



Wider Curriculum Unit Plan for Home learning

Subject: RE

Unit: Creation stories

Year: 3

Session

Session 1

What is a creator?

- We will be looking at different beliefs about the creation of the world from different religions. A question that is possibly the biggest in the universe is 'How did the world come to be?'
- Create something of your choice with any materials you have available. It could be a picture, a model, a sculpture, a poem or something else. You are the creator. Create your own list or poem of the feelings when creating something new. See resource 1 for ideas.
- Share your creation with a member of your family.

Session 2

How do Christians and Jewish people believe the world was created?

- Watch the [video](#) explaining what Christians and Jewish people believe about the creation of the world in seven days with God as the creator.
- Read the information in the resources about how Christians and Jewish people believe the world was created.
- What do you notice? Draw your own version of the 7 days of creation from these stories.

Session 3

How do Hindus believe the world was created?

- Watch this [Video](#) about how Hindus believe the world was created
- Draw and label the things that Brahma creates.
- What is similar in the stories from last session? Write a list of 3 similarities.

Session 4

How are some creation stories similar?

- Remind yourself about how the Qu'ran is important to Muslims by watching this [video](#).
- Read the Qu'ran story about the world being created (see resource session 4
- Find 2 things which are similar and 2 things which are different in from the stories you have read from other religions. You could highlight the story.
- Create your own Venn diagram (see resources) to add what you notice about the similarities and differences about how the world was created. (Things which are in the centre are beliefs held by all faiths)

Session 5

How do scientists believe the universe started?

- Read these [facts](#) about the 'Big bang'. Do some research of your own about what scientists know about how the universe started. Use 'children' or kids or 'primary' in your search as this is a really hard question even for adults!
- Create a poster about what you think the 'Big bang' looked like.
- Explain what scientists believe about how the universe was created.

Session 6

How do you think the world began?

- People believe lots of different things about how the world was created as you have learnt this half term.
- It is important to respect all beliefs whether they are the same as yours or different.
- Now you have learnt about lots of different beliefs, think about what you believe about how the world began. If you don't know, that's OK too.
- Explain why you're not sure.

Appendix

Session 1

Creation Thoughts

Creation is messy, frustrating, thrilling.
It is exciting, exhausting.

Knowing you are making something new.
Every detail thought of, every problem worth solving.

Brings pride and joy
Wanting to share with everyone.
Knowing the hard work was worth it.
New, special, cherished.

How does nature make it look so easy?

Session 2

Christian Creation story

In the very beginning, a long long time ago, there was nothing but darkness. Everything was covered in deep water and all was quiet.

Then God said 'Let there be light!'. All of a sudden there was a bright glow. Everything shone brightly. God divided this light from the darkness, which he called Night. And so the first day was created. God made sure that it was good.

On the second day God created the sky above the waters. He called the sky Heaven.

On the third day, dry land rose up from the waters. God called the land Earth and the waters Sea. He ordered the Earth to make plants with fruits and seeds. God made sure that everything turned out right.

On the fourth day, God made the Sun to shine brightly during the day. He then made the Moon and placed it in

the night sky. He surrounded it with sparkling stars.

On the fifth day, God commanded the air to come alive with birds. He then filled the sea with fish to swim through the waters.

On the sixth day, God made animals to live on the land. From big elephants to tiny ants, the Earth was covered with new life. God was pleased with the result. But there was still something missing...

And so God made a man and a woman. The man was called Adam and the woman was called Eve. God placed them gently down onto the land. He told them to love one another and take good care of all the animals he had created.

God had been working very hard for six days. He was very tired now. So on the seventh day, God decided to rest.

Judaism and Christianity Creation story

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. God said, "Let there be light". And there was light and God saw that it was good, God divided the light from the darkness, naming them ' day' and 'night'. Evening and morning came - the first day.

The morning came- the second day. God said, "Let the waters be divided". And God made the arch of the sky to hold back the waters from the earth. He placed some above the arch and some below.

Morning came and God said, "Let the waters under heaven come together, and dry land appear". Thus the earth arose, and plants and trees grew, and God saw that it was good.

Morning came - the third day. God said, "Let the great light and the small light appear in heaven to govern day and night. God saw that it was good.

Morning came - the fourth day. God said. "Let the waters fill with creatures and the sky with birds". God saw that it was good, and blessed them.

Evening came and then morning came - the fifth day. God said "Let the earth bring forth every kind of living creature". God saw that it was good.

Then when all when the earth was ready God said. "Let us take dust and create man, Adam, to be master over all creatures". So Adam was created in God's own image.

God saw that Adam needed a friend - woman. Finally, putting Adam in a deep sleep, God took one of Adam's ribs and made Eve, and placed the couple in Paradise.

On the seventh day, God finished his work and rested.

Session 4

In the time before time, Allah was. And when Allah wants to create something, all he needs to say is "Be", and it becomes.



So it was that Allah 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 the stars to dwell in the universe. Allah 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.

Then Allah 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. Allah 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. And this first man was called Adam.

Allah took Adam to live in Paradise. In paradise, Allah created Eve, the first woman, from out of Adam's side. Allah taught Adam the names of all the creatures.

Allah placed the couple in a beautiful garden in Paradise, telling them that they could eat whatever they wanted except the fruit of on forbidden tree but the evil one tempted them to disobey Allah, and eat the fruit. When he knew that Adam and Eve had disobeyed him, he threw them out of Paradise and sent them to earth.

The Muslim creation story is found in the Qur'an. Muslims believe there is only one god (Allah) who created everything.

Although Allah made humans superior to the rest of creation, Muslims believe that this means humans have been given everything on earth to care for and look after.

