pg. 65, as you will need to review it in this lesson. Also, before class you will want to have the two rows of numbers on pg. 75 already written on the board.

Last week we remembered that God created the Man and the Woman to rule over the earth because Lucifer – the one originally created as the ruler over the earth – along with 1/3 of his host of angels rebelled against God. This rebellion, you'll remember, brought about the destruction of the perfectly created earth.

Then, 6,000 years ago, God restored the earth over a 6-day period and created Man to rule in Satan's place.



But before Man could rule, they would have to prove themselves worthy. So... God gave them a test to see if they would obey Him. God told Adam:



"...but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die."

Then – you'll remember – something happened!



Satan knew that if he could get the Man to eat from the forbidden tree, they would not be able to take his place in ruling over the earth. And so...

... Satan **deceived** the woman into eating the fruit and she gave to her husband and he ate also.

That means he TRICKED her into thinking it was OK to disobey God!

Here is where you might want to review pg. 65. (You might even have your kids turn to that page.) This is a bit of a tricky concept to grasp, but an important one, due to the TYPE/ANTITYPE picture of Adam and Christ. Don't re-teach last week's lesson, just do a quick review of this part.

And as we have already seen, they both lost their covering of glory, and became completely naked.

(PS. It is NEVER OK to disobey God! So never let anyone try to tell you that it is OK! It is NOT OK! OK? OK!)



So now God needed to restore a perfect creation once again.

Last week we ended our lesson by seeing that God gave a PROMISE of a Redeemer! And then – after Adam and Eve believed God's promise – God sacrificed an innocent animal to cover their complete nakedness. This was the first step in the process of His restoring mankind in order to put them back in a position where they would be able to rule.

GOD WILL HAVE HIS WAY!

But here is something we need realize! Even though Adam and Eve were not **completely** naked any longer (God had covered them with the animal skins), they still were not covered in **GLORY**, and therefore could not be clothed in **SPLENDOR** and **MAJESTY**! And in this condition – they were not yet ready to rule!

Therefore the LORD God sent him out of the garden of Eden to till the ground from which he was taken. So He drove out the man; and He placed cherubim at the east of the garden of Eden, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to guard the way to the tree of life.

Genesis 3:23, 24

God placed them out of the Garden because now they had work to do! They had to work the very ground from which they had been taken.

And so the question is...

HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE TO COMPLETE THIS 2nd RESTORATION?



Remind them why this is the 2nd ruin and restoration – because the 1st ruin of a perfect creation was after Lucifer's rebellion, when the earth became without form and void.

Well...Since God had previously taken **6 days** to restore the first ruined creation – which was brought about by Lucifer's fall, God will again take **6 days** to restore the second ruined creation – which had been brought about by Man's fall.

And **JUST AS** the first restoration was followed by a 7th day of rest, **EVEN SO** there will again be a 7th Day of Rest following the second restoration.

Remember how TYPES and ANTITYPES work? The first restoration is a TYPE pointing to the 2nd restoration.

THERE REMAINS THEREFORE A
REST FOR THE PEOPLE OF GOD.

Hebrews 4:9

He restored the ruin perfectly the first time; He will do it in the same perfect way the second time.



Only **THIS** time a day will last 1,000 years!

Since God took **SIX** days to restore the ruined creation as seen in Genesis 1...

FIRST RESTORATION IN GENESIS 1:3-2:3



So He will use this same **PATTERN** to restore the second ruined creation as seen throughout the remainder of Scripture:

SECOND RESTORATION IN GENESIS 3:15 - REVELATION 22:21



Don't do any board work here until you get to the bottom of this page. It becomes self-explanatory.

Knowing this helps us to better understand something Peter wrote. Let's read it here:

BUT, BELOVED,
DO NOT FORGET THIS ONE THING,
THAT WITH THE LORD ONE DAY
IS AS A THOUSAND YEARS,
AND A THOUSAND YEARS AS ONE DAY.

