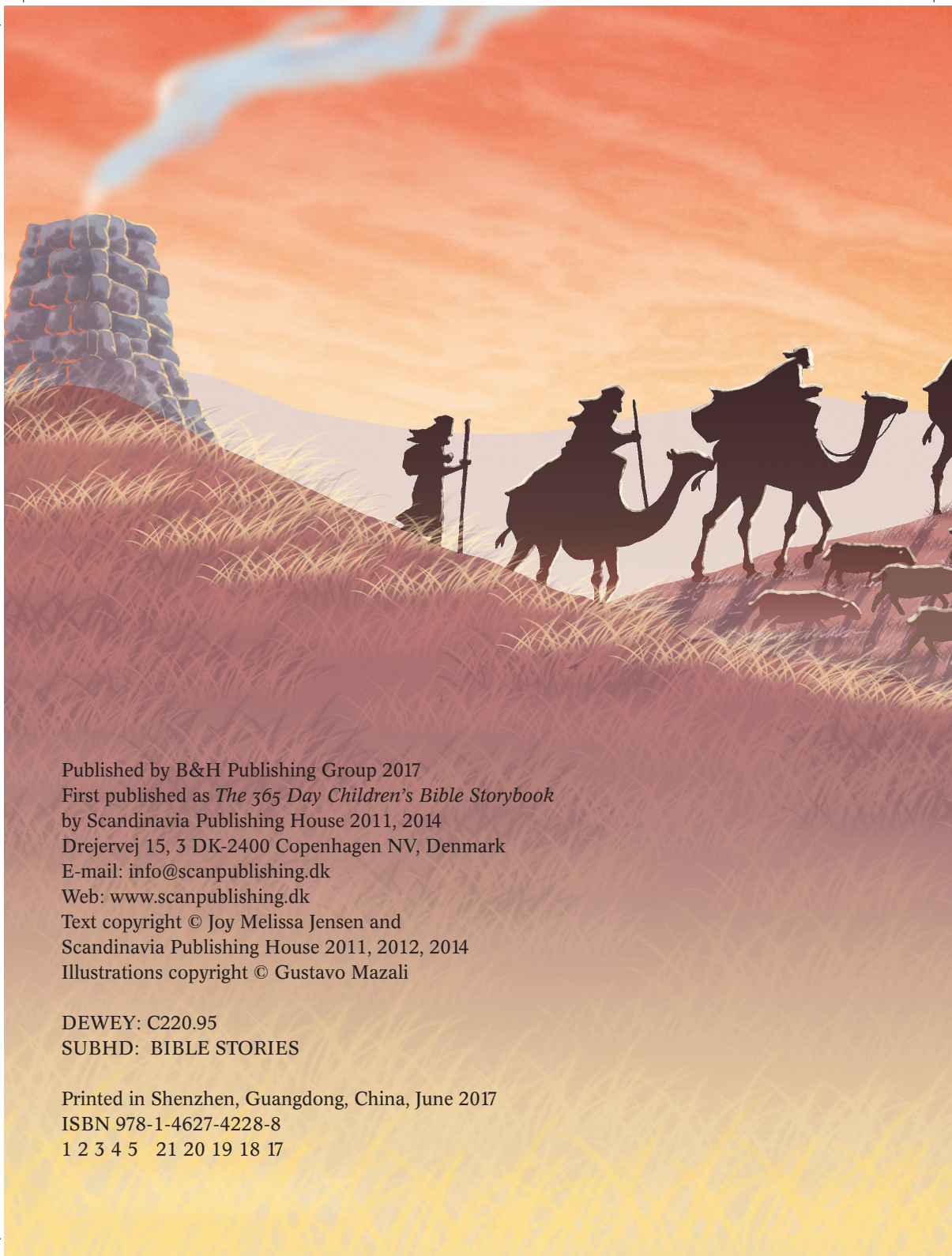


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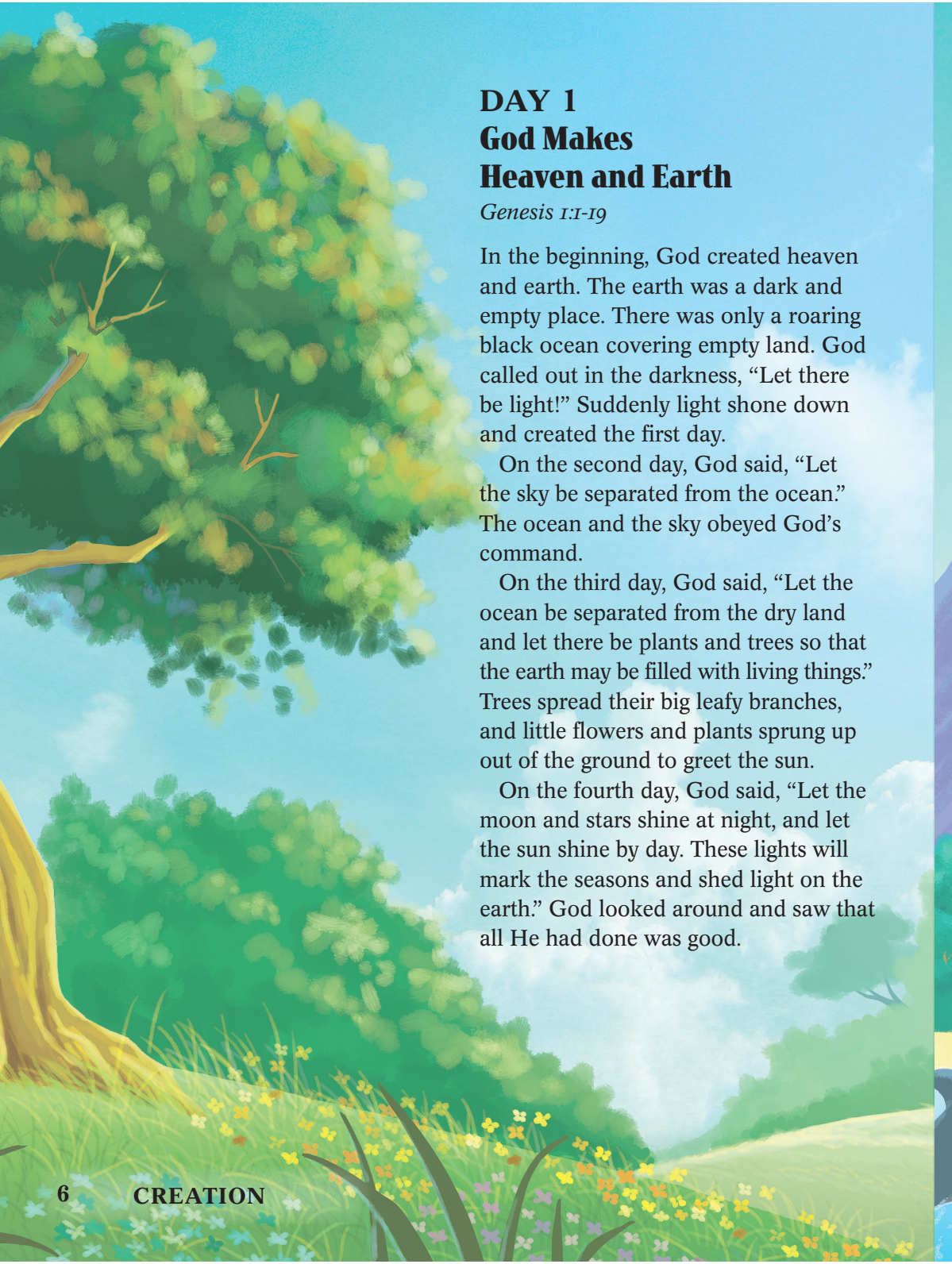
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# The Old Testament





## **DAY 1**

### **God Makes Heaven and Earth**

*Genesis 1:1-19*

In the beginning, God created heaven and earth. The earth was a dark and empty place. There was only a roaring black ocean covering empty land. God called out in the darkness, “Let there be light!” Suddenly light shone down and created the first day.

On the second day, God said, “Let the sky be separated from the ocean.” The ocean and the sky obeyed God’s command.

On the third day, God said, “Let the ocean be separated from the dry land and let there be plants and trees so that the earth may be filled with living things.” Trees spread their big leafy branches, and little flowers and plants sprung up out of the ground to greet the sun.

On the fourth day, God said, “Let the moon and stars shine at night, and let the sun shine by day. These lights will mark the seasons and shed light on the earth.” God looked around and saw that all He had done was good.



