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— PREFACE —

A true study of science is nothing less than an investigation of God's handiwork. The book that follows will help young students to be better equipped to explore the wonders of God's creation.

As young people study the world God made, they will discover many wonderful facts about their Creator. They will learn that their Maker is all-powerful, wise, caring, and a lover of beauty. In other words, the works of God will teach students a great deal about the nature of the great Lord of creation.

Although it is important to learn the facts of science, it is even more vital to know why God made all things. The Lord made all things for His glory. As a result, the only proper response to a study of God's creation is worship and praise. May the Creator grant each reader the desire to study the wonders of science to the glory of God.

*Michael J. McHugh
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2000*

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—Chapter 3—

GOD MADE SEASONS

Then God said, “Let there be lights in the firmament of the heavens to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs and seasons, and for days and years.”

— *GENESIS 1:14* —

God Made Four Seasons

The Bible teaches us that God made days by giving us a time of light and darkness. God also made seasons so each year would have four parts. Each **season** of the year has about 90 days, or three months. The seasons in the Northern Hemisphere are opposite in the Southern Hemisphere. At the equator the seasons do not change at all!

There are the four seasons in most of the world. Try to learn their names:

Northern Hemisphere		Southern Hemisphere		
Winter	December	January	February	Summer
Spring	March	April	May	Fall
Summer	June	July	August	Winter
Fall	September	October	November	Spring

God's Special Plan for Each Season

WINTER



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SPRING

SUMMER



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FALL

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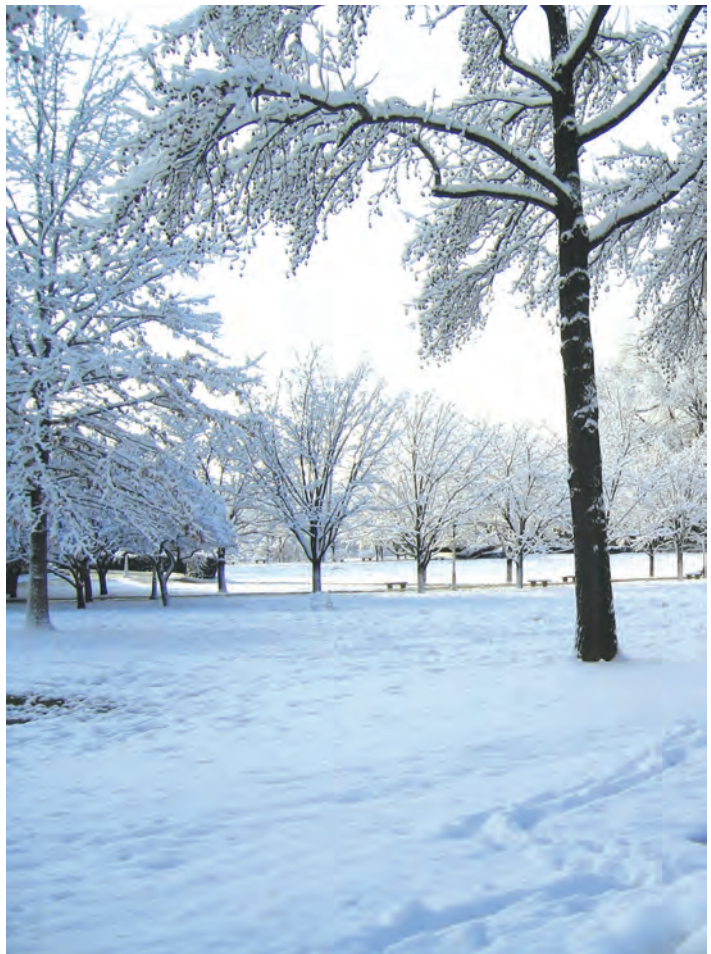
GENESIS 1:14

The Earth Rests During the Winter

WINTER

Winter is a time
for God's creation
to rest and repair.

The days of winter are colder than the other seasons. Plants rest or grow very slowly during the winter. The sun does not shine as strongly during wintertime. The trees, grass, and other plants rest and wait for spring to come.



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He gives snow like wool;
He scatters the frost like ashes.

PSALM 147:16

The Earth Comes Alive in Spring

SPRING



Spring is a time when living things can shine.

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In springtime the earth comes alive. The days begin to get warmer and longer. Spring comes after the cold winter season. God often sends rain to help His creation come alive in springtime.

In spring, the grass begins to grow. Farmers plant their seeds. People watch pretty flowers begin to bloom. God gives new life to His creation.

Summer Gives Brightness and Warmth

SUMMER

The sun shines long and hard
during the summer.