II PETER 3:8

Let's do a little exercise with the charts above. Will you draw lines connecting the "days" in the first restoration with the "days" in the second restoration?

(The first one is done for you. Now, you connect the 2s, then the 3s, etc.)

Go to the board and teach through the above chart, making the suggested markings during class so that your students can follow your lead. Make sure they understand the correlation.

And now draw an oval around the six days.

(The first one is done for you.)

Now put a square around the 7th day in both places.

It becomes easy to see that the way God restored the ruin the first time is the same way He is restoring the ruin the second time, doesn't it? Only this time, a day lasts a thousand years.

**One 24-hour day
In the first restoration**
=
**One 1,000-year day
In the second restoration**

Write this equation on the board.

It's all so clear when you see how God has laid it out at the very beginning, isn't it?

And while God is in the process of restoring man during these "6 DAYS" (6,000 years), **WHO DO YOU THINK RULES OVR THE EARTH FROM THE HEAVENS ABOVE THE EARTH?** Write your answer on the line.

(Hint: He is the one who was originally created to rule the earth.)

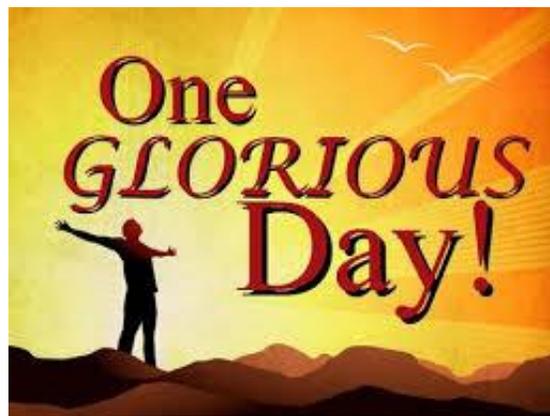
_____ ← SATAN

Satan, along with his fallen angels have continued to rule over the earth from the heavens above the earth.

But...

There is Coming a “Day” (a thousand-year day)
when Jesus will come again
and set up His Kingdom!
THEN saved people
– who have been **OBEDIENT** to God –
will rule from the heavens over the earth in the place of
Satan and his host of angels!

THAT WILL BE...



I can't wait!
How about you???

Remind the kid's to
have their parents
read next week's
passages to them!

Scriptures for you to read

At home to prepare for the next lesson

(Have your dad or mom read and discuss these passages with you.)

Genesis 2:1 Thus the heavens and the earth, and all the host of them, were finished. 2 And on the seventh day God ended His work which He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had done. 3 Then God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because in it He rested from all His work which God had created and made.

Parents, remind your children that God took 6 days to restore the first ruin of the earth and rested on the 7th day. This set up a PATTERN for Him to do it the same way for the second ruin after Man fell. Let them know that this coming week we will be looking at *how close we are to that 7th day!* Show them that you are really excited about it, and encourage them to be excited, too.

Exodus 31:14 'You shall keep the Sabbath, therefore, for it is holy to you. Everyone who profanes it shall surely be put to death; for whoever does any work on it, that person shall be cut off from among his people. 15 Work shall be done for six days, but the seventh is the Sabbath of rest, holy to the LORD. Whoever does any work on the Sabbath day, he shall surely be put to death. 16 Therefore the children of Israel shall keep the Sabbath, to observe the Sabbath throughout their generations as a perpetual covenant. 17 It is a sign between Me and the children of Israel forever; for in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, and on the seventh day He rested and was refreshed.'"

Hebrews 4:4 For He has spoken in a certain place of the seventh day in this way: "And God rested on the seventh day from all His works"... . . .6 Since therefore it remains that some must enter it...

Talk to your children all the time about the 7th day of Rest, and how we must strive to enter it by always trying to OBEY God. Even talk to them about confessing their sins when they don't obey God. Explain how this is like taking a spiritual bath...a cleansing. Instill in your children a real excitement for this DAY, teaching them HOW to strive for it!!!