## DAY 2

### God Creates the Fish, the Birds, and the Animals

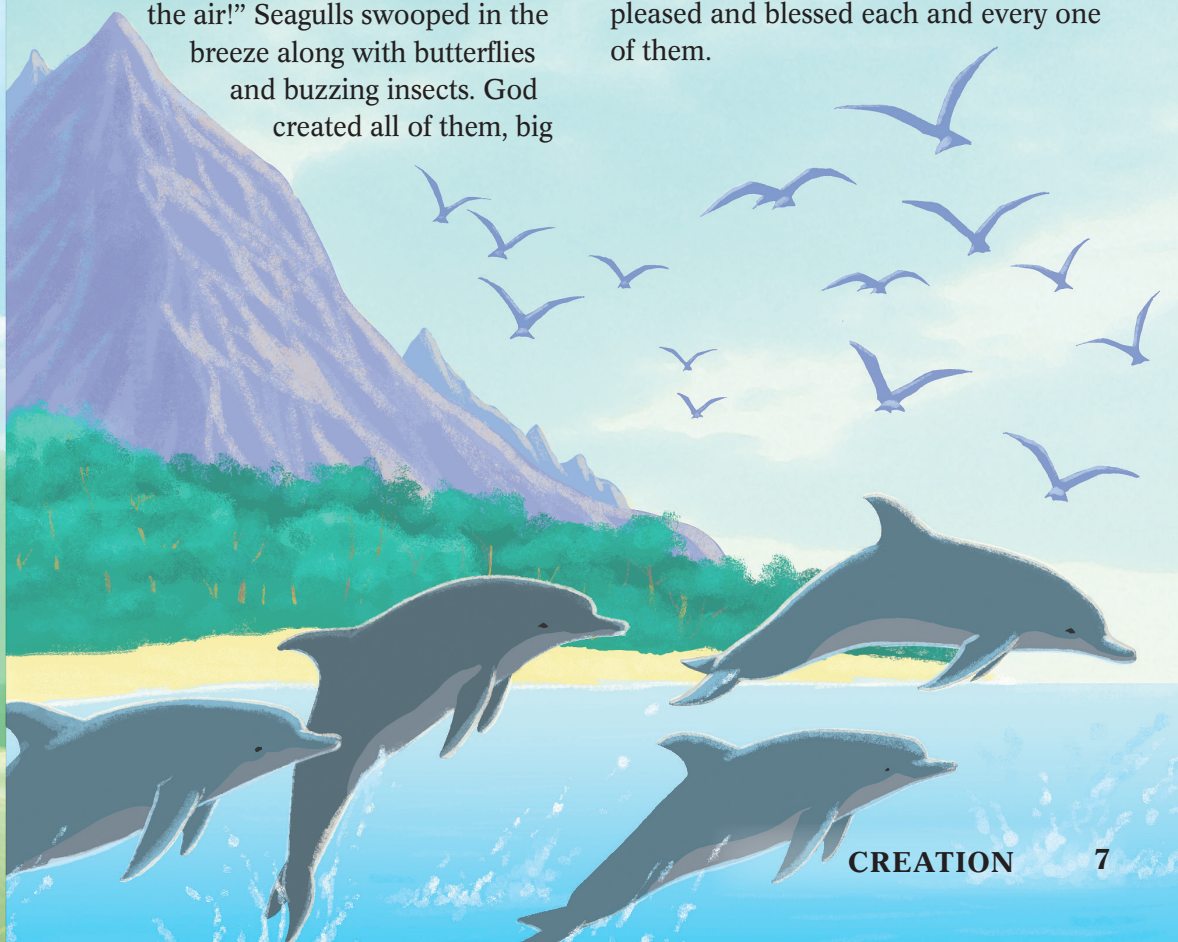
*Genesis 1:20-23, 24-25*

On the fifth day, God said, “Let the ocean be filled with sea creatures!” Just then, the water began to churn with life. Great whales lifted their mighty heads. Dolphins jumped and splashed in the sunlight and little sea crabs scuttled along the sea floor.

God saw all this was good, so He said, “Let the sky be filled with creatures of the air!” Seagulls swooped in the breeze along with butterflies and buzzing insects. God created all of them, big

and small, and to each He gave His blessing. God was happy with the creatures of the sea and the air.

On the sixth day, God said, “let the deserts and valleys and mountains be filled with animals!” And that’s what happened. Elephants trumpeted loudly; giraffes stretched out their spotted necks toward the trees, and porcupines waddled on the ground with their prickly bodies. The earth was home to animals of all shapes and sizes, both wild and tame. God loved watching them play with each other. He was very pleased and blessed each and every one of them.









## DAY 3

### Adam and Eve

*Genesis 1:26-2:3; 2:7, 18-25; 3:20*

On the sixth day, God looked around at all the animals of the earth and the animals of the sea and sky. Still something was missing. So God said, "I will create man. He will be special because I will make Him in My image."

Then God took a handful of soil and out of it He made Adam. God loved Adam. He even let Adam name all the animals. But God said, "It isn't good for man to be alone."

So God took Adam's rib while he was asleep, and out of it He created the first woman. Her name was Eve. She was the perfect partner for Adam, and Adam loved her.

God gave Adam and Eve His blessing. He said, "The earth is filled with animals you may rule over and many good plants and fruits you may eat. Fill the earth with your children, and care for all the living creatures!"

On the seventh day, God had no work left to do so He made it a special day of rest.

## DAY 4

### The Garden of Eden

*Genesis 2:8-17*

Adam and Eve lived in a garden called Eden. The Garden of Eden was a lush and colorful paradise. Plump ripe fruit grew from the trees; flowers blossomed, and waterfalls crashed down merrily with clear, cool water.

In the middle of the garden, God placed a tree called the tree of knowledge of good and evil. The fruit eaten from this tree gave the power to know the difference between right and wrong. God told Adam that they could eat from any of the trees in the garden except for the fruit from the tree of knowledge. "If you eat from that tree," God warned, "you will die."