The Story of

The Creation

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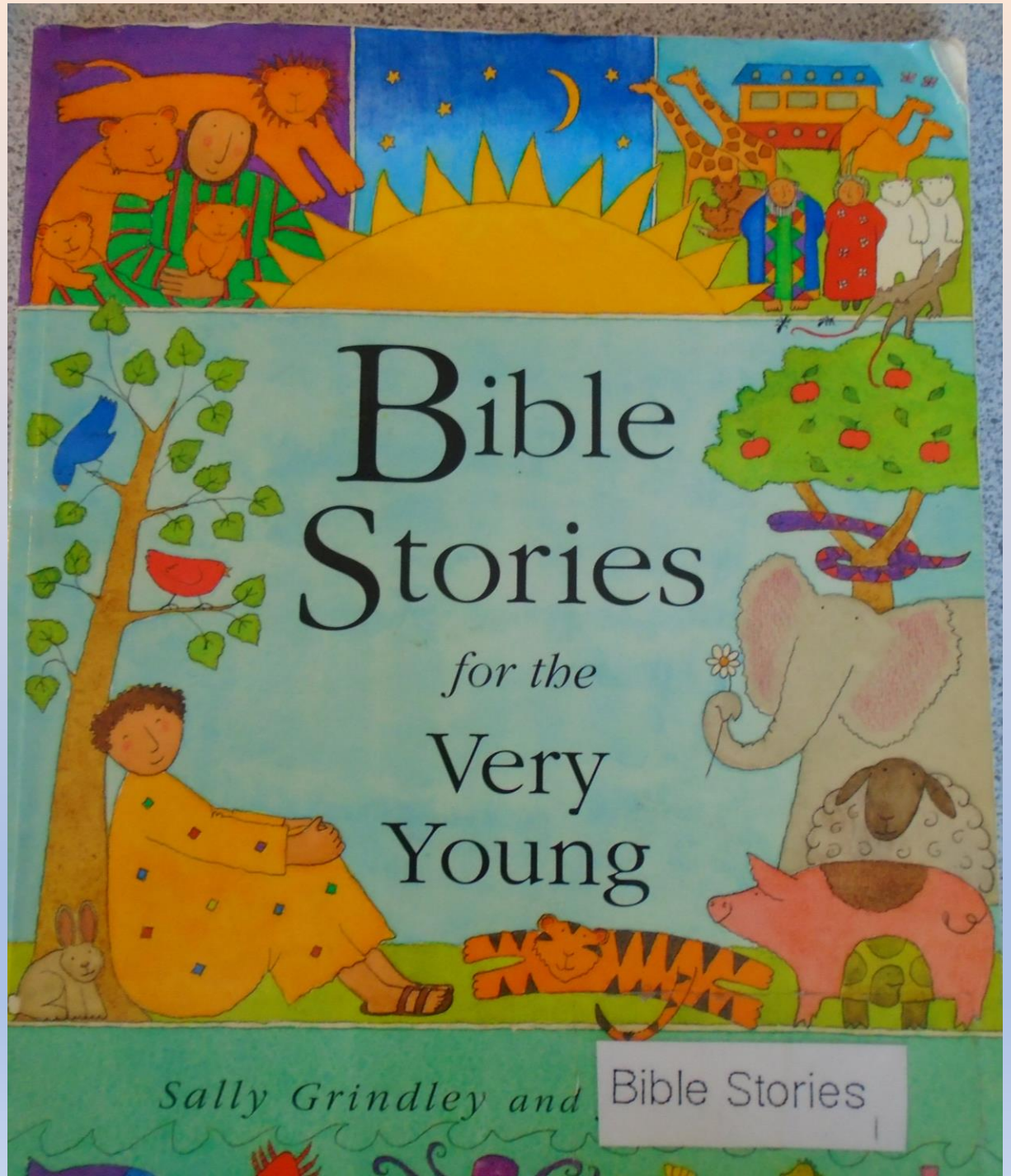