PLEASE go over this lesson **prior** to teaching it! You will really want to grasp the concepts on pages 84 and 85. Then, just before class, have the timeline on pg. 80 drawn on board, writing only the information that is printed in black. (You will add the additional information during class). Your students will also need their yellow crayon.

Lesson Ten

So, Where are We Now?

In recent lessons we have seen that:

- LUCIFER was the Morning Star over the earth.
- There were ANGELS who ruled under Lucifer.
- Then at some point, Lucifer and 1/3 of the angels in his host REBELLED against God.
- As a result, God created Adam and the Woman to RULE in the place of Angels.
- Lucifer, who has come to be called SATAN, tricked the Woman, and she and her husband DISOBEYED God.
- This DISOBEDIENCE brought about the LOSS of their covering of Glory, so now they could not receive the outer garments of Splendor and Majesty, and would not be able to rule UNTIL THEY BECAME FULLY REDEEMED.

Take your time going through these review points. They are so foundational!

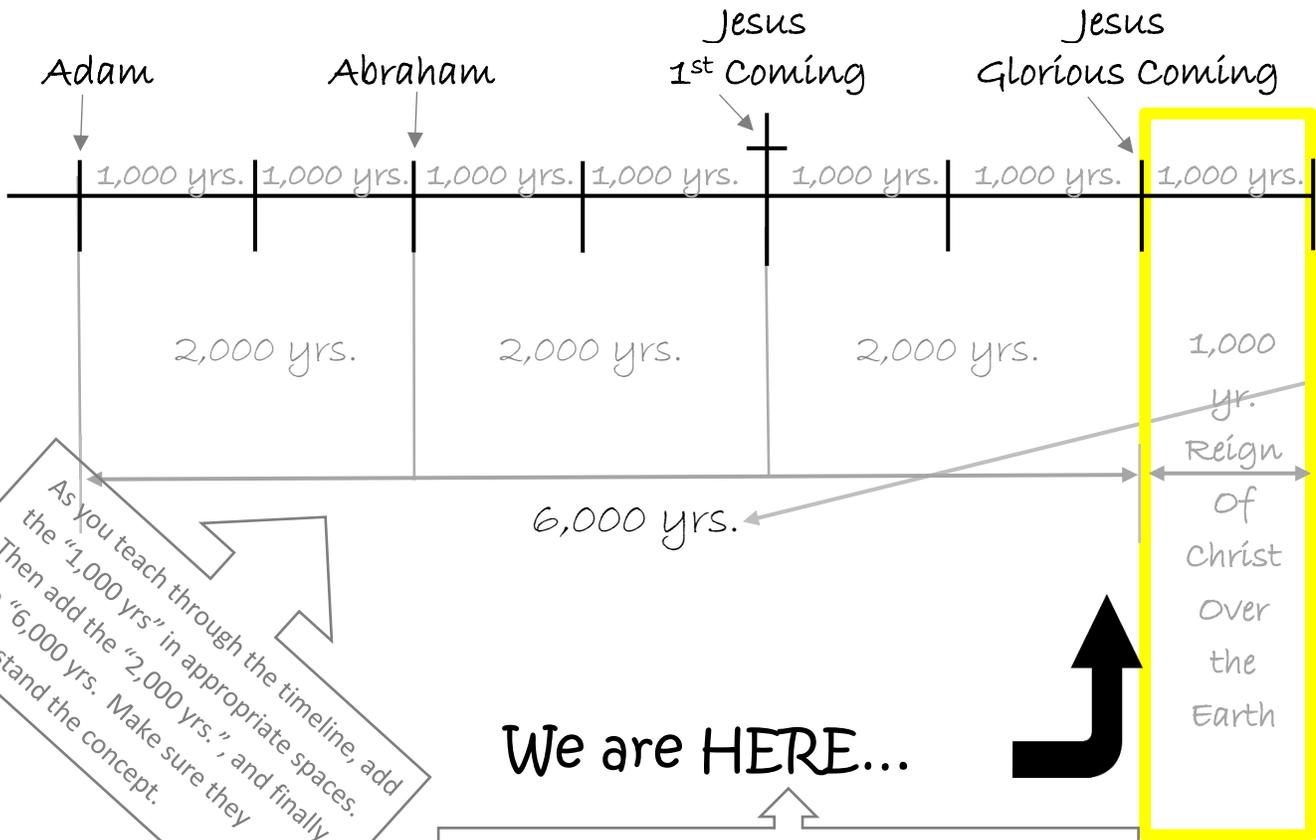
And so YOU might want to ask the QUESTION:

