



God makes a world

Genesis 1

Long, long, long ago,
before there was anything,
before there was a world,
before there was light,
before there was darkness,
there was God.

Just God. All alone.

So God decided to make the world.

Then God said, "Let there be light."

So there was.

Beautiful light shining everywhere.

And God said, "That's good."

Then God said, "Let there be a sky above, and water below."

So there was.

Then God said, "Let the water come together in the hollow places, so there can be dry ground."

So there was.

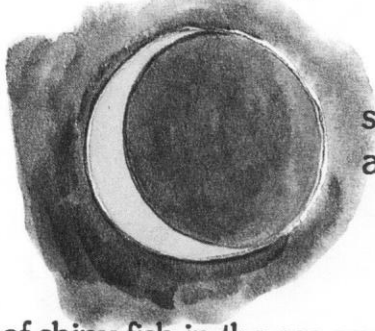
And God said, "That's good."

Then God said, "Let there be green plants and tall trees and



grass and beautiful flowers. And let them all make seeds so there can be new plants when the old ones die."

So there were.



And God said, "That's good."

Then God said, "Let there be a golden sun in the sky in the daytime, and a silver moon at night."

So there was.

And God said, "That's good."

Then God said, "Let there be all kinds of shiny fish in the sea and bright colored birds to fly in the air. And let the fish have baby fish, and the birds have baby birds, so there can always be new birds and fish when the old ones die."

So there were.

And God said, "That's good."

Then God said, "Let there be animals on the land.

All kinds of animals that run and crawl and gallop."

So there were.

And God said, "That's good."

Then God said, "Let there be people in the world, and let the people be made so they are like me."

So God created people. Women and men. And God said to the people, "Let there be new babies born so there will always be new people in my world when the old people die."

Then God said to the people, "Take care of my world. It's yours to use. All of it. But please be kind to my world."

Then God looked at all the world, and all the beautiful things in it.

And God said, "That's *very* good."

When it was all done, God rested.