Summer is filled with hot, sunny days. People like to work and play outdoors during the summertime. Plants grow fast in the summer months. Living things need sunshine and water to grow well.



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While the earth
remains, seedtime
and harvest, cold
and heat, winter and
summer, and day
and night shall
not cease.

GENESIS 8:22

Fall Days are Shorter and Cooler

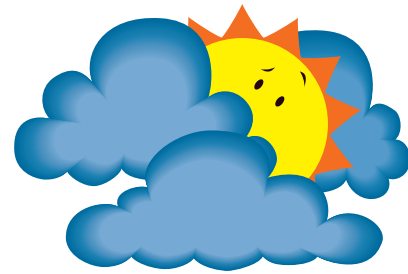


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Fall is a time
to gather treasures
from God's creation.

The fall season is a busy time. Food needs to be picked from the fields before the cold wintertime begins. Leaves need to be raked before the snow comes.

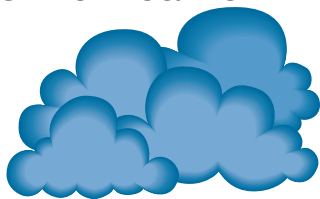
As fall settles in, the earth begins to grow colder and darker. The sun does not shine as strongly as it did during the summertime.



SOMETHING You CAN Do

Ask your teacher to help you keep a **weather** chart. This chart will teach you how the weather changes each day of a month. Write the correct number for each day in the month on the **calendar** that follows. Begin watching the weather on the first day of the month.

Look at the sky each morning. Is the weather sunny, cloudy, rainy, or snowy? Ask your teacher to help you understand each weather picture below. After you look at the sky, draw on the chart the picture that best shows the weather.



After you have finished your chart, tell your teacher which season of the year this month was in. How many days were sunny? cloudy? rainy? snowy? How does watching the weather help you know what clothes to wear? what you can do outside?

Words to Know

firmament—the sky or heaven above the earth

season—one of the four parts of a year; spring, summer, fall, or winter; each season is about 90 days, or three months

year—the passing of twelve months, or the four seasons

weather—what it is like outside; sunny, cloudy, rainy, or snowy

calendar—a chart that shows the days, weeks, and months of a year

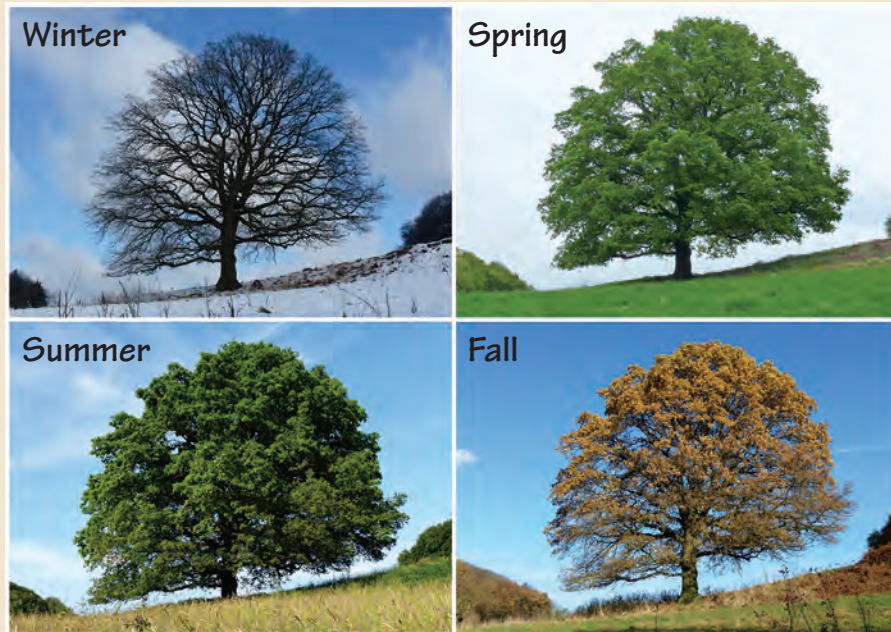


Weather Chart for the Month of:

GOD MADE SEASONS

SAT					
FRI					
THUR					
WED					
TUES					
MON					
SUN					

Looking Back



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Circle true or false:

- | | | |
|---|------|-------|
| 1. God gave us four seasons. | true | false |
| 2. Each season lasts the whole year. | true | false |
| 3. Our seasons are winter, spring, summer, and fall. | true | false |
| 4. The spring season is very hot and dry. | true | false |
| 5. It is very dark for most of the summer. | true | false |
| 6. Fall is the time for gathering food from the fields. | true | false |
| 7. Winter is filled with hot, sunny days. | true | false |
| 8. Most plants rest during the winter season. | true | false |