

BIBLE ADVENTURE 4:
CREATION - Water and Veggies and Land Oh My!
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Genesis 1:9-13

(vs 9-10) And God said, “Let the water under the sky be gathered to one place, and let dry ground appear.” And it was so. God called the dry ground “land,” and the gathered waters He called “seas.” And God saw that it was good.

(vs 11) Then God said, “Let the land produce vegetation: seed-bearing plants and trees on the land that bear fruit with seed in it, according to their various kinds.” And it was so.

(vs 12-13) The land produced vegetation: plants bearing seed according to their kinds and trees bearing fruit with seed in it according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the third day.

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Discovery Treasures:

In addition to the seven things we already listed that God created in Adventure 2, we're adding a few more to the list! Which items on the list do you think are the newest creations from Adventures 3 and 4?

1. Heavens
2. Earth
3. Water
4. Light - Day
5. Darkness - Night
6. Evening
7. Morning
8. Firmament (or vault)
9. Land
10. Seas
11. Vegetation (seed-bearing plants, trees that bear fruit)

If you picked 8 - 11 you're correct!

In just three days God has created all of the above! I don't know about you, but for me creating just one major thing takes me more than three days. Sp think about it, God

created 11 major things in just three days! And think about the detail of each of those creations. Overwhelming, isn't it? God's pretty awesome if you ask me.

Let's take a look at the things God created on the third day.

First up: The seas. God gathered the waters into what He called seas. Can you even imagine how that may have looked and sounded? For a fun activity, search YouTube for big wave videos. The videos might give you an idea of just how “violent” the water may have become during the gathering of the seas.

Next up, land. Think about an erupting volcano. There's a lot of hissing, crackling, and booming explosions (as the volcano erupts). If you've never seen nor heard the sound of “land” being created from molten lava, hop back over to YouTube and search for videos that show you just that. You can also search for the creation of islands to catch a glimpse.

Did you find some good videos? If you did, they were probably pretty impressive to say the least. Did they change your perspective on the sight of God's creation of the land?

Did you ever wonder if the land that God created exploded from beneath the water, causing large waves to thrash about, or was the water the only thing moving; swirling, slopping with big waves, rushing and receipting like a mighty river, and tossing about until the land was exposed?

If the land erupted from beneath the water to separate the waters, imagine the enormous sounds of that land erupting through the water's top, shooting high into the sky as giant waves raised and sunk hundreds of feet. The loud, yet muffled booming of the underwater volcano's certainly had to be prevalent if this were the case. Imagine the sound of the crests or whitecaps, atop the waves, crashing back down into the sea.

VOLCANO: A vent in the earth's crust that allows lava, steam, and ashes to be expelled. This can take place continuously or at random times.

LAVA: Molten, fluid, liquid rock that shoots out from a volcano or volcanic vent.

Thirdly, let's talk vegetation. After the “chaotic” event of the land being created by being separated from the waters on the earth, God decided He wanted to cover the land with vegetation. So He called forth trees and seed-bearing plants. Did you ever wonder just how big those first trees and plants actually were?

If you've never seen the great redwoods out west in the US, head on back over to YouTube and search for redwood national parks. Be sure to include the tree names General Grant and General Sherman in your search to see some of the biggest redwoods. These trees are GINORMOUS! You can even drive cars on them they're so big.

And what about the flowers God created? I'll bet they were big, small, tall, short, wide, long...and I'll bet they smelled so good.

Do you know what the biggest flower is on earth today? It's the Rafflesia Arnoldii found in the rain forests of Indonesia. It can grow to as much as 3 feet across and weigh up to 15 pounds! If only it smelled as sweet as Plumeria, but unfortunately it's just the opposite. It wreaks with the aroma of rotting meat. YUCK! Google it...you'll see!

So the next time you take a look at the ocean, a lake, a mountain, a prairie, a meadow, or a batch of flowers, think about the original versions that God created. You'll be amazed!

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CREATION ADVENTURE ACTIVITIES:

Memorize Genesis 1:9-13 *(take simple steps: memorize verses 9-10 first, then add in verse 11. After you have those memorized, go for verses 12-13, and just like that...you've memorized verses 9-13)*

The next time you're on a nature hike with mom or dad or church leader, take photos of the trees, plants, and flowers that you think are really cool. When you get back home do a search online to find out the names and characteristics of each. You'll be amazed at how much detail is in every piece of vegetation.

Let's put your creativity to work! On a separate sheet of paper, create and draw a tree or flower that doesn't exist. Use bright colors. Give your tree some fruit, give your flower some leaves. Have fun creating vegetation...God did!

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TIME TO TALK TO GOD:

Say the following prayer out loud to God...He will listen, I guarantee!

Dear God, Thank you for your creations of land and vegetation. I promise to pay more attention to your seas, water, clouds, mountains, hills, fields, meadows, trees, flowers and other plants. In doing so, I promise to think of You and Your creation every time I see one of those things that catches my eye. I can't wait to see the perfect clouds, bodies of water, land, and vegetation on Your new EARTH. Amen.