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In the beginning . . .

Our approach to Genesis will be inductive, which means you will seek to discover for yourself exactly what the Word of God says in this book of beginnings. We want you to say with the psalmist, “For You Yourself have taught me” (Psalm 119:102b).

The process we use is that of observation, interpretation, and application. First, you will observe the text thoroughly to discover what it says—and then knowing well what it says, you will seek to interpret it correctly so that you know what it means. Then finally, we hope you will apply the truth you discover to your life.

And what does application look like? First, it may mean that you have to change your mind about what you believe so that it lines up with the Word of God. Second, having believed by faith what God says, you would conduct your life accordingly. Faith is taking God at His Word; it’s trusting what He says.

TAKING IT IN

1. How does Genesis, this book of beginnings, begin? At the end of this study you will find the text of Genesis 1 and 2. We call these Observation Worksheets.
 - a. Read Genesis 1 aloud. Mark every reference to God, including pronouns. Choose a color or symbol for God so you can quickly identify every reference to Him. See the back of your workbook for a suggested marking, along with suggestions for other words used frequently throughout the Bible.
 - b. What do you learn from marking the references to God? Look at each place you marked Him, and list below what Genesis 1 tells you about God. Be brief.

- c. Are there any references to **when** in this chapter? **When** something happened or was done? Mark **(time)** in a distinctive way, for instance with a green circle. Do this on your Genesis 1 Observation Worksheet.
2. Read Genesis 1 again.
- a. Mark:
- 1) *Then God said* in a special color.
 - 2) *and there was evening and there was morning, a ____ day.* Since this is a time phrase, many of us just mark it with a squiggly green line that we link to the green circle we use for time.
 - 3) *and God saw that it was good*—or anything similar to that in wording.
 - 4) references to the *waters* and to the *sea(s)* in the same way. As you mark, you might want to mark the entire phrase that has to do with the water, such as “in the midst of the waters.”

- 5) *and it was so*. What is the phrase connected with? Do you see any purpose to this repeated phrase?
- b. Now, in the margin of the text note what God did on each day. You can use a pencil at this point in case you want to change something later.
3. Look at the “Days of Creation” chart at the end of the lesson.
- a. Record exactly what came into existence on each day, along with anything else you see that you want to remember about what God created. It will help solidify your observations and provide you with a concise chart on what the Bible teaches regarding the days and order of Creation.
- b. What follows what? Does there seem to be any order in what God made—any particular logic to that order? Write your insights.
4. How would you summarize in as few words as possible what Genesis 1 is about? As much as possible, use the terminology, the words, God uses in the chapter. Record this on the Chapter Theme line at the top of your Genesis 1 Observation Worksheet.

THE DAYS OF CREATION

<p>First Day</p>	<p>Fourth Day</p>
<p>Second Day</p>	<p>Fifth Day</p>
<p>Third Day</p>	<p>Sixth Day</p>

GENESIS 1

Observation Worksheet

Chapter Theme _____

IN the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

- 2 The earth was formless and void, and darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was moving over the surface of the waters.
- 3 Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light.
- 4 God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness.
- 5 God called the light day, and the darkness He called night. And there was evening and there was morning, one day.
- 6 Then God said, “Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.”
- 7 God made the expanse, and separated the waters which were below the expanse from the waters which were above the expanse; and it was so.
- 8 God called the expanse heaven. And there was evening and there was morning, a second day.
- 9 Then God said, “Let the waters below the heavens be gathered into one place, and let the dry land appear”; and it was so.
- 10 God called the dry land earth, and the gathering of the waters He called seas; and God saw that it was good.

- 11 Then God said, “Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding seed, *and* fruit trees on the earth bearing fruit after their kind with seed in them”; and it was so.
- 12 The earth brought forth vegetation, plants yielding seed after their kind, and trees bearing fruit with seed in them, after their kind; and God saw that it was good.
- 13 There was evening and there was morning, a third day.
- 14 Then God said, “Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night, and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years;
- 15 and let them be for lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth”; and it was so.
- 16 God made the two great lights, the greater light to govern the day, and the lesser light to govern the night; *He made* the stars also.
- 17 God placed them in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth,
- 18 and to govern the day and the night, and to separate the light from the darkness; and God saw that it was good.
- 19 There was evening and there was morning, a fourth day.
- 20 Then God said, “Let the waters teem with swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth in the open expanse of the heavens.”
- 21 God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarmed after their kind, and every winged bird after its kind; and God saw that it was good.

- 22 God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.”
- 23 There was evening and there was morning, a fifth day.
- 24 Then God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures after their kind: cattle and creeping things and beasts of the earth after their kind”; and it was so.
- 25 God made the beasts of the earth after their kind, and the cattle after their kind, and everything that creeps on the ground after its kind; and God saw that it was good.
- 26 Then God said, “Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”
- 27 God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.
- 28 God blessed them; and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it; and rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”
- 29 Then God said, “Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the surface of all the earth, and every tree which has fruit yielding seed; it shall be food for you;

- 30 and to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the sky and to every thing that moves on the earth which has life, *I have given* every green plant for food”; and it was so.
- 31 God saw all that He had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

GENESIS 2

Observation Worksheet

Chapter Theme _____

THUS the heavens and the earth were completed, and all their hosts.

- 2 By the seventh day God completed His work which He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had done.
- 3 Then God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because in it He rested from all His work which God had created and made.
- 4 This is the account of the heavens and the earth when they were created, in the day that the LORD God made earth and heaven.
- 5 Now no shrub of the field was yet in the earth, and no plant of the field had yet sprouted, for the LORD God had not sent rain upon the earth, and there was no man to cultivate the ground.
- 6 But a mist used to rise from the earth and water the whole surface of the ground.
- 7 Then the LORD God formed man of dust from the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.
- 8 The LORD God planted a garden toward the east, in Eden; and there He placed the man whom He had formed.
- 9 Out of the ground the LORD God caused to grow every tree that is pleasing to the sight and good for food; the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

- 10 Now a river flowed out of Eden to water the garden; and from there it divided and became four rivers.
- 11 The name of the first is Pishon; it flows around the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold.
- 12 The gold of that land is good; the bdellium and the onyx stone are there.
- 13 The name of the second river is Gihon; it flows around the whole land of Cush.
- 14 The name of the third river is Tigris; it flows east of Assyria. And the fourth river is the Euphrates.
- 15 Then the LORD God took the man and put him into the garden of Eden to cultivate it and keep it.
- 16 The LORD God commanded the man, saying, "From any tree of the garden you may eat freely;
- 17 but from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat from it you will surely die."
- 18 Then the LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone; I will make him a helper suitable for him."
- 19 Out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the sky, and brought *them* to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called a living creature, that was its name.
- 20 The man gave names to all the cattle, and to the birds of the sky, and to every beast of the field, but for Adam there was not found a helper suitable for him.

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- 21 So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then He took one of his ribs and closed up the flesh at that place.
- 22 The LORD God fashioned into a woman the rib which He had taken from the man, and brought her to the man.
- 23 The man said,
- “This is now bone of my bones,
And flesh of my flesh;
She shall be called Woman,
Because she was taken out of Man.”
- 24 For this reason a man shall leave his father and his mother, and be joined to his wife; and they shall become one flesh.
- 25 And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.

