

Genesis, Chapters 1–3: Exploring Symbolic Language and Religious Truth

1. Circle the passage you have been assigned:

Genesis 1:1–2:4a

Genesis 2:4b–25

Genesis 3:1–24

2. Read the passage together with your partner.
3. Summarize what you have read, in two or three sentences.

4. Use this chart to list three or four examples of figurative or symbolic language in this passage, including what you think the figurative or symbolic language might mean.

Chapter and Verse (example: Genesis 1:1)	Figurative or Symbolic Language	Possible Meaning of the Figurative or Symbolic Language



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5. List three or four examples of religious truth found in this passage. Remember that religious truth is the deeper meaning or interpretation that God reveals to us regarding a written text or a historical event; it is the meaning that is important for our salvation. Of the examples that you list, circle the one that you think is most important.

6. What is one question you have about this passage?

7. What is something interesting or puzzling that you heard from someone else in your group? (*To be completed near the end of this learning experience, after you have met in your group of six students.*)

