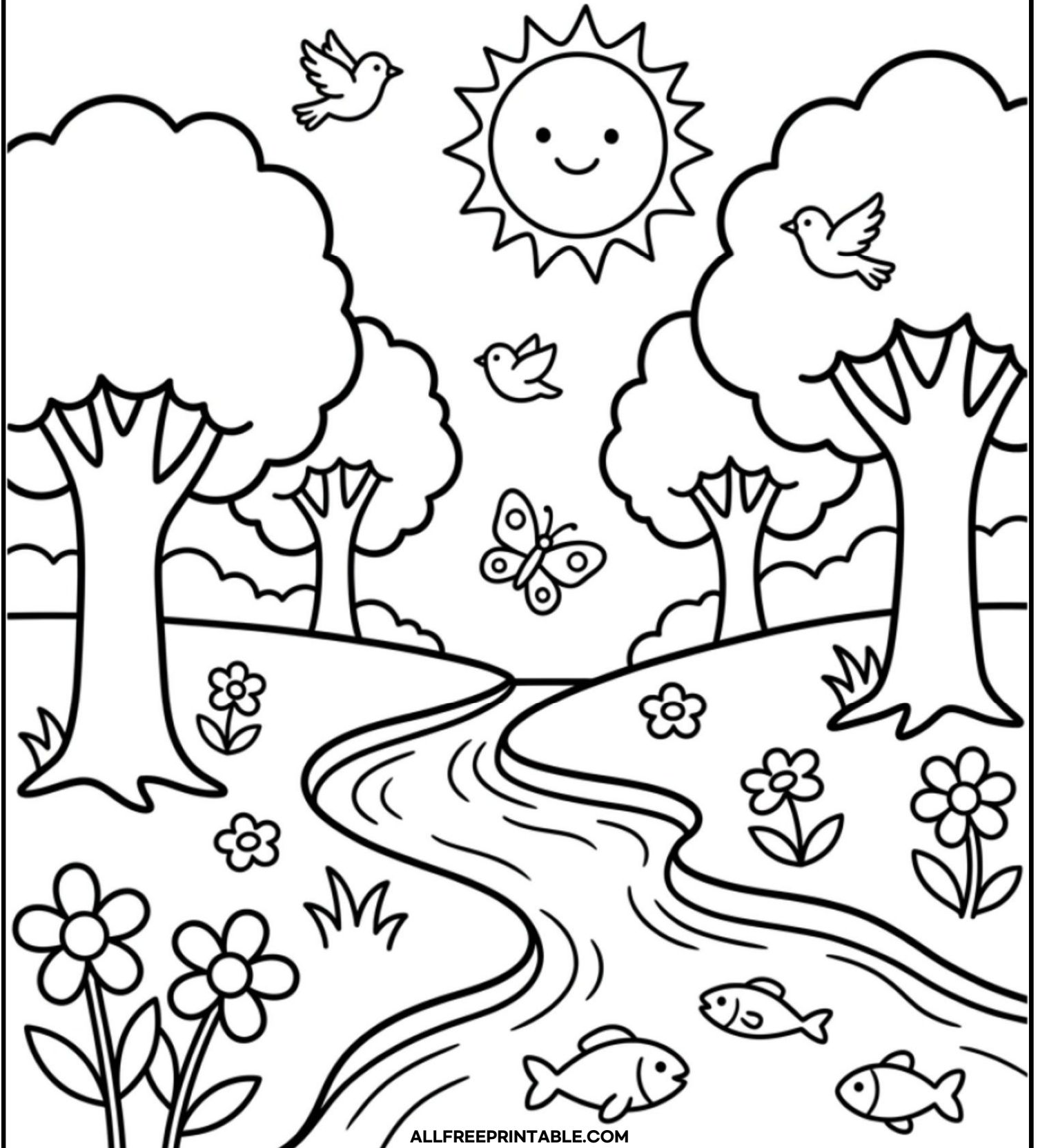
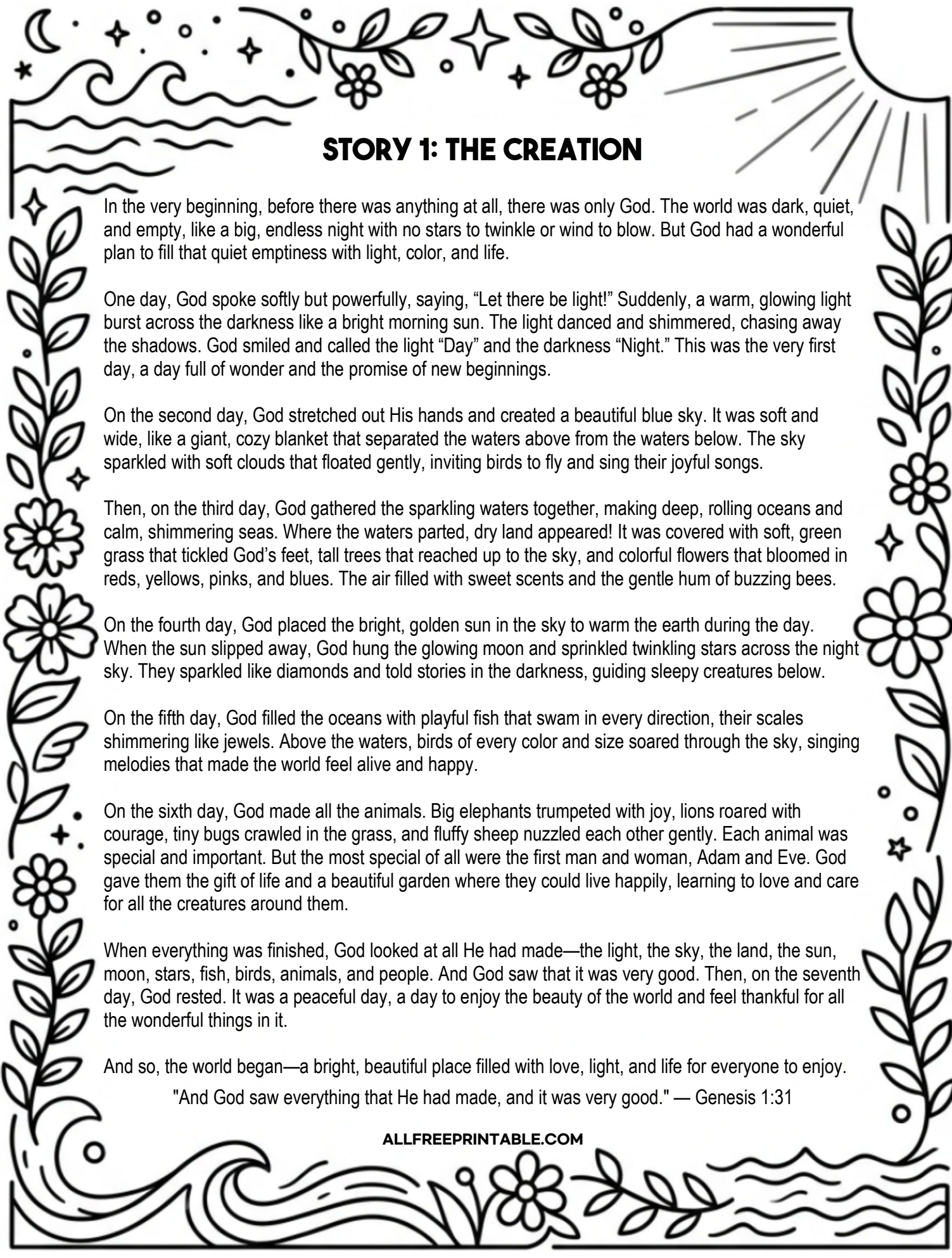


