BIG IDEA: God made the sky.

Week 3: Creation Day 2

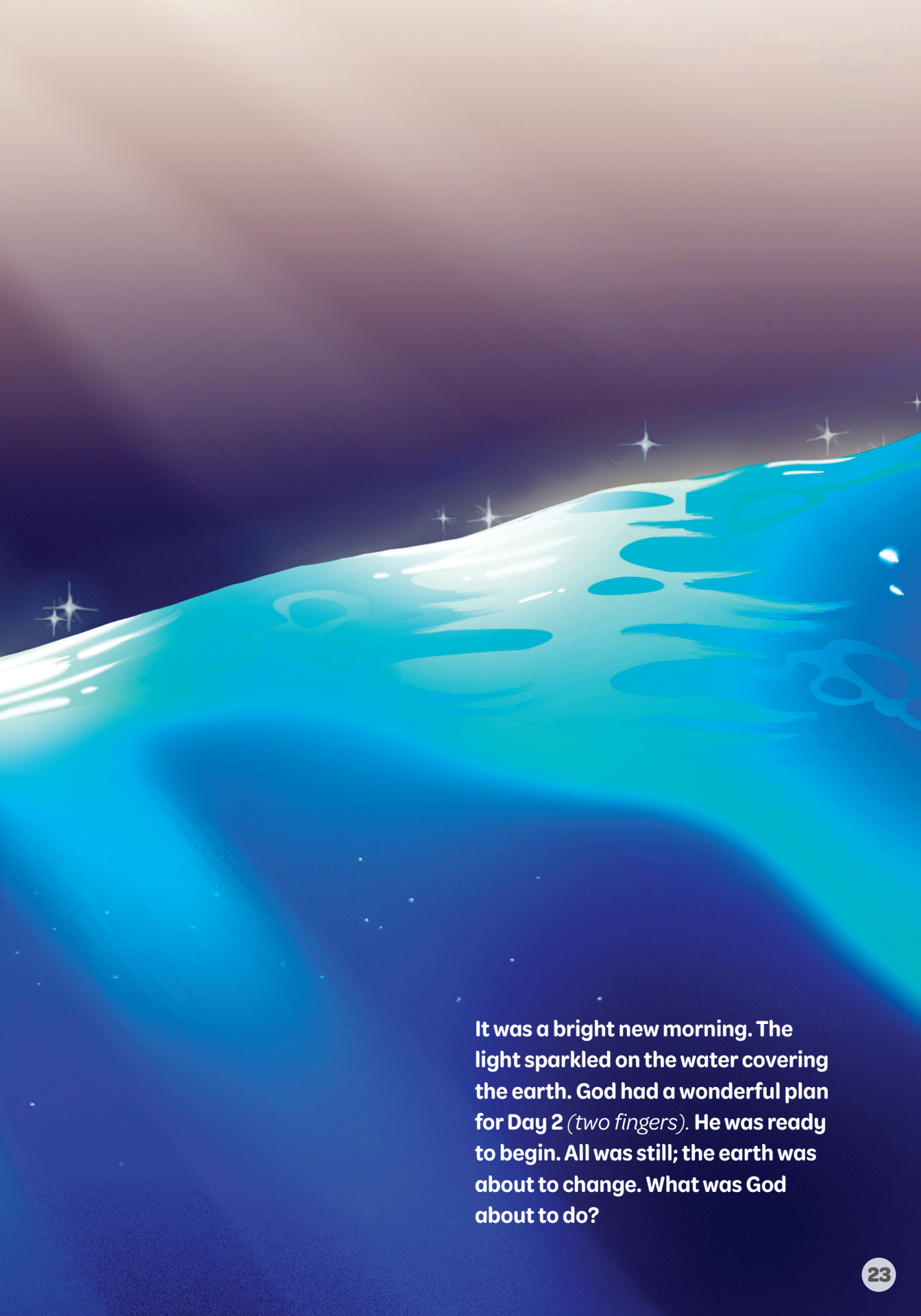
God Made the Sky



This lesson is based on Genesis 1:6-8 and *Patriarchs and Prophets*, pp. 44-51.