WHERE ARE
WE NOW
(on the timeline)



Well...

...On the time line,



As you teach through the timeline, add the "1,000 yrs" in appropriate spaces. Then add the "2,000 yrs." and finally the "6,000 yrs." Make sure they understand the concept.

We are HERE...

After filling in the information, then show where we are!

Don't say anything about the yellow yet!

Very close to the GLORIOUS Return of Jesus!

Now, THAT is

EXCITING NEWS!

Because...

...**THAT** means that God is about to bring forth His plans to allow **MAN** to rule over the earth in the place of Satan and his angels! But...



For this entire 6,000-year period, Satan and his fallen angels have continued to rule over the earth.

Remember, it was sin that caused them not to be able to rule! This sin ruined what God had perfectly restored and created; therefore, God has to **RESTORE** everything once again.

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You have already learned that –

A TYPE IS SOMETHING THAT POINTS TO SOMETHING ELSE.

And so...

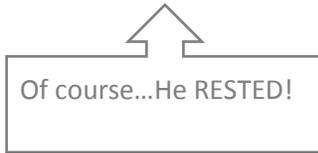
JUST AS... God took a 6-day period to restore the ruined creation (after Satan's sin),

EVEN SO... this second time God is taking another 6-day period to restore another ruined creation (after Man's sin).

Only **THIS** time, a "day" is measured as a 1,000-year period instead of a 24-hour period.

(Remember last week's lesson?)

After the 6 days of God restoring the earth the first time, what did God do on the 7th day?



”AND GOD RESTED ON THE SEVENTH DAY FROM ALL HIS WORKS”

– Genesis 2:2b

So what will He do on the 7th day this time?

THERE REMAINS THEREFORE A REST FOR THE PEOPLE OF GOD.

Hebrews 4:9

And so we can also say that:

JUST AS... God rested on the 7th Day the first time,

EVEN SO... there will be a 7th Day Rest for the people of God. Only **THIS** time, the 7th day will last 1,000 years.

Now, will you go back to the timeline on page 80 and fill in the yellow rectangle with a **YELLOW CRAYON**?
(We'll let yellow reflect that **GLORIOUS DAY!**)

Can you see how close we are?

Yes

No

Here is another question you might want to ask...



That is a good question! Let's try to DESCRIBE it.

