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February 2020**

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*Men cannot say they do not know about God. From the beginning of the world, men could see what God is like through the things He has made. This shows His power that lasts forever. It shows that He is God. Rom. 1:20*

People have different perspectives about many things. Some people will say the Iowa Hawkeyes are the best. Other people will say Iowa is no good, the Iowa State Cyclones are much better. The people see the same teams but think about them very differently.

The same is true about how we see life and the world. This is called our worldview. Christians have a Christian worldview. We see the world the way God teaches us. Unbelievers don’t see the world the same way. They think about life and the world from their sinful perspective, not from God’s perspective.

Does that matter? Yes, how you see the world is very important! There are many ways Christians think different from the world. We will look at six very important ways we think and believe the way God wants, and not the same as the world. In each newsletter this year, we will look at one topic and what that means for us.

What is one way Christians think differently from unbelievers? **We believe God made the world.**

Think about that. That is a very simple statement, but it means there are many differences between us and unbelievers! Just look at these examples.

If God didn’t make me...	Because God made me...
There is no God.	There is an eternal God.
This world is all there is. No heaven, no hell. I have my life on earth and that is all.	God is much greater than the world. My time on earth is not all there is. God has bigger plans beyond this.
I don’t know where I came from or why I’m here. My life has no purpose or meaning.	I know where I came from and why I’m here. God gives my life purpose & meaning.
People’s lives aren’t valuable. Abortion is okay, killing sick or old people is okay.	God makes every life valuable. No matter people are babies, old, sick, everyone is valuable to God and to us.

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If God didn't make me...	Because God made me...
There is no God, so there is no relationship with Him.	God made us to have a close relationship with Him.
The world belongs to us. We can do anything we want with it.	The world belongs to God because He made it. We take care of it the way <u>He</u> wants.
I have to take care of myself.	I trust God to take care of me.

You can probably think of more differences, but we will save some of these ideas for future articles. But that is enough that you can see how important it is for us to know and believe that God made everything.

Many Christians don't know how important this is. They believe in God, but they don't think He made the world. They think the world evolved (life slowly happened over billions of years). But if they think God didn't create everything, you can see how that leads to more wrong belief.

That is why our church continues to teach and preach that God is our Creator, as we say in the Apostles' Creed every week: I believe in God the Father Almighty, He made heaven and earth. Remember this important teaching, that God made everything, including you!

Next time: The fall into sin.

## **Prayers**

Please remember these people in your prayers:

- ✦ 2020! Every day is a day God blesses us with life, forgiveness, grace. Every day is an opportunity to live as His people and grow closer to Him. Every day is another day closer to Jesus coming again. Pray that God will continue to protect us in faith, make us live as His people, and be good witnesses for the people around us.
- ✦ Epiphany is the time in the church year that we see Jesus showing people that He is the Savior. Pray that He will show people today that He is still the Savior for the world.
- ✦ Ask God to bless people with trust and health: Mollie Schmitz, Doris Harris, Lorri Green, Shirley Green, Barbara Zimmerman, Tracy Shepard, Jerry Hanson, Joan Mass, Kris Baltzer, Larry Plumb, Sharon Pope, Gerald and JoAnn Mitchell, Jeanette Kern, Bonnie Lou Huffman, Terry Ann Check, Paula Slavin, and many family members and friends.
- ✦ For Rosie Glime's family and Norma Jean Mangrich's family. Rosie's daughter Lori and Norma Jean's husband Randy both passed away in December. We ask God to fill their families and friends with His comfort.
- ✦ For Pat Monroe as she is hoping to find a job and move back to Iowa soon.
- ✦ As congress goes through the impeachment process, ask God to give us wise and honest leaders who will follow Him.
- ✦ For Pastor Eckert to have a safe trip to Kenya and for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Kenya to grow in their ability to include the Deaf in the church.
- ✦ Pray for Andy Petajan as he studies to become a pastor and for Becky Jungklaus as she studies to become a deaconess.
- ✦ All shut-ins to keep strong faith in Christ Jesus.



# Dive Into God's Word

Many Christians can remember that God made everything in 6 days and rested on the 7<sup>th</sup> day. But what did He make every day? That can be more difficult to remember. Get out your Bible and read Genesis 1:1-2:3. Reading and studying God's word is always the most important way to learn what He says and does.

You can also read Gen. 1:1-2:3 with this drawing. This is an easy way to see what God made on each of the 6 days. I got this drawing from Pastor Ron Friedrich, but this idea has been around long before him. Make your own drawing to help you remember how to do this.

Start by getting a sheet of paper. Draw two lines across it to divide it into three parts.

Day 1. Write a "1" in the upper left corner. Draw a circle and shade half of it black. On Day 1, God made light. He separated the light and darkness.

Day 2. Write a "2" in the left corner of the middle section. Draw clouds above and water below. On Day 2, God put water in two places – the sky above and on the earth.

