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God of Wonders

The definition of the word WONDER is this:

“A feeling of surprise mingled with admiration, caused by something beautiful, unexpected, unfamiliar or inexplicable.”

The last time that Sonshine Singers met, we were practicing the song ***God of Wonders***. We planned to sing it in worship in March! It's one of my very favorite songs! If you have your CD from last summer's VBS you can play the song now!

Lord of all creation, of water, earth and sky.

The heavens are your Tabernacle.

Gory to the Lord on high!

(chorus) God of wonders beyond our galaxy,

You are holy, holy!

The universe declares your majesty.

You are holy, holy!

Halleluiah! To the Lord of heaven and earth!

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Early in the morning I will celebrate the light.

When I stumble in the darkles,

I will call your name by night.

Repeat chorus

What kinds of things fill you with wonder? (Think about the definition of the word "wonder") I am always filled with wonder when I see a tiny flower peeking up out of the earth or when I come across a birds nest! I am filled with wonder when I drive by pastures in the springtime filled with new baby calves! List a few things that surprise you because they are unexpected!

Now, how does wonder make you feel? Do you get butterflies in your stomach? Do you laugh out loud? Do you dance? Or sing? Describe how wonder makes you feel!

When I see the beauty of the world around me I often repeat one of my favorite poems by one of my favorite poets. I memorized this poem when I was a child:

*i thank you God
for most, this amazing day
for the leaping, greenly spirit of trees.
for the blue true dream of sky
and for everything
which is natural
which is infinite
which is yes! (e. e. cummings)*





Do you know what fills me with the greatest wonder of all? When I read about how God created the world! Read the following story of the creation:

From: [The Children's Bible](#)

by Henry A. Sherman and Charles Foster Kent.

In the beginning God made the heavens and the earth, and while the earth was still unformed, God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. And God saw that the light was good. Then God separated the light from the darkness. And God called the light Day and the darkness Night. And there was an evening and a morning, making the first day.

And God said, "Let there be a sky and let it divide the waters that are below from the waters that are above the sky." And it was done. And God called the sky the Heavens. And there was an evening and a morning, making the second day.

And God said, "Let the waters under the heavens be brought together, and let the dry land appear." And it was done. And God called the dry land Earth and the waters that were brought together Seas. And God saw that it was good.

And God said, "Let plants and trees grow from the earth." And it was done. And plants and trees grew from the earth, each plant bringing forth its own kind of seed and each tree its own kind of fruit, and God saw that it was good. And there was an evening and a morning, making the third day.

And God said, "Let there be lights in the heavens to separate the night from the day. Let them be signs to mark the seasons, the days, and the years. Let them be lights in the heavens to light the earth." And it was done. So God made the two great lights (the sun and the moon): the greater to rule the day and the lesser to rule the night. God made the stars also and placed them in the heavens to throw light upon the earth. And God saw that it was good. And there was an evening and a morning, making the fourth day.

And God said, "Let the waters bring forth many living creatures and let birds fly above the earth and in the sky." And God made large sea-monsters and all kinds of living

creatures with which the waters abound, and all kinds of birds. And God saw that it was good. And he blessed them, saying, "Increase and fill the waters in the seas, and let the birds increase on the earth." And there was an evening and a morning, making the fifth day.

And God said, "Let the earth bring forth all kinds of living creatures, cattle and creeping things and wild beasts." And it was done. So God made all the different kinds of wild beasts, and the cattle, and everything that crawls upon the ground. And God saw that it was good.

And God said, "Let us make man like ourselves. Let him rule over the fish in the sea, the birds of the sky, the cattle, the wild beasts and all the living things that crawl upon the ground." And God made man like himself, like God he made him. He made them male and female.

And God blessed them, and said to them, "Have children, increase, live all over the earth, and conquer it; rule over the fish of the sea, the birds of the sky, and over every living thing that crawls upon the ground."

And God said, "See, to you I give every plant which grows on all the earth, and every tree which bears fruit with its own kind of seed. It shall be food for you. And to every wild beast and to every bird of the sky and to every thing that crawls on the earth and is alive, I give every green herb for food." And it was done.

And when God saw everything that he had made, he saw that it was very good. And there was an evening and a morning, making the sixth day.

And the heavens and the earth were finished and all that there was in them. And on the seventh day when God had finished the work which he had done, he rested from all his work. And God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, for in it he rested from all the work which he had done.

See if you can match the questions with the correct answers in this
Creation Story quiz!



1. What did God call the Light? _____
2. What did God create on the 2nd day? _____
3. What did God call the dry land? _____
4. On what day did God create swimming creatures? _____
5. On which day did God rest? _____
6. What did God create on the third day? _____

ANSWERS:

- The heavens
- Sun
- 7th day
- Plants and trees
- Earth
- 5th day

Think about how creative God had to be when he created the earth! If you could create the most amazing bird or plant or animal, what would it look like?

Creation by: _____

A large, empty rectangular box with a double-line purple border. This box is intended for the student to draw their own creation, as prompted by the text above.