

What do Christians learn from the creation story?

The Creation Story

A long, long time ago, before there was anything, there was God. The Bible says, "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth" (Genesis 1:1). At first the world was empty and dark. There were no trees, animals, or people. God began to bring order to the world by speaking. God said, "Let there be light!" and there was light. God said the light was good. Now there was darkness and there was light. God named the light day, and He named the darkness night. God made a space between the earth below and the heavens above. He called the place above the earth the sky. Later God said, "Let there be lights in the sky to separate the day time from the night time." So God made two great lights. The brightest light was the sun, and it would shine during the day. The smaller light was the moon and it, along with the stars, would give light to the earth at night. God looked at what He had made and saw that it was good

Information

The Bible has many stories in it about humanity's relationship with God. These stories together are called the **Big Story** which starts with the story of **Creation** in the book of **Genesis** in the Old Testament.

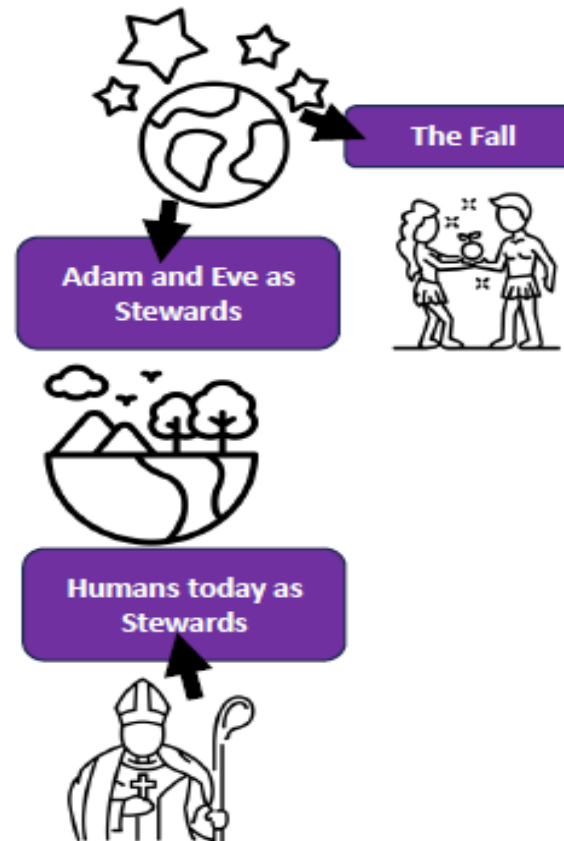
The Bible talks about God existing before the Creation story and being in all parts of the Big Story. The story of creation tells people about God creating the universe and everything in it.

At the end of each of the days of Creation God saw that everything was good. In the Creation story God asks humans to be **stewards** and to take **responsibility** and to look after Creation for him. Christians have read the Creation and **interpret** that this is what God wants them to do.

The book of Genesis in the Bible also talks about an event called the **Fall**. In this story Adam and Eve went against what God had told them. God had commanded that they should not eat the fruit of the tree of knowledge, but they gave into **temptation** and committed a **sin** against God.

The leader of the **Catholic** denomination, the Pope, wrote a letter telling people to follow the teaching of stewardship from the Bible and to look after the planet but not to interpret it wrongly and not to do they wanted with the world that would harm it.

So how does it all work?



Sticky knowledge

- Jews and Christians believe that God created the world.
- ★ Christians believe that God wants people to look after the world he created, all of its animals and nature.
- ★ Adam and Eve are believed by some Christians to be the first people on earth. They believe they were created by God.
- ★ Christians believe that Adam and Eve went against God's wishes – The Fall. This is when Adam and Eve 'fell' from their close relationship with God. This was the first 'sin'.
 - Some people believe that the world wasn't created by God

Vocabulary

Creation: The beginning of the world and everything in it
Catholic: a Christian demonization whose leader is called the Pope
Big Story: the story of the Bible from Creation through to Salvation
Responsibility: a moral need to take care of something
Sin: to do something that goes against God's law or an act which is against God's law
Steward: a person who looks after something, in Christianity looking after God's good earth
Interpret: to explain or understand the meaning of something
Genesis: the first book in the Old Testament which contains the story of Creation and The Fall
Fall: when Adam and Eve sinned against God and fell from being close to God
Temptation: the feeling of wanting/having to do something you know you should not