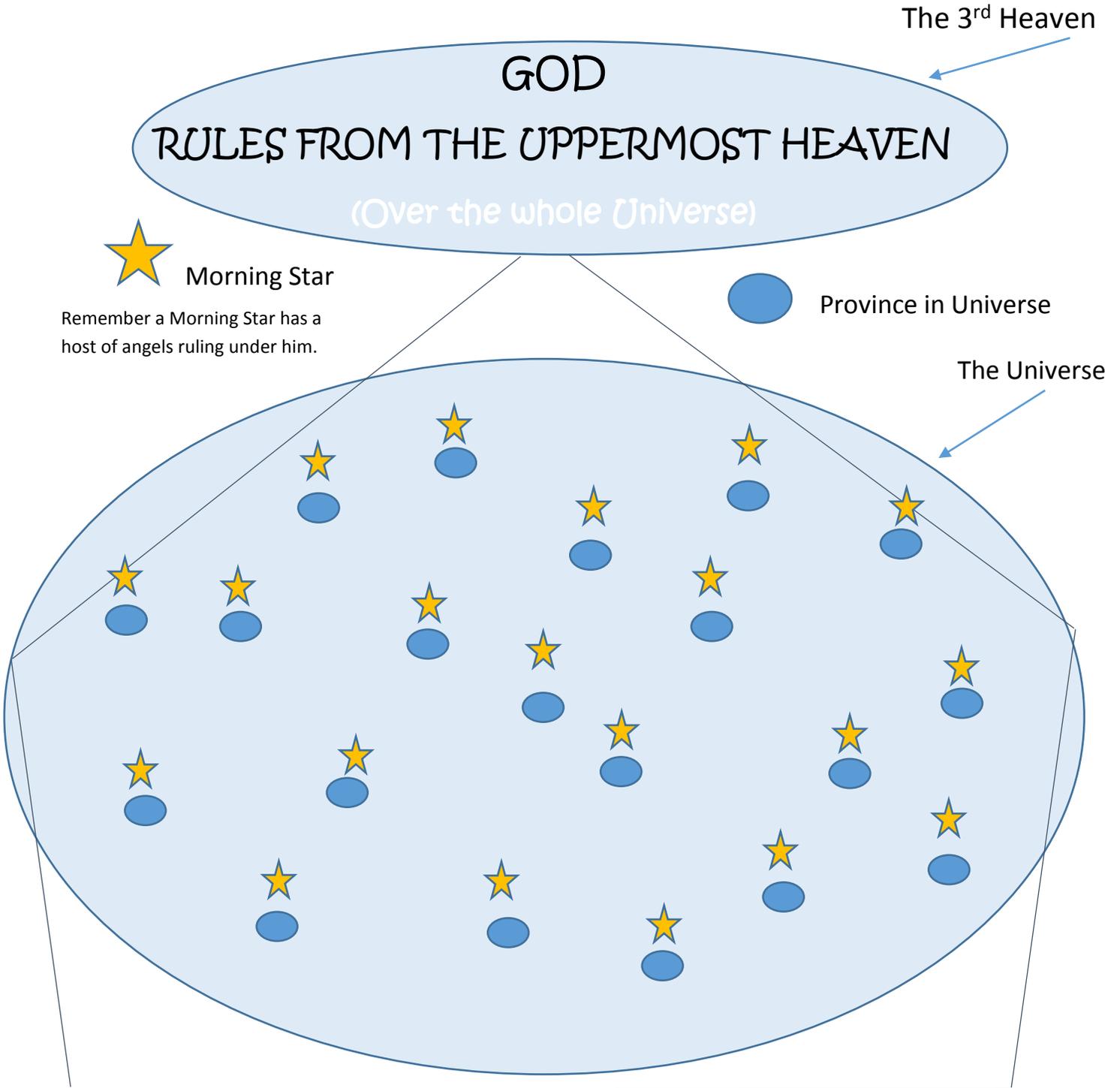
At the time that God created the Universe and all the different provinces throughout it, He also created all the angels. From that time on, Angels have ruled over the different provinces which God had created. From Scripture it appears that each province has its own Morning Star – a head angel – with a host of angels ruling under him.

Explain this: A province is just a part of the Universe that God created when He made all things. Our Earth is one of these provinces.

Evidently, this is just the way God set things up at the very beginning.

Simply teach through these two pages bit by bit, starting at the top and working your way down. Try to engage the children in the exercise. This fits pieces together that they have been learning in the past nine weeks.

