

# Does Creation help people understand God?

Year 1

Spring Term 1

## Key Questions

How should people care for the world?  
Does the world belong to God?  
Should people take care of the world?  
What do Christians and Jews believe about the world?  
Did they make it or is it a gift?  
If it is a gift to us, who made it?  
How do Christians and Jews understand this Creation story?  
How do they respond to the belief that God created the world?  
How do they think God feels about his creation?

In this unit the children will learn:

- Pupils will learn the Creation story from Genesis 1 and be able to retell it in order.
- They will understand that Christians believe that the created world reflects the glory of God and they will know some phrases from the Psalms that show that.
- They will know some other passages that show that God cares for his creation.



### Key content:

- Most religions and people groups have Creation stories which inform their view of the world and people's place in it.
- The Bible actually has two creation stories: Genesis chapter 1 tells of the 7 days of creation; Genesis chapter 2 takes things more from the perspective of humankind with the focus on the creation of Adam and then of Eve, with Adam naming all the animals and mankind's relationship with the Creator God.
- It is important to realise that for most Christians this is not taken as a scientific record of how the world was created, but answers more the question why the world was created.



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- For Jewish believers, the day of rest (Shabbat) has its roots in the creation story as that is part of God's instruction to them in the 10 commandments in Exodus chapter 20.
- The other element for many Jewish believers is that God rested on the 7<sup>th</sup> day to allow humans to work to complete the job of creation.
- The key emphasis in the creation account is that God looked at what he had created and saw that it was good.
- This has been one of the key beliefs that has informed Christian views about how to care for the world and the need to care for it.

### Key Vocabulary

- **Genesis:** the first book of the Bible, which includes the stories of the creation of the world
- **Creation:** the action or process of bringing something into existence
- **Adam:** the name of the first man
- **Eve:** the name of the first woman
- **Psalms:** a sacred song or hymn, in particular any of those contained in the biblical Book of Psalms and used in Christian and Jewish worship
- **Christianity:** the religion based on the person and teachings of Jesus Christ
- **Judaism:** the monotheistic religion of the Jewish people