

Topic: Creation and Covenant

**National Curriculum Objectives which are covered in this unit:** RE Directory – Expected outcomes for Branch 1 Creation and Covenant

**Understand**

- U1.1.1. Recognise that the story of Creation in Genesis 1:1-4,24-26, is an ancient, prayerful, poetic reflection on God's world and retell this story in any form. (RVE)
- U1.1.2. Recognise in an age-appropriate way that the Church teaches that all that is comes from God, our Father, who made heaven and Earth. (RVE)
- U1.1.3. Recognise that though people cannot see God, they can sense his presence through the awe and wonder experienced in the beauty and order of Creation.
- U1.1.4. Recognise that the Church teaches that God gave human beings the responsibility for taking care of the world and its people and in doing this, we show love for God and each other.
- U1.1.5. Know that Pope Francis wrote a letter, called Laudato Si', about the gift of Creation and the importance of taking care of the world as it is everyone's home.
- U1.1.6. Recognise that prayer is a way of drawing closer to God.

**Discern**

- D1.1.1. Talking about how God's gift of Creation is expressed through the scriptures and diverse creative and artistic expressions, e.g., through art, music, or poetry and talk about their responses.
- D1.1.2. Talking about why caring for God's world matters for them and their local community. (RVE)

**Respond**

- R1.1.1. Reflecting on what the words of the Our Father and the opening words of the Creed say to them.
- R1.1.2. Reflecting on different ways to pray.
- R1.1.3. Listening to stories from different communities and their experiences about how they care for the world. (RVE)
- R1.1.4. Talking about how they can care for God's world. (RVE)

