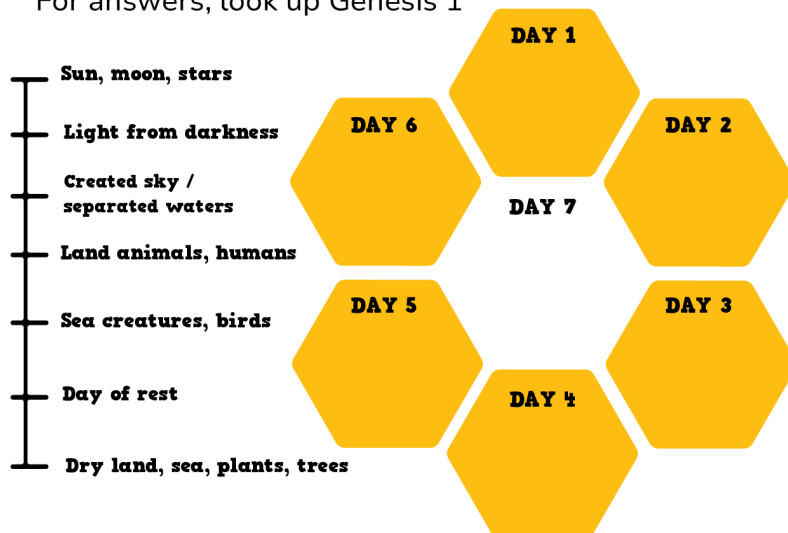


Vatican Astronomy Program



Order the Days of Creation

For answers, look up Genesis 1



Literal or Symbol?

The Catechism teaches that the creation story should be interpreted symbolically. However, the story reveals God as Creator of a marvelously ordered universe. Through the study of creation, we can see the beauty of the Creator and His excellent design. (CCC 337)



Did You Know?

The Specola Vaticana is one of the oldest astronomical institutes in the world. The Vatican has a second research center in the United States at Mt. Graham, Arizona. The observatory hosts an annual summer school for college students.

Reflection Questions

Pause to reflect on how admiring nature strengthens your relationship with God.

The study of science reveals God's masterful design. What thoughts about the universe fill you with wonder and awe?

Scientists ask questions. If you could ask God one question about His work of creation, what would it be?

Response of Thanksgiving

Use your reflections to guide a gift of thanksgiving to God.

Take a moment to tell God how wondrous His works are...

Guided Imaginative Prayer

Follow the prompt to enter into imaginative prayer with God.

Close your eyes, and imagine that you are in total darkness. You hear a sound, and then there is a brilliant light. Your eyes adjust and you see the earth, but it is just land and sea. As you look closer, you see trees and plants spring forth from the ground of all shapes, sizes, and colors. In the distance, you see your favorite animal being created then thousands more animals after that. From the dirt, God forms the first human beings, and with His breath, brings them to life. Now, God imagines you, and with great love creates you.

Take a moment to thank God for making such a wonderful world for us to explore.

