

Week 1 Family Letter

God Gives Life to the World: God Made Me

(Genesis 1–2)

When God was first making everything and the earth was brand new, there was no sun up in the sky. Everything was dark, dark, dark! One day, God said, “Let there be light!” As soon as God said it, there was light!

God also made the blue sky above, the water in the lakes and rivers, and the dry ground. But there were no plants or trees in the world. There was nothing green anywhere. So God said, “Let the land fill with plants and more plants.”

Everything God made was good. He made soft green grass to tickle your feet and many kinds of plants for you to eat. There were many pretty flowers that God made and tall, tall trees to give you shade.

God made plants to have seeds so that there will be new plants. The seeds are planted in the ground. God sends the sunshine and the rain. And the new plants grow and grow and grow. God is good!

Bible Words

God formed the man of dust
from the ground.

Genesis 2:7

Dear Family,

Talk together about the things God made that you see in the picture. There are so many colors! But notice that the fruit on the tree is not colored. Talk about what a blessing plants are. When God made them, He was preparing food to eat for the animals and the people that He would make next. Let your child color in the fruit shapes to complete the picture. Don't be concerned about any scribbles that cross over lines; praise your child for his or her contribution to the beautiful picture!

Go on a sunshine walk with your child. Talk about how the sun looks as it reflects off shiny things. Look for shadows. Have fun trying to step on each other's shadow. Talk with your child about what the sun gives: light, warmth, energy to help plants grow. Thank God for making the sun.

Help your child grow in wonder at God's creation, which He continues to bless. Fill a few flowerpots with potting soil and let your child plant flowers or vegetables of his or her own. Teach your child how to care for the plants, watering them, pulling weeds, and finally picking and enjoying the produce. Read the story on page 21 of *The Story Bible* together.