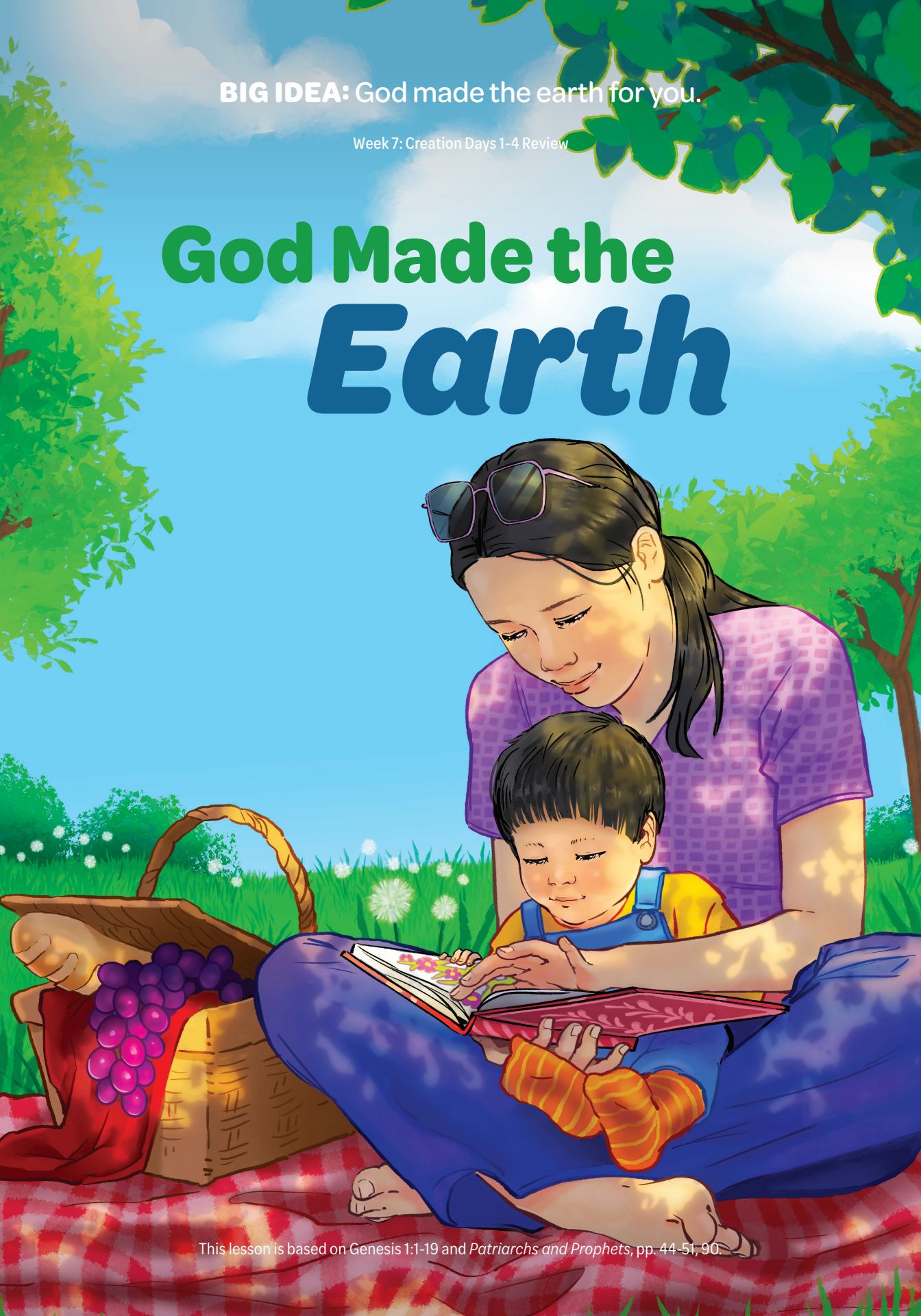
BIG IDEA: God made the earth for you.

