

## *The World Is Filled with Creatures*

Then God spoke: "Let the waters be filled with living things and let the air be thronged with birds." And so it was. God made the creatures of the sea and birds of every kind. They were good in every way. Evening passed and morning came. The fifth day was over.

Then God spoke: "Let there be all kinds of animals." And so there were. Then God said, "Now we will make human beings to take care of this world that is so good in every way." The people had the likeness of God, and they were given God's lovely world in which to live. God was very pleased. Evening passed and morning came. The sixth day was over.

So the whole universe was complete. By the seventh day, God had finished. God rested; God blessed the seventh day and set it apart as a special day. And that is how the universe was created.

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,  
the world, and those who live in it;  
for he has founded it on the seas,  
and established it on the rivers.

*Psalm 24:1-2*





## *The Flood Rises*

Noah went into the ark with his family and with the animals and birds. Seven days later, the flood came.

Water fell from the sky in torrents, and it did not cease for forty days. The flood rose up from the ground. The ark began to float.

The water became deeper and still deeper. Soon it covered the mountains, and still it went on rising. Every living creature that remained on the earth died. Only those who sheltered with Noah in the wooden ark were safe.

There they stayed, for a hundred and fifty days.

The Lord who created you says,

“Do not be afraid—I will save you.

I have called you by name—you are mine.

When you pass through deep waters, I will be with you;  
your troubles will not overwhelm you.”

*Isaiah 43:1–2*