So now let's try to PICTURE it:

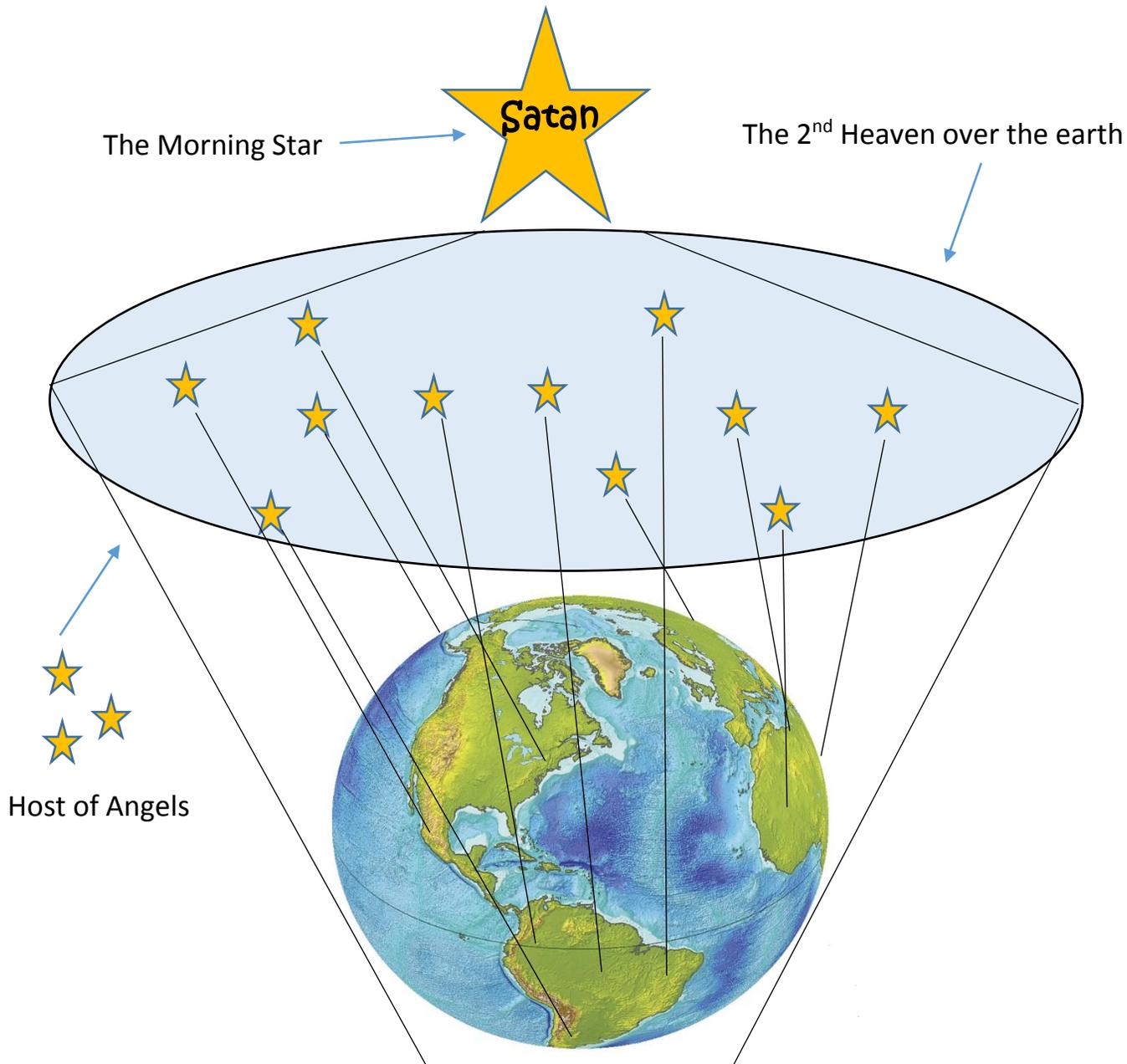


Angels rule from the heavens above their provinces, with God ruling over ALL things from the highest point.

Go back and draw a circle around one of the Morning Stars and his province. Write the name SATAN over that star.

Now let's talk about this province – it is our earth.

