

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.

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

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?