**Lesson sequence - include the key concept, L.O. and brief description of lesson**

<p><b>1.1.1 The Story of Creation</b> Hear the story of Creation. Know that God's gave us the gift of Creation.</p> <p>U1.1.1. Recognise that the story of Creation in Genesis 1:1-4,24-26, is an ancient, prayerful, poetic reflection on God's world and retell this story in any form. (RVE)</p> <p>D1.1.1. Talking about how God's gift of Creation is expressed through the scriptures and diverse creative and artistic expressions, e.g., through art, music, or poetry and talk about their responses.</p> <p>Introduce creation to the children using resources (blue cloth, create a world). Look at the different things God put in His world as described in the book of Genesis in the Bible. Children to retell the story of Creation. Discuss this story being at the beginning of the Bible.</p> <p>V&amp;B TB P11 PPT – Creation of the World.</p>	<p><b>1.1.2 God's love and Care for Us</b> Know that God's love and care for us is experienced through the beauty and order of creation.</p> <p>U1.1.2. Recognise in an age-appropriate way that the Church teaches that all that is comes from God, our Father, who made heaven and Earth. (RVE)</p> <p>R1.1.4. Talking about how they can care for God's world. (RVE)</p> <p>Explore why God made the world. Discuss what is the most beautiful thing you have seen. Identify beautiful parts of our world – share imagery and discuss with the children. Listen to Psalm 104 – explain what a psalm is (poems and songs praising God). Say thank you to God for what He has made. Children create thank you notes/thank you cards for God.</p> <p>V&amp;B TB P17 PPT – Praise God.</p> <p>Psalm 148</p>	<p><b>1.1.3 The Our Father</b> Know that God is our Father. Know that praying is a way we draw close to God.</p> <p>U1.1.6. Recognise that prayer is a way of drawing closer to God.</p> <p>R1.1.1. Reflecting on what the words of the Our Father and the opening words of the Creed say to them.</p> <p>Share the Lord's prayer - Luke 11:1-4. Explore the Our Father and what we know about this. Who is Our Father? Explain that Jesus taught his disciples to pray. Jesus shows us how to talk to God. Explain when we talk to God we are praying. Have you ever talked to God? Why do people talk to God? What is the meaning of Our Father? Invite the children to say Our Father together. Invite children to share any other prayers they know/say.</p> <p>V&amp;B TB P23 PPT – Our Father.</p>	<p><b>1.1.4 The Nicene Creed</b> Know that as a community, the Church prays the Creed to pray to God and worship Him.</p> <p>R1.1.1. Reflecting on what the words of the Our Father and the opening words of the Creed say to them.</p> <p>U1.1.2. Recognise in an age-appropriate way that the Church teaches that all that is comes from God, our Father, who made heaven and Earth. (RVE)</p> <p>God has no beginning and has no end. God always was, always is and always will be. Explain to the children that the Church teaches us that all comes from God. Talk about visible and invisible things in the world. Share Psalm 8 with the children. Why do you think God made the world? Do you think God had a great plan when He made the world? Children learn the words of the opening of the Nicene Creed.</p> <p>V&amp;B TB P27 PPT – God's visible world.</p>	<p><b>1.1.5 Laudato Si'</b> Know that God wants us to love and care for the world because the world is God's gift to us. Know that caring for the world is one way we love and care for each other.</p> <p>U1.1.5. Know that Pope Francis wrote a letter, called Laudato Si', about the gift of Creation and the importance of taking care of the world as it is everyone's home.</p> <p>R1.1.4. Talking about how they can care for God's world. (RVE)</p> <p>Share Laudato Si' text. Use CAFOD animation to support sharing with children. Explain this is a letter from Pope Francis who wants us to know about a special letter he has written for all people in the world. Think of ways and examples that we can care for the world. Encourage children to be stewards for the world and think of action we can put in place.</p> <p>V&amp;B TB P31 PPT – Laudato Si (Part 1 and Part 2).</p>	<p><b>1.1.6 Caring for God's World</b> Know ways we can care for God's world.</p> <p>D1.1.2. Talking about why caring for God's world matters for them and their local community. (RVE)</p> <p>R1.1.4. Talking about how they can care for God's world. (RVE)</p> <p>Think about choices in behaviour and the results of different types of behaviour. Some choices are very important because the way we choose to behave affects God's world and other people. Caring for the world is one of the ways we show we love and care for each other. Share scenarios with children to discuss the correct behaviour, considering how we can look after God's world. Make posters how to care for God's world.</p> <p>V&amp;B TB P37 PPT – caring for God's world.</p>
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<p><b>Prior learning</b></p> <p><i>List year groups and topics with connected learning</i></p>	<p>EYFS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• God made our beautiful world and everything in it.</li> <li>• God made me.</li> <li>• The sign of the cross.</li> <li>• God created the world (Genesis 1:31)</li> <li>• Give thanks to God for our wonderful world.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Future learning</b></p> <p><i>List year groups and topics with connected learning</i></p>	<p>Y2, Y3 &amp; Y4 – Creation and Covenant</p> <p>Y2 – The Bible, God’s promise to Noah, God’s Knowledge and Care, Joining the Christian Family, Signs and Symbols in Baptism, The Holy Trinity.</p> <p>Y3 – Creation of the World, Made in God’s Image, Symbolism in Genesis, Broken Relationships, God’s Glory in Creation, Care for our World.</p> <p>Y4 – The Call of Abraham, God’s Covenant with Abraham, Abraham and Sarah, Abraham and Isaac, Joseph the Teenager, Joseph and His Family.</p>
<p><b>Key vocabulary to be explicitly taught</b></p>	<p>God  Father  Creation  Pope Francis  Laudato Si’  Our Father  Creed</p>
<p><b>Cross-curricular links</b></p>	<p>Catholic Social Teaching  Geography – where is Bethlehem? Nazareth?  History links - Prophets</p>
<p><b>Enrichment</b></p> <p><i>Give visit/visitor/first hand experience and focus</i></p>	<p>Church visit and prayers – invite Father Francis to help teach us prayers  Mini Vinnies/GIFT team to help teaching prayers</p>
<p><b>Useful websites/resources</b></p>	<p>RE Directory – Vine &amp; Branches Pupil Book &amp; Teachers Book  <a href="#">Laudato Si' animation for children</a>  <a href="#">Children taking care of the earth</a>  <a href="#">Kidz Zone</a>  <a href="#">Global neighbours: A prayer for children</a></p>