

# 1. Creation



## **Palm Sunday**

**Place #1 picture (globe) on cross**

**Scripture: Genesis 1:1-2:3, John 1:1-5, Romans 1:18-25**

**7 candles lit before reading**

God created the universe---from galaxies to water spiders. He created the breeze that calms us, and the hurricane that terrifies us. God created everything to show us what He is like and to display His glory and personality.

Genesis tells us the story of creation from the very beginning:

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth...Then God looked over all He had made, and He saw that it was very good!...So the creation of the heavens and the earth and everything in them was completed. On the seventh day God had finished His work of creation, so He rested from all His work. And God blessed the seventh day and declared it holy, because it was the day when He rested from all His work of creation.

We learn in the gospel of John that God was not the only one involved in creation! In this passage, Jesus is referred to as "the Word" because He is the spoken word of God in human form.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through Him all things were made; without Him nothing was made that has been made. In Him was life, and that life was the Light of all mankind. The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

But people have let themselves become blind to the truth. Some think creation happened by accident...as if it came into existence all on its own. Others even worship things that are created rather than God Himself. Romans explains that everyone knows about God because they can look at creation and see God's handiwork, but not everyone gives God the credit:

They know the truth about God because He has made it obvious to them. Forever since the world was created, people have seen the earth and sky. Through everything God made, they can clearly see His invisible qualities—His eternal power and divine nature. So they have no excuse for not knowing God. Yes, they know God, but they wouldn't worship Him as God or even give Him thanks. And they began to think up foolish ideas of what God was like. As a result, their minds became dark and confused. Claiming to be wise, they instead became utter fools. And instead of worshiping the glorious, ever living God, they worshiped idols made to look like mere people and birds and animals and reptiles.

**(Have kids blow out one candle. Do not light again until Easter.)**

The one thing we must never forget is that God has a plan. He is in control of everything. Remember what it said in John, "The Light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it."

**PRAY:** Thank you God for creating a world that shows us how great You are! Help us remember that Your son, Jesus, is the Light of the world.