

St. Mary's Catholic Primary School



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What should I already know?

- There are two creation stories: Genesis 1 and Genesis 2.
- Genesis 1 is the story that God created the world in six days and rested on the seventh.
- Laudato Si is a letter (encyclical) that Pope Francis wrote to the world in 2015 about caring for the world.
- We are stewards of the Earth; we should take care of our world.
- It is important to love one another and take care of the world around us because this is one of the main teachings from the Bible.
- Psalms are a form of prayer.

What am I going to learn?

- All nations have a creation account. Our Bible has 2 creation accounts.
- They both contain the same truths: that God is present in creation, that creation is good and that God loves it, and that people are the 'high point' of creation.
- The first creation story is written by Israelites and is like a song. A different thing happens each day but there is a repetitive pattern. They wrote it as a song so people would not forget.
- The story has dialogue but the only person who speaks is God and all God says is let it be - this suggests that God is powerful.
- What God creates on day 1, 2, 3; he fills on day 4, 5, 6.
- Verse 26 of the creation story is key - the creation of people. The creation of people is very different from everything else because God created human kind in God's image.
- The encyclical letter called Laudato Si was unique in that it was written for everyone – not just Catholics – and it was the result of lots of discussion with others, especially scientists and leaders of other faiths.
- Laudato Si means Praise to you! (speaking to God!)
- In the history of the Israelites, both before and during the lifetime of Jesus, the Psalms were an important part of personal and communal prayer. They are part of our Catholic Liturgy now.



Vocabulary

Genesis: Genesis is the first book of the Bible. It has two accounts of the creation of the earth: Genesis 1 and Genesis 2.

Made in the image of God: this means that humans are made in God's image and likeness. We should therefore treat others with dignity, worth and respect.

Laudato Si: our common home with whom we share our life with.

Encyclical: a letter from Pope Francis in Rome which was written and shared in 2015. In this, we are asked to show more care for our common home.

Stewardship: the job of supervising or taking care of something. We are stewards for our world.

Psalm: A form of prayer. A sacred song or hymn, in particular any of those contained in the Biblical Book of Psalms which are used in Christian and Jewish worship.

Etymology!

Imago Dei: This is the Latin word for made in the image of God.



6 DAYS OF CREATION

