

God Creates the World

Keep these ideas in mind as you study **Unit 1, Session 2**.

In the first Creation story, God created every part of the world and saw that everything was very good.

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The Jews were living in exile in Babylon when the first Creation story was written. They had been forced to leave behind their own culture—their beliefs, customs, language, and dress. They also faced racism, or mistreatment due to their ethnic origin.

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Babylonian creation stories were filled with images of death and destruction caused by different gods, but in the Jewish creation story, God created the universe calmly with wisdom and peace.

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