

Creation

(Genesis 1)

Characters:

Narrator (Nar)

Person 1 (P1)

Person 2 (P2)

Person 3 (P3)

Person 4 (P4)

God

Nar: In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

P1: Wow! That's clever.

P2: That's amazing don't you mean.

P3: Well I'd go as far as 'incredible.'!

P4: I'd say 'stupendous!'

Nar: Err-hem. That's quite enough of that. We've got a lot of creation to get through and I don't want it to take all day.

P1: I thought it took 6 days?

P2: You mean we've got to be here for 6 days?

P3: Surely not! I know some services feel like they have lasted for 6 days, but they don't really, do they?

P4: Some people think creation took millions of years. Maybe we've got to stay even longer.

P1,2,3,4: (All saying different words together) That can't be true. I've got to go to school tomorrow. What about my lunch? I've got homework to finish!

Nar: Alright you lot! I see what I am up against now. If you let me get on we can do this in about 10 minutes, OK?

P1,2,3,4: Well what are you waiting for! Get on with it then!

Nar: In the beginning God created the heavens and earth, but everything was dark.

P1: Well that wasn't very good then was it.

P2: Did everyone have a torch?

P3: Maybe they used their mobiles?

P4: Or maybe they ate lots of carrots and could see in the dark?

Nar: (getting exasperated) No, it wasn't like that at all, and anyway there are no people around yet! Just listen and I'll tell you what happened.

P1: Well come on then – 'enlighten' – us!

P1,2,3,4: (All laugh).

Nar: O yes, very clever. Everything was dark, and God said:

God: Let there be light!

Nar: And there was light!

P1: O wow, look at that! I can see now.

P2: I can see you!

P3: I can see this lot as well (points to congregation)

P4: It's good this light stuff.

Nar: And that is what God thought as well. And the first day of creation was over.

P1,2,3,4: (Deep sigh) Ahhh.

Nar: Now the earth and sky were sort of all mixed up!

P1: mixed up, what do you mean?
P2: You mean the sky was on the ground?
P3: Everything was covered in clouds?
P4: Rain went up instead of down?
Nar: Well amazingly, sort of, yes!
P1: That must have been weird.
P2: Very weird!
Nar: It was, so God said:
God: Let the earth and sky be separated and let there be a big space between them.
Nar: So the earth and the sky were separated. He put the sky up above and the earth down below.
P3: And a very good idea that was too.
P4: An excellent idea.
Nar: And that's what God thought as well, and the second day of creation was over.
P1,2,3,4: (deep sigh) Ahhhh

Nar: Now the earth was completely covered in water.
P1: Completely?
P2: You mean there was no dry land?
P3: It was just one big sea?
P4: Not even a little bit of beach to build sandcastles on?
Nar: No, it was all sea.
P1: Well that's no use.
P2: Unless you are a fish of course.
P3: Or an octopus!
P4: Or a whale
P1: Or a...
Nar: Ok, that's enough! We do know that lots of creatures live in the sea now. They didn't then though because they hadn't been created.
P1: So what did God do?
Nar: Well, God said:
God: Gather all the water together in different places and let dry ground appear between the waters.
Nar: and the water tumbled and sloshed and rushed until it settled in the seas and the land could be seen.
P1: So my street appeared out of the sea?
P2: and my home?
P3: and my school?
P4: and my Church?
Nar: Well no, not quite yet. There was nothing on the land except mud.
P1: O great, a world of mud!
P2: I hate mud!
Nar: And God was not that impressed either, so he said:
God: Let lots of plants and trees grow all over the land.
Nar: and so they grew.
P1: Green grass?
P2: beautiful flowers?
P3: Tall trees?
P4: Strawberries? I love strawberries!
Nar: Yes, all of that. Every plant in fact.

P1: Wow, that's clever!
P2: I'd say amazing.
P3: I'd say incredible!
P4: I'd say stupendous!
Nar: It was all of those and more. God looked at his creation and saw that it was good, and so the third day came to an end.
P1,2,3,4: (deep sigh) Ahhh

Nar: But so far there was nothing in the sky, it was just blue during the day and very black in the night.
P1: What, no sun?
P2: No moon?
P3: No stars?
P4: No Jupiter, Mars or Venus?
Nar: Nothing.
P1: Well that's a bit boring.
Nar: That's just what God thought, so he said:
God: Let there be great lights in the sky. A great light for the day, a smaller light for the night, and a million billion twinkling lights across the night sky.
Nar: God called the big light sun, the smaller light moon, and the twinkly lights stars.
P1: Wow, that's beautiful!
P2: That's .. that's awesome!
P3: It's like heaven is all around us!
P4: It's like heaven is reaching out to touch us!
Nar: And God was pleased as well, and the fourth day came to an end.
P1,2,3,4: (deep sigh) Ahhh

Nar: God went walking on the land. He looked out across the sea. He knew something else was needed.
P1: Oulton towers?
P2: Disney land?
P3: The Emirates Stadium?
P4: McDonalds? I love McDonalds!
Nar: Well no, not quite. God waved his hands in the air and suddenly thousands of birds were flapping and circling around. Then he went to the sea and waved his hand and suddenly millions of fish were jumping and splashing and swimming. And God said:
God: Go and multiply and fill the sky and the sea.
P1: All those different birds?
P2: With all their different colours?
P3: And all those different fish?
P4: Crabs and Lobsters too?
Nar: Yes, all of that, and more, much more.
P1: Well, that's more than clever!
P2: More than amazing!
P3: More than incredible!
P4: Even more than stupendous!
Nar: It certainly is! God was very pleased, and the fifth day of creation came to an end.
P1,2,3,4: (deep sigh) Ahhh

Nar: But although there were birds in the air and fish in the sea, there was nothing on the land.

P1: Not even spiders?

P2: or flies?

P3: or Gnats?

P4: Or ants?

Nar: Nothing. So God went all over the earth touching the ground, and where he touched it animals appeared of every kind. Wild animals, pet animals. Farm animals. Big animals, small animals. Animals of every kind.

P1: Including dogs?

P2: and cats?

P3: and rabbits?

P4: and hamsters?

Nar: every animal. But then God stopped. He knelt down on the ground and worked in the mud. Then he blew and the shape he had made began to move. Then all creation watched as God took this new creature by the hand and lifted it to its feet, and said:

God: This is humankind. They are made in my image to rule over my creation and take care of it.

P1: Does that mean that God made all of us?

P2: Even me?

P3: and me?

P4: and me?

Nar: Yes, it means that we are all made in Gods image and put here to take care of God's creation.

P1: Wow, amazing!

P2: awesome!

P3: Stupendous!

P4: err... Mega Fantastic!!

Nar: and that is what God thought as the sixth day came to an end. He looked at all he had made and said:

God: This is all good, very good!