THE CREATION





STORY 1: THE CREATION

In the very beginning, before there was anything at all, there was only God. The world was dark, quiet, and empty, like a big, endless night with no stars to twinkle or wind to blow. But God had a wonderful plan to fill that quiet emptiness with light, color, and life.

One day, God spoke softly but powerfully, saying, "Let there be light!" Suddenly, a warm, glowing light burst across the darkness like a bright morning sun. The light danced and shimmered, chasing away the shadows. God smiled and called the light "Day" and the darkness "Night." This was the very first day, a day full of wonder and the promise of new beginnings.

On the second day, God stretched out His hands and created a beautiful blue sky. It was soft and wide, like a giant, cozy blanket that separated the waters above from the waters below. The sky sparkled with soft clouds that floated gently, inviting birds to fly and sing their joyful songs.

Then, on the third day, God gathered the sparkling waters together, making deep, rolling oceans and calm, shimmering seas. Where the waters parted, dry land appeared! It was covered with soft, green grass that tickled God's feet, tall trees that reached up to the sky, and colorful flowers that bloomed in reds, yellows, pinks, and blues. The air filled with sweet scents and the gentle hum of buzzing bees.

On the fourth day, God placed the bright, golden sun in the sky to warm the earth during the day. When the sun slipped away, God hung the glowing moon and sprinkled twinkling stars across the night sky. They sparkled like diamonds and told stories in the darkness, guiding sleepy creatures below.

On the fifth day, God filled the oceans with playful fish that swam in every direction, their scales shimmering like jewels. Above the waters, birds of every color and size soared through the sky, singing melodies that made the world feel alive and happy.

On the sixth day, God made all the animals. Big elephants trumpeted with joy, lions roared with courage, tiny bugs crawled in the grass, and fluffy sheep nuzzled each other gently. Each animal was special and important. But the most special of all were the first man and woman, Adam and Eve. God gave them the gift of life and a beautiful garden where they could live happily, learning to love and care for all the creatures around them.

When everything was finished, God looked at all He had made—the light, the sky, the land, the sun, moon, stars, fish, birds, animals, and people. And God saw that it was very good. Then, on the seventh day, God rested. It was a peaceful day, a day to enjoy the beauty of the world and feel thankful for all the wonderful things in it.

And so, the world began—a bright, beautiful place filled with love, light, and life for everyone to enjoy.

"And God saw everything that He had made, and it was very good." — Genesis 1:31