More Than Hearing Worksheet

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Text: Genesis 1:1 - 2:4a

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, 2 the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. 3 Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. 4 And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. 5 God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

6 And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." 7 So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. 8 God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

9 And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. 10 God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. 11 Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so. 12 The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. 13 And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

14 And God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, 15 and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth." And it was so. 16 God made the two great lights--the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night--and the stars. 17 God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, 18 to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. 19 And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

20 And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky." 21 So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. 22 God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." 23 And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

24 And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so. 25 God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.
26 Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle,

and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth."

27 So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

28 God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." 29 God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. 30 And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. 31 God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

2 Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. 2 And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. 3 So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

4 These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

Math - I, Body - S, Music - I, Nature - S, People - I/S, Self - I/S

Smarts	Images in the text/ interesting exegesis	Illustrations	SFX
Word - Verbal/Linguistic			Present the passage as a reader's theater.
Eye - Visual/Spatial			Project or have poster-sized pictures of the things created on each day. See also Nature.
Math - Logical/Mathematical D2		This may miss the point or be a point you don't want to address, but you could prepare a chart showing the parallels between this description of creation and the standard cosmological model.	Seven is a holy number in OT/Hebrew philosophy. Order of creation is similar structure to cosmic calendar
Body - Kinesthetic MWD			Have everyone do arm motions when the line "And there was evening and there was morning" is

			read. Perhaps sweeping in an overhead arc from left to right, or right hand from overhead to horizon and then left hand from horizon to overhead. You could go all in on this and find the American Sign Language motions for the main topic in each day's creation, too.
Musical D2		Rewrite the passage in couplets with the evening-morning line as a refrain. There might be a couple couplets for each day before the refrain. (Remember, as a paraphrase, it's okay to leave some details out.)	
Natural MWD	This whole thing is natural! What do you want? This description of creation actually presupposes the existence of earth. It never says "God said, 'Let there be a planet.'" or …'Let there be earth.' Same really for heavens.		Project or have poster-sized pictures of the things created on each day. ● OR Props! Like in Eye above, have props for the different items created. **Light**: flashlight to shine in the people's eyes. **Dome**: inflate a balloon.* **Dry land**: bag or bucket of soil, maybe some rocks **Vegetation**: potted plants **Stars, moon, sun**: mmm maybe something like this wall art **Fish**: live fish in a bowl, or mounted trophy fish, or Goldfish® crackers, or plushy **Birds**: roasting chicken? (keep it cold!), or plushy, etc.

			Animals: cup of nightcrawlers, your dog or cat, plushies **Humans**: Barbie® and Ken® or other action figures
People - Interpersonal D2	Note plural references to God, vs. 26	Vs. 26 - God talking with Godself about making humans is perhaps not unlike many conversations where human couples consider procreation and/or adoption, that is expanding the family unit. *N.B. - Be sensitive to those families for whom childbirth is desired but not an option or for whom childbirth is not desired.*	
	God called it all good and very good	What is art? What is valuable? What is trendy? Who decides?	Break into groups and discuss how something is deemed "good".
Self - Intrapersonal MWD		What activity gets your creativity flowing?	Invite some members of the congregation to briefly share something about their creative hobbies - art, craft, music, etc. and perhaps how being creative makes them feel about themselves and God.