

10-MINUTE BIBLE LESSON

Thanks for the Fish

Genesis 1:20-23

Before watching the video: read this passage twice. Take time to notice each sentence and phrase. What do you notice about it? What questions do you have?

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." 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. God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day. – **Genesis 1:20-23**

Now watch the video. What new information did you learn? How does it change your understanding of the passage?

God first produced life on the third day in the form of plants. Now here is God beginning to create animals, specifically birds and sea life. Note especially God telling the waters to "bring forth" living creatures. God not only commands the waters to bring forth life, but also tells the creatures themselves to "be fruitful and multiply," to bring forth life themselves. In what ways might you be called to bring forth life, whether it's helping another through a tough time, sharing your gifts to make someone happy, or to care for yourself in some way?

Conclude in prayer. Thank God for blessings, ask forgiveness for wrongs done, request help for uncertainty. Close with "amen."