Here it is pictured:



Satan rules from the heavens above the earth, with his fallen angels (1/3 of the original host) ruling over various parts of the earth. And right now, man's governments are like puppet-governments under these angels.

But things are about to change...

Go back to the time-line on the second page of this lesson (pg. 80). Do you see where the large arrow points? That's where we are now.

SOON Jesus is going to come back and set up His Kingdom. Then, He will then be the MORNING STAR over the earth. Of course, Jesus is not an angel – He is the ONLY BEGOTTEN SON OF GOD! And He will have the HIGHEST position over the earth, as The King of kings and Lord of lords.

At that time Satan and his angels will be put down from ruling, and a whole new order of rulers will rule over the earth from the heavenly city. Christians who have OBEYED Jesus will make up His WIFE, and they will rule together from the HEAVENS over the earth! And so we see that it is true:

THE HEAVENS DO RULE!

And there will be peace on earth throughout the entire kingdom of men!

Next week, in our final lesson in this study, we will learn about the Heavenly City. See you then!

Remind the kid's to have parents read next week's passages to them.

Scriptures for you to read

At home to prepare for the next lesson

(Have your dad or mom read and discuss these passages with you.)

Parents, this next week we are going to be teaching your child about the heavenly city, the New Jerusalem. Here are some of the verse we will be covering. Please talk to your child a lot about this city during the week.

Hebrews 11:16 But now they desire a better, that is, a heavenly country. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for He has prepared a city for them.

Hebrews 11:10 for he waited for the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God.

Talk to your child about GOD being the designer and maker of this city.

Hebrews 12:22 But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, to an innumerable company of angels,

Revelation 21:2 Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

Revelation 21:10 And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me the great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God...

John 14:2 "In My Father's house are many mansions [dwelling places]; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.

This will be an exciting week, as we will close out this study. Your child will have learned a lot! Thank you so much for your help in the process!

Tell kids this is the final lesson in this study. Be excited for what they have learned. And this is an exciting culmination!

Lesson 11

The Heavenly City

In recent weeks we have learned what has been going on in the heavens above the earth for the past 6,000 years. Satan and 1/3 of his host of angels are ruling over the earth from the heavens above.

But Jesus, Our Redeemer, is coming back soon! And His Return will bring about a change on the earth and in the Heavens above the earth. Just before Jesus died on the cross, He said this to His disciples:



"In My Father's house are many mansions [or dwelling places]; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

John 14:2

Jesus said that in His Father's House there are 'many "mansions". This "house" that Jesus is going to prepare refers to the place where Christ and His Wife will live during the Kingdom Age. It will be in the heavens above the earth.

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Think of it like this –



...is a very large building. And a great number of people live in it. This is where the government of the USA is located!

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Well...

The HOUSE that Jesus is preparing will be the place from which rulership in the heavens over the earth will take place during the Coming Age. This HOUSE will have LOTS of "dwelling places" in it. (The word "Mansions" means *dwelling places, or places where people live.*)

Go over each of these passages asking the children what we can learn from each. (The underlined words or phrases will help you pull out what you will want them to grasp about this HOUSE that Jesus is preparing.)

We can learn more about this “HOUSE”— this place of rulership in the heavens – from these verses:

Hebrews 11:16 But now they desire a better, that is, a heavenly country. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for He has prepared a city for them.

Hebrews 11:10 for he waited for the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God.

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Revelation 21:2 Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

“My Father’s House”



“The Heavenly Jerusalem”

REVELATION 21:10 AND HE CARRIED ME AWAY IN THE SPIRIT TO A GREAT AND HIGH MOUNTAIN, AND SHOWED ME THE GREAT CITY, THE HOLY JERUSALEM, DESCENDING OUT OF HEAVEN FROM GOD...

List the things you have learned about “the Father’s House” from these verses?

Help them with this, writing answers on the board. You may want to make your own list prior to class.

You're doing a Great Job!