In the beginning, before there were birds that flew, or cows that moo, there was God. God wanted there to be a beautiful world for me and you. On Day 1 *(one finger)* God filled the earth with His beautiful light. There was so much more God would do now on Day 2 *(two fingers)*.



It was a bright new morning. The light sparkled on the water covering the earth. God had a wonderful plan for Day 2 *(two fingers).* **He was ready to begin. All was still; the earth was about to change. What was God about to do?**



Across the water echoed God's strong, kind voice. God told the waters to divide in two *(hands together, then apart).* **Some water went up, up, up** *(hand up high),* **and some water stayed down, down, down** *(move other hand side to side below).* **God spoke, and there was air! "God named the air, 'sky' " (Genesis 1:8, ICB).**



Blue sky and fresh air filled the earth *(breathe in and out with your child).* **A gentle breeze blew across the shimmering water** *(blow across your hand).* **The water shone with the blue of the new sky. One day the sky would water the earth with rain from fluffy clouds that would float by.**

God made the sky for me and you, His special gift on Day 2. When you feel the wind on your cheeks and see the clouds in the sky, you will know He is good. When you take a deep breath of the air God made, you will know He loves you *(hug child).* **God's plan was not done yet. Each day there would be more to see. What do you think He will make on Day 3?** *(Three fingers.)*

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



play throughout the day



Create

Work on Day 2 of your child's Creation Book. Use blue watercolor or crayons to create the sky. Separate cotton balls and glue them on for the clouds. Write, "*On Day 2 God Made the Sky.*"

Discover

Discover the effect of wind. Blow bubbles together or watch a pinwheel move. Fly a kite or make a paper plane. Talk about how the wind makes all these things move.

Explore

Lie on a blanket together and look up at the clouds. Encourage your child to use their imagination and name cloud shapes and images. Talk about how they move with the air that God made. Praise God for the beautiful blue sky and clouds floating by.

Learn

Explore in nature things that blow in the wind: feathers, leaves, dandelions, seeds, or tall grasses. Share how these things need the wind to help them spread and grow again. Watch for birds soaring or butterflies fluttering by. Look for some nature books at the library about seeds and leaves.

Pray

Breathe in, breathe out. Thank God for the air you breathe, and for the wind that blows.

Extension weekly memory verse: "By the word of the Lord the heavens were made" (Psalm 33:6).

THE HEART OF THE MATTER

For You, Parents

God paints His beauty on the canvas of the sky differently each day through the times and seasons. Take some time today to drink in the vast beauty of God's sky. Notice the various patterns of clouds; marvel at the burnished pinks of a sunset or golden hue of a sunrise. Watch a storm gather on the horizon as dark clouds build and then release their showers.

If God can paint the sky every day with such beauty, what can He do in your life this week? Work deadlines, full washing baskets, and the whirl of always getting somewhere on time are not beyond His care. God loves both order and beauty. The God who created the sky wants to gift you with both.

Routines and structure are important for both children and adults. A sense of peace can be found in your own daily plans. Knowing what is to come in each day gives a child comfort and safety to explore and learn. But no matter how perfectly ordered your day begins, there will be times you will feel out of control, like a storm brewing on the horizon. How do you respond when your plans seem to disintegrate? Whom do you turn to for your stability and comfort?

When you show your child that you can calmly adjust to a new course, they too learn how to handle unexpected changes. Together you can ask God to order your plans. Seek His strength to be flexible no matter what arises as you model to your child how to rely on Him. Your anxieties can be eased when you rest in knowing that God holds the world, and your home, in His hands.

"Do you know how the clouds are balanced, those wondrous works of Him who is perfect in knowledge?" (Job 37:16).

"The same power that upholds nature is working also in man. . . . Only in harmony with Him can be found its true sphere of action. For all the objects of His creation the condition is the same—a life sustained by receiving the life of God, a life exercised in harmony with the Creator's will" (Ellen G. White, *Education*, pp. 99, 100).