

# CREATION: DAYS AND KINDS

GENESIS 1:1-19

## LEARN THE WORD

### Psalm 8:3-4

*When I look at Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, the moon and the stars, which You have set in place, what is man that You are mindful of him, and the son of man that You care for him?*

- Yom, the Hebrew word for “day” in Genesis 1, means a regular 24-hour day.
- God made plants to reproduce “according to their kinds.” This means that a plant can only produce a plant that is like itself.

## WHAT YOU HEARD IN THE WORD


## OUTWORD FOR FAMILY DISCUSSION

You may hear people say that the universe is millions of years old, that the book of Genesis is not literal, and that the days of creation were actually long periods of time.


### What could you say?

*It's always best to let the Bible speak for itself. The book of Genesis clearly describes each day as having an evening and a morning. I believe the days of creation were 24-hour days. You see, whenever the word “day” appears in the Bible with the phrase “evening and morning” and has a number like first, second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth—like it does in Genesis 1, it means a 24-hour day.*


**Activity:** Unscramble the phrases below. What did God create?




**Day 1:** \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_  
*seeHvan, rhEta, tgiLh*



**Day 2:** \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_  
*enpExas, eAtremhops, rAi*



**Day 3:** \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_  
*ryD dLna, sPltna*



**Day 4:** \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_  
*nuS, noMo, sraSt*

*Answers: 1) Heavens, Earth, Light 2) Expanse, Atmosphere, Air 3) Dry Land, Plants 4) Sun, Moon, Stars*

## HOMESCHOOL

### FOR PARENTS

In the book of Genesis, God intended for us to know specifically what He created and how long it took Him to create. The creation account allows us just a small glimpse of the power—the omnipotence—of our mighty God as He speaks, by the power of His Word, the entire universe into existence.

God created the earth and light on Day One. On Day Two, God created the expanse to separate the waters above from the waters below. On Day Three, God created plants. God created the sun, moon, stars, and planets on Day Four (Genesis 1:1-19).

Many want to argue that the account of creation as recorded in the Bible does not reflect six normal, 24-hour days. They want to insert millions or even billions of years. However, the account in Genesis uses the word “day” or *yom* in Hebrew. Throughout Scripture when this word *yom* appears in the context as it does in Genesis 1—with the phrase “evening and morning” and a number, it always refers to a normal day. Theologians rely on Hebrew dictionaries like the Brown-Driver-Briggs Hebrew Lexicon to determine the proper understanding of God’s Word. This respected Hebrew resource actually gives Genesis 1 as an example of an instance in Scripture where the word *yom* refers specifically to a 24-hour day.