

This camp@home packet is focused around the story of Creation, found in the first book of the Bible, Genesis. The story is one of two creation stories found in Genesis (The first one is Genesis 1 and the first part of 2, you might want to check out the second one, Genesis 2: 4-25 online and decide which one you like best!) These stories and many others were told around campfires and meals for thousands of years before they were written down - just a group of loved ones curled up by a fire, sharing a feast and some songs and some stories. Sound familiar to those of you who like camps?

The Story OF CREATION

Here are excerpts from the story of Creation as created and written by Eugene Peterson in *The Message*:

First this: God created the Heavens and Earth—all you see, all you don't see. Earth was a soup of nothingness, a bottomless emptiness, an inky blackness. God's Spirit brooded like a bird above the watery abyss.

God spoke: "Light!" And light appeared....

It was evening, it was morning—**Day One.**

God spoke: "Sky! In the middle of the waters; separate water from water!" ...

It was evening, it was morning—**Day Two.**

God spoke... And there it was. God named the land Earth. God saw that it was good.

It was evening, it was morning—**Day Three.**

God made two big lights, the larger to take charge of Day, the smaller to be in charge of Night... God made the stars and placed them in the heavenly sky to light up Earth. God saw that it was good.

It was evening, it was morning—**Day Four.**

God created the huge whales, all the swarm of life in the waters, and every kind and species of flying birds. God saw that it was good.

It was evening, it was morning—**Day Five.**

God spoke: "Earth, generate life! Every sort and kind..."

God saw that it was good.

God spoke: "Let us make human beings in our image, make them reflecting our nature so they can be responsible for Earth itself, and every animal that moves on the face of Earth."

God blessed them: "Prosper! Reproduce! Fill Earth! Take charge!

Be responsible... And there it was. God looked over everything God had made; it was so good, so very good! It was evening, it was morning

—**Day Six.**

Heaven and Earth were finished, down to the last detail.

On the seventh day God rested from all the work.

God blessed the seventh day, made it a **Holy Day.**

This is the story of how it all started, of Heaven and Earth when they were created.