Week 7: Creation Days 1-4 Review

God Made the Earth



This lesson is based on Genesis 1:1-19 and *Patriarchs and Prophets*, pp. 44-51, 90.

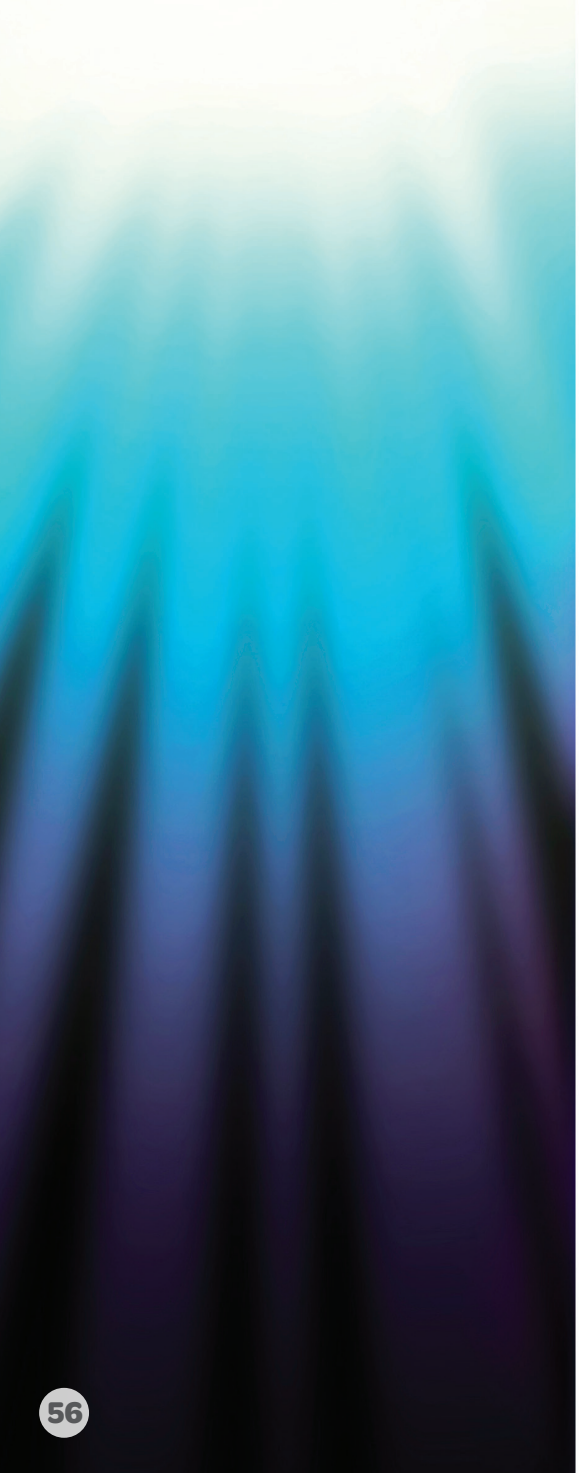


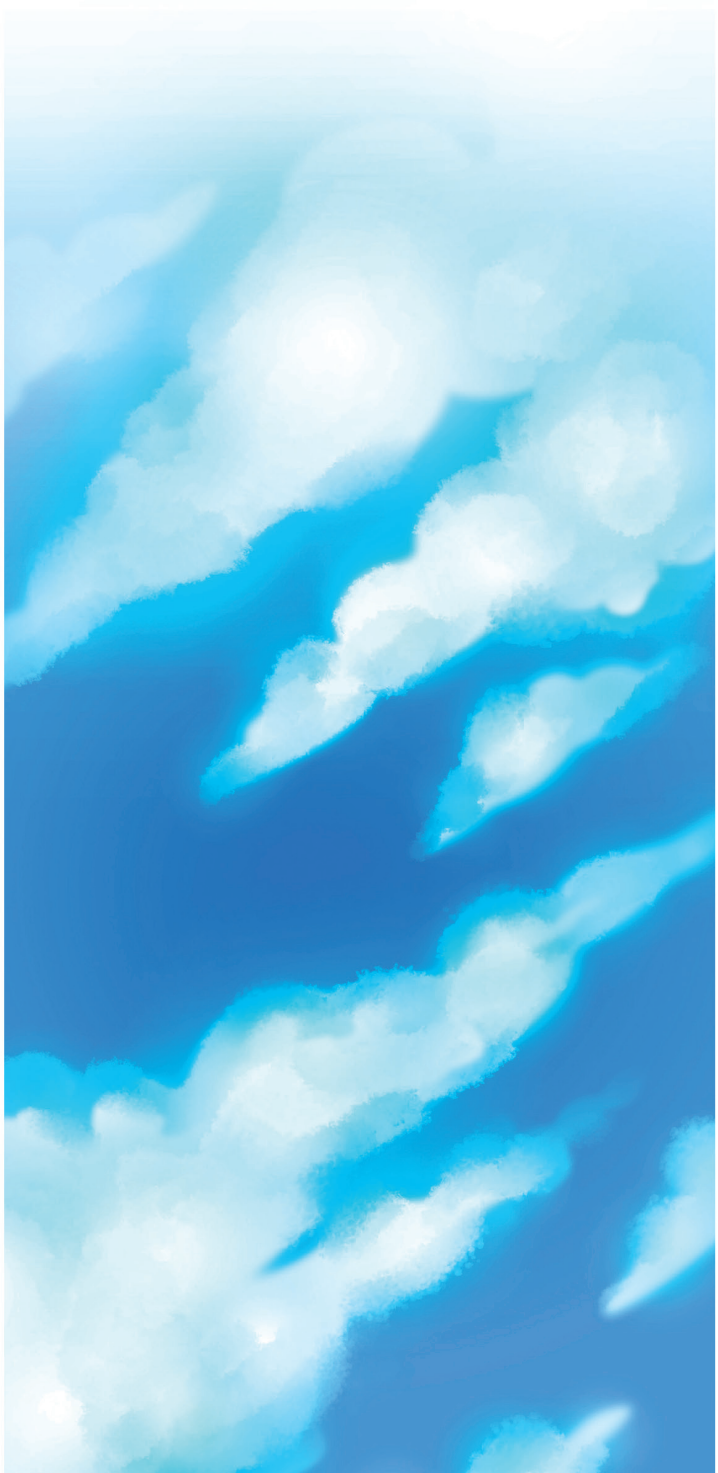
In the beginning, before there were pandas in the bamboo or hopping kangaroos, God made the earth. So much had been made since He had first begun. One . . . two . . . three . . . four . . . days *(count to four with fingers)* of Creation were done. God had more to do as He created a beautiful world for you.



Each new day of Creation began with God's wonderful plan. The earth was almost ready; each piece was in its place. Days 5, 6, and 7 *(count with fingers)* **were still to come. God knew what we need before Creation was done.**

God's strong, kind voice echoed across the water each day. On Day 1 the earth filled with His light, making everything bright. On Day 2 He made the sky so brilliant and blue. On Day 3 there was so much to see as God gathered the dry land and the sea. He made the tall trees and the grass, the plants and the seeds. God created more on Day 4: the light of the sun, the moon, and the stars *(count each day with fingers).*









God made the earth for you and for me. The air smelled of roses and pine trees. The rolling green hills were dotted with white daisies. The tall grasses rustled in the breeze, and waves rolled onto the shore of the sea. Seeds blew through the air, swirling to the ground. What would be found where they grew, a graceful willow or pansies in yellow? The branches of trees soared high above tender shoots in the garden of carrots and peas. All this God saw *(hand above eyes; look about),* **and it was good.**