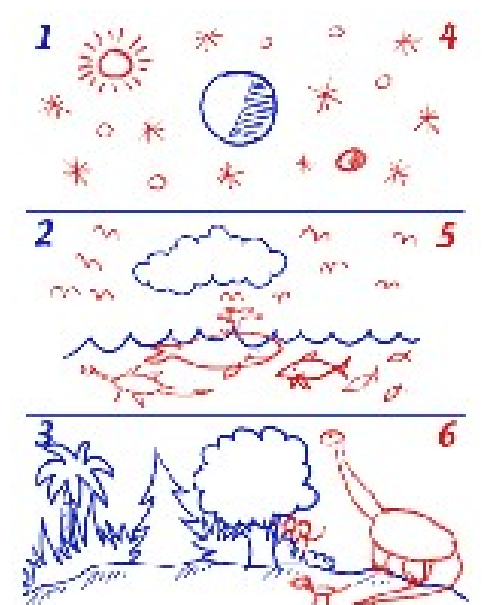
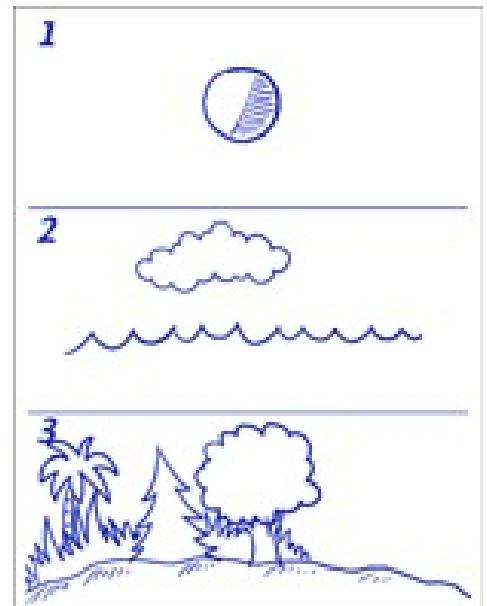
Day 3. Write a "3" in the left corner of the bottom section. Draw dry ground and plants. On Day 3, God separated the water and dry ground on earth. Then He made all kinds of plants.

Day 4. Go back up to the top section and write a "4" in the top right corner. Draw the sun, moon and stars in the sky. On Day 1, God made light, but He didn't yet put anything in the sky. On Day 4, God put the sun, moon, stars and planets in the sky.

Day 5. Write a "5" in the middle section on the right side. Draw birds in the sky and fish in the sea. On Day 2, God made the sky and He separated the water (clouds) in the sky and water on the earth. But nothing lived there yet. Now on Day 5, God put living things in the sky and the water. He made birds in the sky and all water animals in the water.

Day 6. Write a "6" in the bottom section on the right side. Draw land animals and a man and a woman. On Day 3, God made dry land and plants. On Day 6, God put animals on land. God also made people (Adam and Eve) on Day 6.

Then all God's work of creating was finished. He looked at everything He had made and said it was all very good. Then on the 7<sup>th</sup> day He rested.



# Creation

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Since this is the beginning of a new year, it is appropriate to talk about how everything began. God made it all begin! The Word List is not a Bible reading this time, but it is a summary of Genesis 1:1-2:3. God made everything in seven days. This is a list of what God did at each step of creating everything in those seven days.

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 N E O E Y H D E T S E R E

## Word List

God lived in eternity past. He had no beginning. He was always God.

In the beginning God created heaven and earth.

Day 1: God made light and He separated the light and darkness.

Day 2: God made the sky. He separated the waters above (clouds) and the water below (on earth).

Day 3: God separated water and dry land. Then He made plants.

Day 4: God made the sun, moon, and stars.

Day 5: God made the animals that live in the sky (birds) and in the water.

Day 6. God made all land animals. Then He made people. He made them male and female, and He made them to be like Him.

Day 7. God rested and made the seventh day holy. He looked at everything He made and said it was all very good.

## January

- 3 Dalton Anderson
- 14 Janelle Legg  
Susan Sacco
- 15 Diane Yotter
- 16 Joanne Postel
- 24 Larry Plumb
- 30 Rosie Glime



## February

- 3 Neita Dommer  
Gerald Mitchell
- 5 Evelyn Powell
- 8 Brady Olsen
- 12 Curtis Bethurum
- 14 Roselyn Schultz
- 19 Lorne Schultz  
Sarah Eckert
- 29 Melody Eiben

**Cedar Rapids** will no longer have potlucks on the second Sunday of the month. From now on, we will only have a potluck when we have a voters' meeting.

# January 2020

			<b>1</b> <b>Happy New Year!</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 10:00 QC – Worship/Study
<b>5</b> * See below for worship and Bible study times.	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 10:00 CR – Senior Citizens  7:00 WL – Worship	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 10:00 QC – Worship  1:00 DU – Study
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<b>19</b> * See below for worship and Bible study times.	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>  7:00 WL – Study	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 10:00 QC – Worship/Study
<b>26</b> * See below for worship and Bible study times.	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	

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 WL – Waterloo/Cedar Falls. Immanuel Lutheran Church, 4820 Oster Parkway, Cedar Falls. 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.  
 DU – Dubuque. Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, 2145 John F. Kennedy Rd., Dubuque. 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday at 1:00 p.m.  
 MU – Muscatine. Our Savior Lutheran Church, 2611 Lucas St., Muscatine. Talk to Pastor Eckert to confirm meeting location.

# February 2020

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<b>23</b> * See below for worship and Bible study times.	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Ash Wednesday	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 10:00 QC – Worship/Study

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