

Hello everyone!

It's a new term and so we are starting a new teaching series at Explorers. Having spent the last 2 terms in the New Testament, this term we're heading back to the Old Testament - right back to the very beginning. Here are the dates and Bible passages for this half term.

Date	Bible Passage	Title, Story and Main Idea
26th April	Genesis 1:1-2:3	Creation - God made everything and it was good.
3rd May	Genesis 2:15-3:24	Rebellion - Adam & Eve disobey God. Sin came into God's good world and spoiled everything.
10th May	Genesis 4:1-16	Corruption - Cain & Abel. Sin affects our emotions, thoughts, words and actions.
17th May	Genesis 6:5-8:22; 9:8-17	Judgment - Noah & the Flood God punishes sin, but rescues Noah & his family.
24th May	Genesis 11:1-9	Confusion - The Tower of Babel All people want to be more important than God.

This Sunday – Explorers at Home

We're back on YouTube from this Sunday with another session for you to join in with at home. Here's the running order plus notes on the session.

Beginnings Session 1 – Creation (Genesis 1:1-2:3)

Big idea – God creates the entire world and everything in it out of nothing. He does this simply by speaking words. Mankind is the pinnacle of creation.

Aim: to teach that God made everything and it was good.

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| 1. Welcome | 5. Game (see notes) |
| 2. Introductory quiz | 6. Discuss & apply (see p3) |
| 3. Bridge Questions | 7. Prayer (see notes) |
| 4. Teaching time | 8. Craft/activity ideas (see notes) |

Notes:

Game – Today's game is a creation version of the classic Beetle Drive. You'll need a piece of paper and pencil per player, and a die. The aim is to draw a completed picture of the creation story by rolling the dice and drawing the appropriate item on your picture each time. For numbers 3-6, you'll need to roll them multiple times to draw all the items one at a time. The winner is the first person to have a completed drawing of all that God made.

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| 1 = light | 4 = sun, moon, stars |
| 2 = sky (perhaps some clouds) | 5 = birds, fish |
| 3 = land, sea, plants | 6 = animals, people |

Tip – if the game is taking too long for you, you can merge some of the items on days 3-6 to speed things up.

Prayer - Each think of one thing (or more if you're on a roll!) that God made that really amazes you. Praise God for making it the way he did.

God, you are amazing
for making the stars!

Craft/activity suggestions - here are a few ideas for things that you could do now or in the coming week. Do as many or as few as you fancy!

★ *Make a hanging creation sphere.*

Instructions:

1. Print page 4 (either onto card, or print it onto paper and stick it on some thin card).
2. Find some scissors, colouring pens, a hole punch, 2 split pins/paper fasteners and some cotton thread.
3. Colour in the pictures, then cut the page into strips and punch holes at every X.
4. Stack all eight strips with the pictures facing up and put a split pin through each set of holes.
5. Bend the stack with the pictures facing outwards to form a C shape. Fan the strips out to form a sphere.
6. Attach a piece of thread to the top split pin to hang up your sphere.

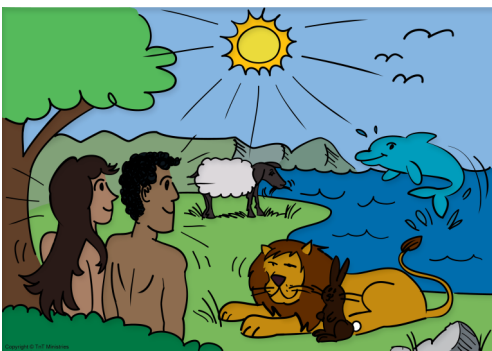


★ *Find out a fun fact* about something from creation and share it with everyone on the WhatsApp Explorers group.



★ *Make a Powerpoint or video* telling the story of creation.

★ *Keep an eye on the WhatsApp group* for suggestions of songs and other resources throughout the week.

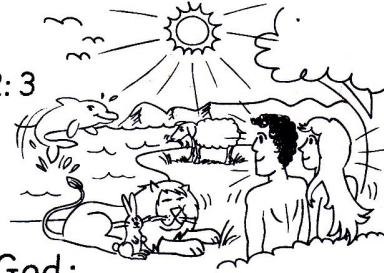


We hope you have lots of fun learning more about our amazing Creator God and the wonderful creation he has made!

Love from Helen & Carys

Creation

This true story can be found in Genesis 1:1 - 2:3



Discover

In this passage, how many times does God:

- Speak to make something - _____
- Say that something is good - _____

What else is repeated? _____

Think Spot

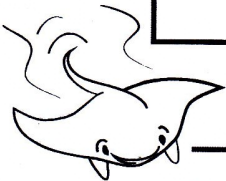
God speaks and things happen.
What does this tell you about God?



What does it mean that everything was 'good'?

Tick the correct block.

- ☐ It was well-behaved.
- ☐ It was just what God planned.



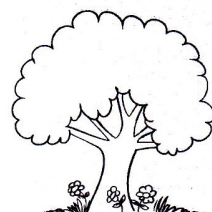
Discuss

What does it mean to be made in
God's image?

How does it change the way we treat other
people?

God made you. How should you treat God?

Think about one thing that God made that
really impresses you. Praise him for making it
the way he did.



God said, "It is very good"
Genesis 1:31

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Day 7

God
rested
from
creating

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Day 6



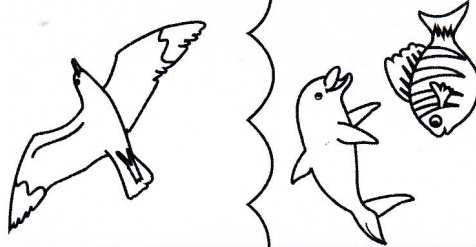
Land animals
and people

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Day 5



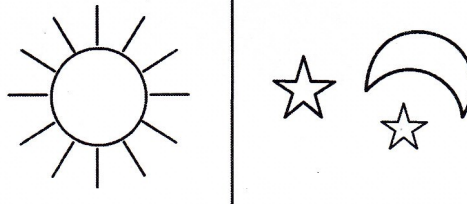
Birds and
fish

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Day 4



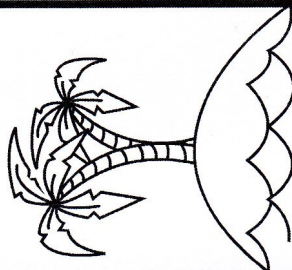
Sun, moon
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Day 3



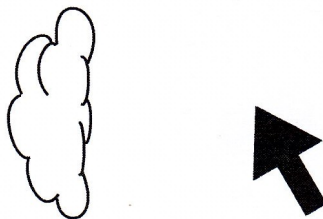
Land, sea
and plants

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Day 2



Sky

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Day 1

Night

Day

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