



IT WAS VERY GOOD

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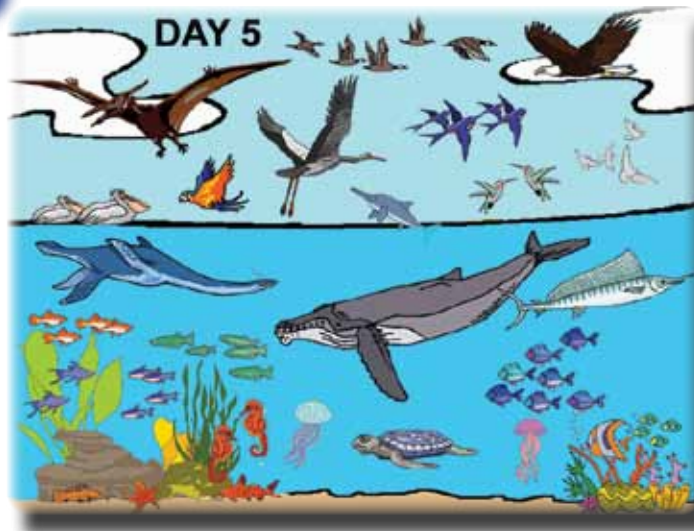
Spring has just passed and wasn't it wonderful! Trees and grass turned green again, colorful flowers bloomed everywhere, and best of all, baby animals of all kinds were born – baby birds, baby rabbits, baby deer, baby squirrels, baby cows, baby sheep ... babies of all kinds ... babies, babies, everywhere!

Have you ever thought what it must have been like in the beginning when God began creating?

The Bible says that day five of creation went like this: *“And God said, Let the waters bring forth abundantly the moving creature that hath life, and that may fly above the earth in the open firmament of heaven. And God created great whales, and every living creature that moveth, which the waters brought forth abundantly, after their kind, and every winged fowl after his kind: and God saw that it was good.”*(Genesis 1:20,21)

Just imagine what it was like to see God start creating on day five. The water was there, the plants were there, and the sun, moon and stars were all there. Everything needed for life had all been created on days one, two, three, and four but there were

no critters! Then, on day five you hear this powerful voice and suddenly there is a whale. You hear the voice again and fish of all kinds begin to swim in the water. Another word and all at once an ichthyosaurus leaps from the water. God speaks again, and a plesiosaur appears. As fast as God can speak, the waters are filled with life! Turtles, starfish, snails, jellyfish, algae, sponges, oysters, swordfish, and all the other creatures that live in the water!



Then, He speaks and an eagle swoops overhead. A robin appears, and a hummingbird hovers near your ear. There's a chicken. A parrot begins to squawk in a tree and song birds of all kinds begin to sing.

Oh, what a special day it is! The seas and the air are full of wonderful critters! At the end of the day, you are so worn out from watching God at work that you lay down in the green grass and go to sleep.

On day six, you wake up to God's voice once again, and you see an elephant appear. God talks and there is a giraffe. He speaks, and you see Tyrannosaurus Rex. There's

a beaver, a zebra, a bear! God's loving voice continues to speak, and animals are created! Antelope, hippos, horses, cows, dinosaurs, cats, dogs, monkeys, rabbits ...!

“And God said, Let the earth bring forth the living creature after his kind, cattle and creeping thing, and beast of the earth after his kind: And it was so. And God made the beast of the earth after his kind, and cattle after their kind, and everything that creepeth upon the earth after his kind: and God saw that it was good.”(Genesis 1: 24,25)

Now to your amazement, God does something different. God has a very special creature in mind to create. He creates man in His own image. God thinks man is so special that He doesn't speak him into being but forms him with His own loving hands. *“And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.”*(Genesis 2: 7) Then God took a rib from that man (Adam) and made a woman (Eve). From Adam and Eve, He ultimately made you and me. **And it was all very good!**

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