

# Creation Retelling & The Nature of God

## Genesis 1:1–12 (Creation)

### Vocabulary:

- **Redemption:** Redemption means being rescued or saved from something bad, and given a chance to start fresh.

### Materials:

- Paper
- Pencil

### Retelling

God had a plan. A plan called redemption. When the angels in heaven learned about it, they were puzzled. They didn't understand what the plan meant, though they desperately tried to figure it out. God chose a very unlikely place to begin His plan — a chaotic world, covered in darkness and raging with water. But His Spirit hovered over the water, watching and waiting. Then God spoke. And when He speaks, His Word is alive — so what He said came to life too. With His very first command, God said, “Let there be light.” Suddenly, light appeared. God's mighty Word brought it into being. He looked at the light and saw that it was just as it should be — good. God brought beauty out of chaos. Then He separated the light from the darkness. He called the light “Day,” and the darkness “Night.” Evening came, then morning — the first day.

At first, the deep waters covered the earth completely. But God wasn't done. He said, “Let's divide the waters into two parts.” And with that, He created a great space — a body of air — that blanketed the earth. Water rested above and below it. He called the air “sky.” And it was good. Still, God's masterpiece wasn't finished. He spoke again, and the waters under the sky pulled together as if drawn by an invisible hand. Dry land appeared, ready for life. Out of that land, God caused every green plant to grow — every tree, every seed. The roots sank deep into the soil, and the leaves reached up toward the light — toward the One who holds all things together by the word of His power.

## Nature of God

God speaking things into existence is incredible. Imagine saying the name of something — and poof! — it appears right in front of your eyes! Here's a quick activity to help imagine how powerful God really is:

Take out a piece of paper and follow these steps:

- Draw a horizontal line at the bottom of the paper.
- On both sides of the horizontal line, draw diagonal lines that meet at the top.

**(Stop here. Try the activity first, then read on!)**

What did you end up with? A triangle? If not — don't worry! I had trouble too. Even though I described what I imagined, the picture may not have turned out the same in your mind. That's the difference between us and God. God didn't have to describe anything He made. He simply spoke — and it became exactly as He imagined. Every time.