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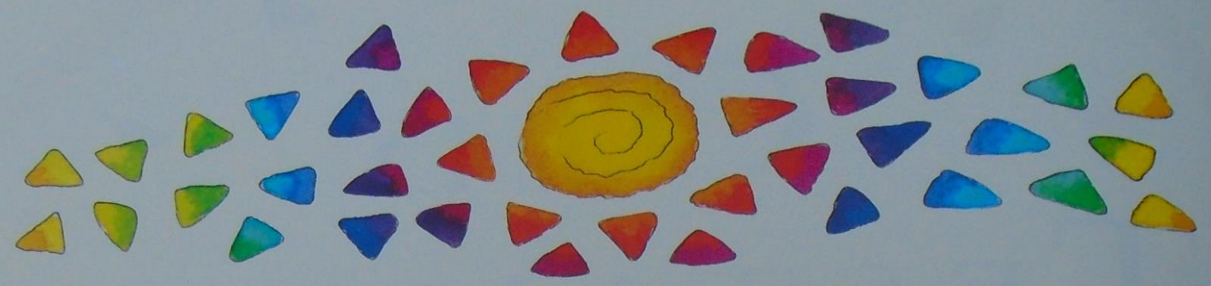
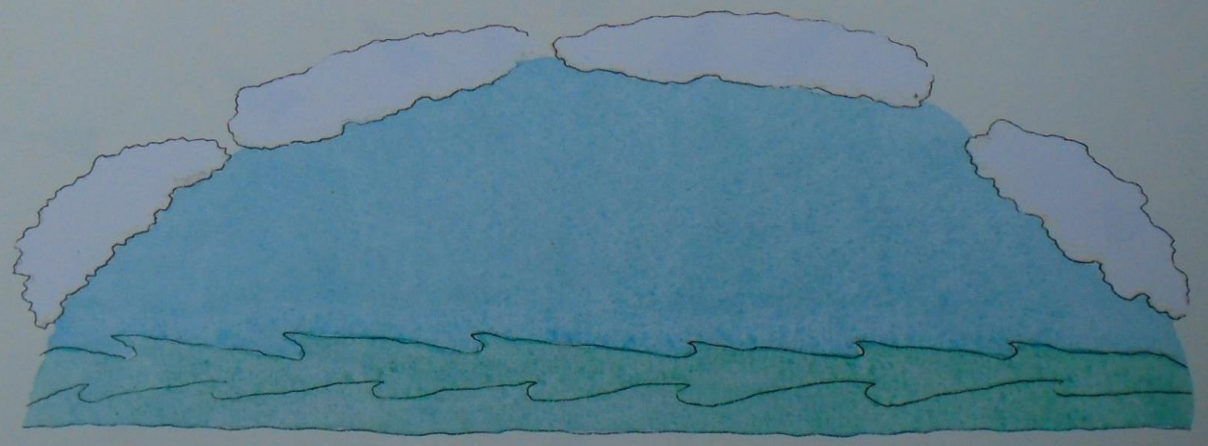


Right at the very beginning of time, God made our world. At first it had no shape, and there was water everywhere, and it was very, very dark. So God said, 'Let there be light' and straightaway huge patches of light appeared. God pushed all the light together and separated it from the darkness, and he called the light 'day' and the darkness 'night'.

'That's good' said God, at the end of his first day's work.



The next day, God decided there was too much water everywhere. 'We need a huge open space as well as water,' he said. And so he made the sky. He kept some of the water down below, and some of it up in the sky in clouds.

'That was a good idea,' said God, at the end of his second day's work.

The next day, God looked at all the water down below and said, 'I think all this water needs to be gathered together.' At once, the water poured and gushed and swirled into one place and dry ground began to appear. 'Ah,' said God. 'I'll call the watery place "sea" and I'll call the dry ground "land". Now I'll cover the land with all sorts of flowers and plants and trees.' No sooner had he said it than flowers and plants and trees began to spring up everywhere.

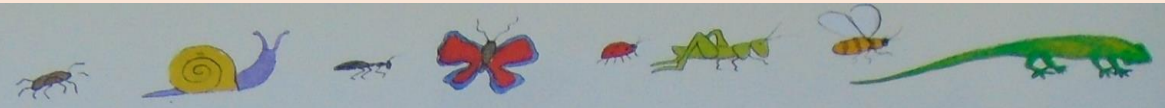
'Don't they look beautiful!' said God, at the end of his third day's work.

The next day, God looked up at the sky and thought, 'What we really need is a great ball of fire in the sky to brighten up the day and make it warm. And at night we can have a different sort of light to break up the darkness.' So God created the golden sun and the silver moon and the twinkling stars and they took it in turns to shine.

'They will show us the passing of days and seasons and years,' said God, at the end of his fourth day's work.

The next day was very exciting. God decided to fill the sea with all sorts of creatures, great and small, long and short, fat and thin. And then he looked up into the sky above and decided to fill the air with flying birds of all different sizes and colours.

'Now my world is coming to life,' said God, at the end of his fifth day's work.



The next day, God looked at the land and decided to fill it with creatures that could walk and run and climb and slide. Some of them had fur, and some had thick skin, and some had hard shells, and some were scaly, and some were slimy. Some were no bigger than specks of dust, but some were huge like giant boulders.

'Perfect,' said God, as he watched them getting to know one another and feeding on the luscious fruits and nuts that grew on the plants and trees.

'And now it's time to make people. They will be just like me. They will be good and kind, and they will care for the world I have made and all the creatures in it.' So God made man and woman. He put them in charge of his world and told them to fill it with their children.

'What a wonderful world this will be,' said God, at the end of his sixth day's work.

The next day, God looked at everything he had made and saw it was good. 'Today will be a day of rest,' he said. 'My work is done.'