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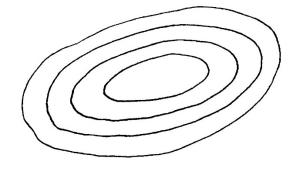
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The earth on which we live was formed many, many centuries ago . . . many, many millennia ago . . . so many that we have never succeeded in counting them with exactness. Perhaps twenty billion years ago!

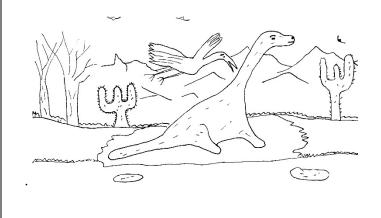
It seems that at one point in the creation of the universe, there was a jumbled mass which included all the elements that later formed the earth. This mass was called "chaos." Yet, from this chaos all the elements, gradually found their place, some on the surface of the earth, others in the depths of the earth.



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When the earth was ready and could accommodate life, plants and trees began to appear on the earth, plants that germinated and grew from seeds. Grasses, trees, and colorful flowers made the earth more beautiful and the air breathable.

Then something began to move on the earth. Over a very long period of time, different kinds of animals appeared: fish that swam in the water, the birds that flew in the air, and finally the animals that moved on the land.

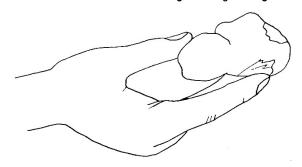


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Again, a long time passed, and then a very new kind of creature appeared on the earth: human beings. They differed from all the other creatures of the earth because of a special capacity of their mind and spirit and a marvelous ability to work with their hands. It was a great moment in the history of creation when people took the things they found in the world and made new objects out of them. Human beings were able to do this because their hands were guided by intelligence.



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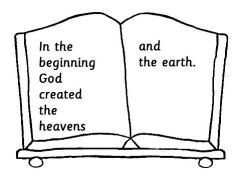
People realized that around them was everything they needed, and so they asked themselves: Who could have prepared all of this for us?



We, too, cannot help but ask ourselves: How is it that human beings found everything they needed ready for them? Who could have prepared it all with so much care, with so much love?

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We find the answer in the book we call the Bible where we read:

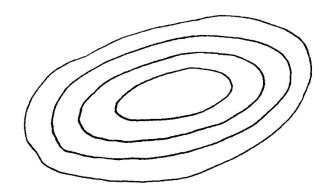


Gen 1:1

It is God who, for centuries and millennia, worked for humankind. God worked for human beings but without their help. God prepared everything for people, so that when they finally appeared on the earth, they would lack nothing.

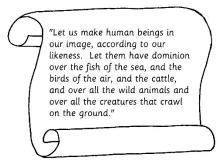
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We call the great work that God did for humankind from the beginning: "CREATION."



People arrived last among all the elements of creation, like guests who arrive at a banquet when everything has already been prepared.

Only when the earth had found its order, only after the plants and animals had appeared did God say:

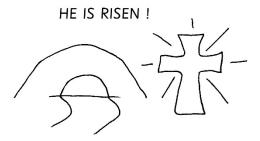


Gen. 1:26

Again, much time passed. Then one day, in Bethlehem, a Child was born, who was like one of us and was, at the same time, the SAVIOR, Jesus Christ, the Lord.

This Child grew up, and, like every human person, he died; but he is the Living One; he is stronger than death.

There is no need to look for him among the dead:

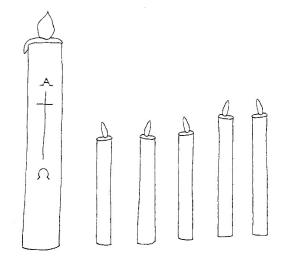


Luke 24:6

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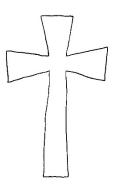
From the day of His resurrection, Christ the Lord gives to people a life like His, a life stronger than death.

United to Him, people are born to a new life; they are new men, women, and children!



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We call the great work that Christ the Lord has fulfilled in rising from the dead: "REDEMPTION".



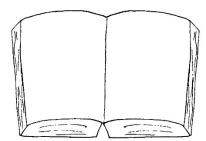
HE IS RISEN!

The new life of the Risen Christ has enriched many people, and one day it reached us as well, we who live today in

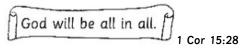
We, too, have become new men, women, and children. We, too, have entered the history of the Kingdom of God. It is a very long and very great history, and I am part of it!

The history of the Kingdom of God is like a great book in which many pages have already been written and in which there are still others that need to be written. Today we are already writing a page, and the next blank page is that of tomorrow.

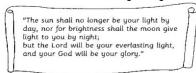
We, too, must write this page, we who live today in \_\_\_



The host of new people will always go forward, growing, and filling the earth, until one day:



The prophets speak to us of that day and tell us that even the creation that God made in the beginning will be renewed:



Isaiah 60:19

And, as the prophets tell us, death will be conquered forever:

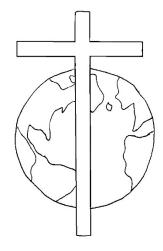


Revelation 21:4

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The PAROUSIA is the moment in which God will be "all in all."





The history begins with Creation, culminates in Redemption, and will be complete at Parousia.

It is called the History of the Kingdom of God, and it is told in the Bible.

