



Subject: RE Topic: Creation – What do Christians learn from the Creation story? - Genesis 1 Year Group: 3

What I should already know:

- God created the universe
- The earth and everything in it are important to God
- God has a unique relationship with human beings as their Creator and sustainer
- The Bible shows that God wants to help people to be close to him — he keeps his relationship with them, gives them guidelines on good ways to live
- Humans should care for world because it belongs to God

Vocabulary:

Creation – The action or process of bringing something into existence
Creator – A person or thing that brings something into existence
Genesis – The first book of the Bible, 'the beginning'.
Beginning – in the context of the Creation story, this is when darkness become light
Formless – the earth was not shaped into existence
Image- the appearance of God on earth in the shape of man

What I will know by the end of the unit:

- Be able to place the concepts of God and Creation on a timeline of the Bible's Big Story
- Make clear links between Genesis 1 and what Christians believe about God and Creation
- Describe what Christians do because they believe that God is creator (for example follow God, wonder at how amazing God's creation is, care for the earth in specific ways)
- Ask questions and suggest answers about what might be important in the creation story for Christians living today and for people who are not Christians.

Creation -Genesis 1

Bible Text:
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Story	Interpretation
In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters	➤ This is the very start of the Creation story – placed at the beginning
And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness.	➤ For many Christians, this story may be about the beginning of the world, but it is also about the start of the relationship between God and God's creation – it was 'empty'
God called the light "day," and the darkness he called "night." And there was evening, and there was morning—the first day	
And God said, "Let there be a vault between the waters to separate water from water... God called the vault "sky." And there was evening, and there was morning—the second day .	➤ An important feature of the creation story in the Bible, however, is that unlike others, it has only one God, who is all-powerful
Then God said, "Let the land produce vegetation: seed-bearing plants and trees on the land that bear fruit with seed in it, according to their various kinds." – the third day	➤ God is able purposefully to form a well-designed world in an orderly manner , and over which he is Lord. Christianity teaches that God created the world
And God said, "Let there be lights in the vault of the sky to separate the day from the night, - the fourth day	
And God said, "Let the water teem with living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the vault of the sky." – the fifth day	➤ The story (which is read by some Christians as being a kind of poem) recounts how God creates each part of the world on each day. This culminates with the creation of human beings on the sixth day.
And God said, "Let the land produce living creatures according to their kinds: the livestock, the creatures that move along the ground, and the wild animals, each according to its kind." Then God said, "Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground." – the sixth day	➤ Humans are made in God's image and are the pinnacle of created life. God imposes order on his creation, blessing humans and giving them dominion, authority, over every living thing. This is usually taken to mean they are to look after the world on God's behalf – presumably in a way that God would approve.