

Exploring God's World with Second Grade Science

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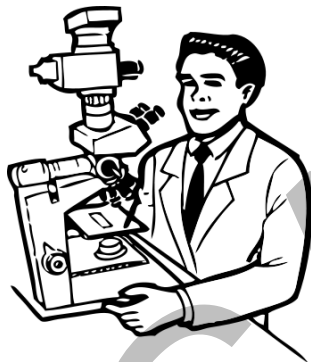
Week 1: Day 1

Welcome to Exploring God's World with Second Grade Science! This year we will be learning many exciting things about God's world, which also happens to be our world as well!

We call Earth our world because it is our home, where we live, but we call it God's world because He is the one who made the world and everything in it!

As a matter of fact, the very first verse in the Bible makes this clear with *Genesis 1:1*, "In the beginning, God created the heaven and the earth." God created everything, and He knows all about everything!

Throughout our science class this year, we will be learning many awesome things about our world, and we can be thankful to God for making them!



Another thing we will learn about this year is some different scientists who have discovered things about our world that help us to understand or use our world better. You will have the opportunity to be a **scientist** this year too, as you learn and discover more about our world!

So, let's jump in and start learning! We will use *Genesis 1:1* as the focus of our science course this year. This week you will learn this verse. (You may look above if you need a hint.)

Fill in the blanks: *Genesis 1:1*: In the beginning, _____ created the

_____ and the _____.

What does the heaven and the earth mean? Well, it means everything! Things right here on Earth and things not on Earth.

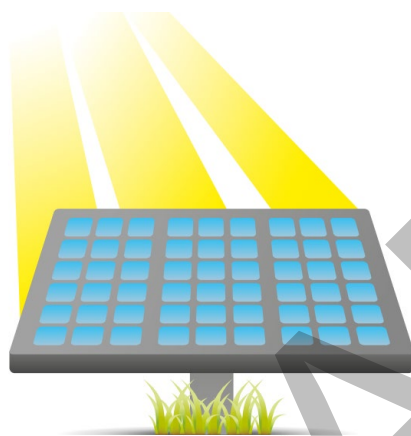
Since we live on the earth, sometimes we forget that there is more than just what we can touch or travel to. One look up into a clear night sky reminds us that the earth is not all that exists.

In the daytime sky we can see the sun, clouds, and an endless sky. In the nighttime sky we can see the moon, stars, planets, and more.

The term for everything that exists on Earth or off Earth is the **universe**. Everything physical that exists is a part of the universe. Even you are part of the universe!

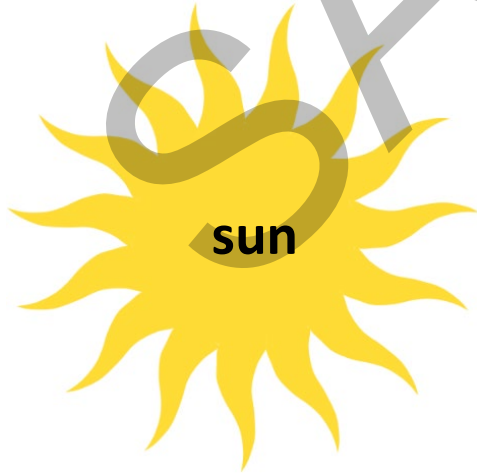
The part of the universe that contains our home, the earth, is called the **solar system**. Have you heard the word **solar** before? I would guess that you have heard of solar panels—those are things that sometimes you

see on roofs or in fields (or even on calculators!) that collect the light energy from the sun and turn it into power. That word solar means it has to do with the **sun**.



Solar = about the sun

The solar system is all of the planets, stars, comets, and more that travel around the sun.



Circle every letter "s" in the term

solar system

To finish out today, get a Bible and look up Genesis 1:1. You may trace the letters below or copy the verse on the lines on the next page.

Genesis 1:1

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