

Unit Focus

What do Christians believe about Creation?

Do all Christians believe the same thing?

Does Christianity fit in with our current theories about the beginnings of the universe?

Key Knowledge

- the creation narrative is shared by Jews, Christians and Muslims
- most Christians believe that:
 - o God created the world and all living things and has put humanity in charge of its care
- humans are given free will
- human choices have led to the fall of all creation which is the cause of suffering
- God will one day make 'all things new' and end all suffering
- the 'big Bible story' begins with creation and its themes are woven throughout
- Christian views can differ both within and across denominations
- some Christians believe that creation took place over seven days but others have different beliefs

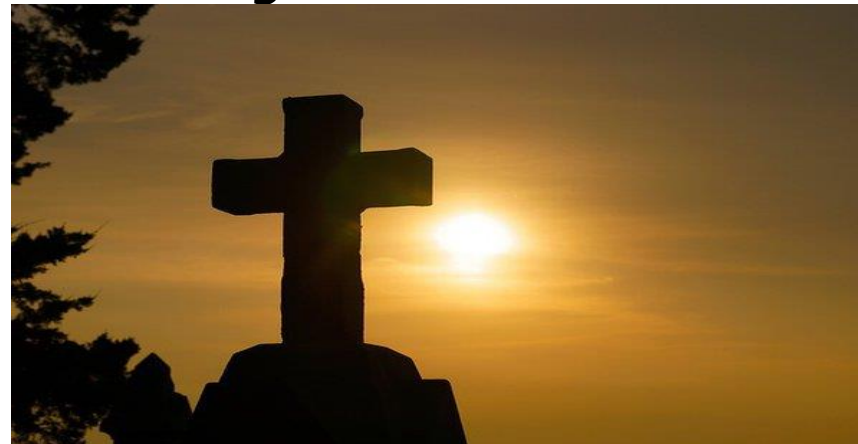
Prior Knowledge

- Children have previously learnt key facts about Christianity as a major world religion. They should have a basic understanding of who Christians are and that they follow the teachings of Jesus Christ.
- The Bible: Children should know that the Bible is the holy book of Christians and that it contains various books, including Genesis, which describes the creation story.

Vocabulary

- Theory – an idea that needs to be tested / proved
- Fact – something that has been proved
- Big Bang – the theory that the universe began through expansion from a single point
- creation – the act of making something
- Creation – the very beginning of life on Earth (& in the Universe), which Christians believe was made by God. God said that in the beginning it was 'very good'. The account in the Bible can also be found in the Torah and Qur'an
- 'The Fall' – the Christian belief that the choices made by Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden had consequences and broke the relationship between God, humankind and the natural world.
- Evolution – a scientific theory proposed by Charles Darwin about the origins of life

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Key Questions

1. What does it mean to create?
2. Can Christians believe in creation and the big bang?
3. What does creation mean for Christians' relationship with God?
4. What does the fall mean for human suffering and Christian hope?
5. What does creation mean for Christians' responsibility for earth and living things? How do they live this out?
6. How should Christians live in response to what the Bible says about creation?