Take a deep breath *(big breath)* **of the air and feel the warmth of the sun. This tells you of God's big love. As you sit on the grass and it tickles your toes** *(wiggle child's toes),* **laugh, and know God makes it grow. God made everything for you and me. Water to drink and yummy food to eat. Is it crunchy apples or walnuts, red tomatoes, or green avocados that are best? What do you think God would create next? God loves you more than all the stars in the sky. The earth would soon come alive on Day 5.**

(Say together) **Thank You, God, for making the earth for me!**



play throughout the day

Create

Cut out different-colored stars and decorate them with glitter glue. Write a simple prayer of thanks on each star and hang them from the ceiling above your child's bed.

Explore

Plant some vegetable or herb seedlings in the garden or a pot. As you garden together, show your child the roots of the plant. Talk about the things a plant needs to grow (sun, water, good soil) and then water your plant together. Thank God for the amazing plants He made for us to eat!

Make

Make a land and sky sensory bin. Make two lots of dyed rice by placing two cups in a sealable container or ziplock bag. Add several drops of blue food coloring and 1 teaspoon of vinegar in one, and green food coloring with vinegar in the other. Shake well. Spread out on a tray to dry completely and then place in a shallow storage bin. Carefully shake out to make the sky and land. Add cotton balls for clouds and put trees and plants on the grass.

Create

Use clear contact paper to make a stained-glass nature artwork. Cut out two same-size circles from the contact paper. Go outside and collect any leaves, grass, or flowers you can find. Peel the backing from one of the circles and press the leaves and flowers down as flat as you can. Once completed, peel the other contact paper circle and place on top to cover it. Hang in a window as a reminder of God's amazing creation.

Prayer and Praise

Go on a walk with your child to discover things that remind them of what God made on Days 1-4 of Creation. Find as many different-colored items as possible. Match leaves, flowers, and rocks by their color, shape, size, or smoothness/roughness. As you find each item, say, "Thank You, God, for making the earth for me!"



Extension weekly memory verse: "Thus says the Lord . . . . 'I have made the earth' " (Isaiah 45:11, 12).

THE HEART OF THE MATTER

For You, Parents

"More, please" is a phrase often heard in the home of a young child. Having read the story ten times already or played the same game more times than you can count, you take a breath and do it once again. What is it about doing something again and again that is so appealing? To our adult minds, this repetition can seem boring or even annoying. The small child, however, thrives on being able to anticipate what comes next. Whether knowing what is on the next page of the book or the next activity in Sabbath School, the expected is comforting and fun!

Repetition not only creates a sense of safety for the child, but is also an important building block for the development of new skills. Repeating the same task over and over strengthens the neural passageways for learning. As they progress and successfully master a skill, they develop the confidence and strengthen the connections needed to apply that skill in a new way.

Encourage them to expand their learning beyond the repetition of reading the same book over and over. Use the theme of their favorite story to explore and express their own ideas. Involve their senses and imaginations in the process while encouraging self-reflection through such open-ended questions as: "What do you think it felt like?" "I wonder what they will do next?" or "What do you think it smelled like?"

Watch as your child learns and grows through repetition. As they repeat the same actions again and again, you will see them develop coordination and control. Through repetition they will also discover success as they develop perseverance. Take courage in knowing that God too watches us with love and patience as we often require repetition to learn to trust in Him. It is in knowing that we can do it again that we find a resilience not daunted by a fall but rather strengthened in the opportunity to get up and say, "More, please."

"What we venture to do once, we are more apt to do again. Habits of sobriety, of self-control, of economy, of close application, of sound, sensible conversation, of patience and true courtesy, are not gained without diligent, close watching over self. . . . Persevering efforts will be required if the Christian graces are ever perfected in our lives" (Ellen G. White, *Testimonies for the Church,* vol. 4, p. 452).

"And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart" (Galatians 6:9).