

The National Junior C of E Primary School

Unit: Creation

Subject: RE

Term: 4

Unit Overview / Key Question:

What do Christians learn from the creation story? How should humans look after God's creation?

Genesis 1:28-30

28 God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground."

29 Then God said, "I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food. 30 And to all the beasts of the earth and all the birds in the sky and all the creatures that move along the ground—everything that has the breath of life in it—I give every green plant for food." And it was so.

Symbols and Key Festivals



The Creation Story - Genesis



The Ten Commandments

Adam and Eve/The Lost Son

What?

Key Knowledge

Who or what should look after creation?

Genesis 1:28-30 provides instructions from God. Christians see these as His instructions to human beings from the first book in the bible. There are many different ways to look after our planet: The monks and nuns of Mucknell Abbey focus on treating the earth well in many different ways; Christian organisations teach and help people to care for the earth better; Forest Churches make links to the land to connect with God in nature bringing the presence of God in the open.

What is the best way to admit you are wrong and ask for forgiveness?

Christians believe that God is interested in our actions. They say that God wants people to be good and never to choose evil. Christians also believe that God is full of mercy and is very forgiving. There are four ways that Christians can reconcile with God; Pray for forgiveness; confess to their priest; symbolize forgiveness; shed your sins. Christians believe that to be a better person you must admit what you have done wrong, ask for God's forgiveness, try to put it right and follow God's way.

What was the purpose for the Ten commandments? What did God want them to achieve?

Christians believe that God want people to come back to him and gives the Ten Commandments as guidelines to helpo them live the right kind of life. What must have been going on for god to need to give these commandments? What would be different today if everybody would obey the commandments? We make the connections between the Ten Commandments and the stories of Adam and Eve and the Lost Son.

Vocabulary

Ten Commandments	The Ten Commandments are a fundamental set of rules that God wants Christians to live by.
Creation	The Genesis story is the creation of the world and humanity, focusing on how it is to be understood, the nature of humanity.
Sin	Is an action that is felt to be bad and breaks a religious law.
Reconcile	Bringing people back together who have been separated by a wrong of some sort.
Confession	To tell a priest your sins in order for God to forgive you.

Prior Knowledge

Pupils will know that Christians believe:
 The universe and human life are God's good creation.
 Humans are made in the image of God.
 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.
 Humans should care for the world because it belongs to God.

