

## Chapter One – Creation of the World and of our First Parents

The very first book of the Bible is called the book of Genesis. Right from the beginning the author wants to show that God made the world and all that is in it. He decided to do this by means of a story. The story goes like this.

God is a creator by nature. He created the world in six days, and on the seventh day he rested. He was pleased with everything that he had made.

On the first day, God created light to govern the day and the night. When light comes up, it is day; and when light fades out and darkness comes, it is night.

On the second day, God created the sky.

On the third day, God created the land and the sea. He planted trees, fruits, vegetables and other plants on the empty land and turned it into a flourishing world.

On the fourth day, God created the sun and the moon to govern the times and seasons.

On the fifth day, God filled the sea with fish and the sky with birds.

On the sixth day, God placed different animals on the land. He looked at them and was pleased with them but he felt that there was something missing because none of them resembled him. At last, he created human beings in his own image. God blessed them and put them in charge of the world.

On the seventh day, God rested. He blessed this day and made it a special day to celebrate the completion of his creation.

After creating the earth, God planted a beautiful garden in the east. It was called the Garden of Eden. He entrusted the first man, Adam, to cultivate it and guard it.

Even though there were a lot of living creatures, none was suitable to be Adam's companion. God created a woman out of a rib from Adam. She became his wife and he named her Eve. She helped him manage the garden.



*Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden*

Questions:

1. How do TWO creations of God make the life of human beings more comfortable?
2. Write a prayer or a poem in appreciation of God's creation.
3. What are the responsibilities of human beings towards God's creation?
4. Which day's creation do you like best? Give TWO reasons for your answer.
5. What was the duty of Adam in the Garden of Eden?
6. In what ways do you think Eve could help Adam?