You have learned so much! TWO things you will want to remember about the Father’s House is:

- 1) It is a City which, at that time, will be located in the heavens above the earth, and
- 2) It’s the place from which rulership comes during the Kingdom Age.

And so once again, we see that



There was one point in the Apostle John's life where the Lord took him up HEAVEN to show him this city. He wrote a very long description of this City in Revelation chapter twenty-one. Let's look at different parts of this long passage and see what we can learn.

Read about it here:

Revelation 21:10

And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me the great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God,



That would be AWESOME!!!

Where was John carried away to?

Where do you think this "great and high mountain" is located? (We looked at it weeks ago in Lesson 2.)

Just work through these questions and answers with the children.

According to this verse, what did John see was happening to this city?

(The word "descending" means it was going downward!)

Let's keep reading...

10 the great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God 11 having the glory of God. Her light was like a most precious stone, like a jasper stone, clear as crystal. 12 Also she had a great and high wall with twelve gates, and twelve angels at the gates...

What surrounds the city?

How many gates are in this wall that surrounds the city?

And what is at each gate?

16...And he measured the city with the reed: twelve thousand furlongs. Its length, breadth, and height are equal.



**A "furlong" is a measurement.
12,000 furlongs = 1,500 miles**

So this city is 1,500 miles long, 1,500 mile wide, and 1,500 miles high. If this city sat on the earth, the size of it would look like this.

No one knows if the shape of the city is a cube or a mountain. But it is sometimes called "Mount Zion" in the Bible.



Let's get some more information about this city from our passage in Revelation 21:

21 The twelve gates were twelve pearls: each individual gate was of one pearl. And the street of the city was pure gold, like transparent glass. **22** But I saw no temple in it, for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. **23** The city had no need of the sun or of the moon to shine in it, for the glory of God illuminated it. The Lamb is its light.

What was each gate made of?

What were the streets made of?

Why was there no temple in the city?

What was the source of Light in the city?

The Bible verses that we have looked at in this lesson teach us that Jesus is preparing the city from which Christ and His co-heirs will rule. This city will be in the heavens above the earth, specifically above the earthly city Jerusalem.

Remind them of the previous study they did on Genesis 2
– Jesus' CO-HEIRS will also be His WIFE! And They will rule
together from the Heavenly City.

This city will be called

THE HEAVENLY JERUSALEM.

John 14:2 "In My Father's house are many mansions [dwelling places]; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.

YES!!!! Jesus IS coming again! He is coming to get us, in order that we would be able to LIVE with Him in the Heavenly Jerusalem. But one thing is VERY important to remember!

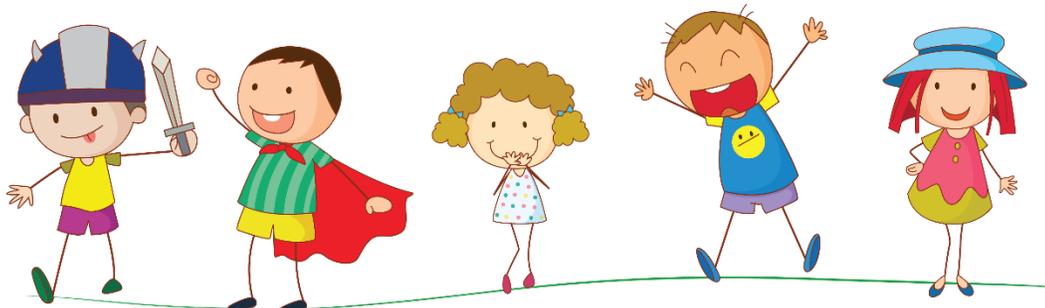
We must remember that in order to rule with Christ from this Heavenly City in His Kingdom, we will have to be doing something first. Do you remember what we have to do? Fill in the blank.



O B E Y → " THE LORD "

AND... Hey TEACHERS!!!
You have done a FABULOUS job. Thank you so much!!!

Hey Kids...



You have done a great Job!
Keep up the good work!!!

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