Genesis, Chapters 1–3

Exploring Symbolic Language
and Religious Truth

**1.** Circle the passage you have been assigned:

 Genesis 1:1—2:4 Genesis 2:4–25 Genesis 3:1–24

**2.** Read the passage together with your partner.

**3.** In two or three sentences, summarize what you have read.

**4.** List three or four examples of figurative / symbolic language in this passage, including what you think the figurative or symbolic language may mean. Use this chart.

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| Chapter and Verse (example: Genesis 1:1) | Figurative / Symbolic Language | Possible Meaning of the Figurative / 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 that God reveals to us through historical events or texts; an interpretation of historical events or texts. Of the examples that you list, circle the one you think is most important.

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

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