Abrahamic Religions

Judaism, Christianity and Islam are known collectively as the Abrahamic religions. They all trace their common origin to Abraham/Prophet Abraham.

Similarities between the three religions:
• Belief that God revealed himself to Abraham.
• There is only one God.
• Holy Books contain many of the same people, histories and places.

Differences between the three religions:
• While they may refer to the same people in their holy books, the people don’t always have the same roles or meanings.
• Role of Jesus: Jesus is not a part of Judaism, is seen as the son of God by Christians and as a Prophet by Muslims.
• They all celebrate different festivals at different times of the year.
Islamic Creation Story

Muslims believe that drawing people or animals is disrespectful to God.

They do not create sculptures of people or animals.

They pray by reading or reciting the Qur’an (Islamic Holy Book) and directly to God.

The Islamic creation story you will read is illustrated but in a way that respects the views of Muslims.

Please ask if you are unsure about any of the illustrations as the story is read.
In the space before time began, there was just God. And when God wanted to create something, all he had to say was “be” and it became.

God created the world and the heavens.
He made all the creatures, which walk, swim, crawl and fly on the face of the Earth. He made the angels, and the sun, moon and stars to dwell in the universe.
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God poured down the rain in torrents, and broke up the soil to bring forth the corn, the grapes and other vegetation; the olive and the palm, the fruit trees and the grass.
God ordered the angels to go to the Earth, and to bring seven handfuls of soil, all of different colours, from which he could model man. God took the seven kinds of earth and moulded them into a model of a man. He breathed life and power into it, and it immediately sprang to life.