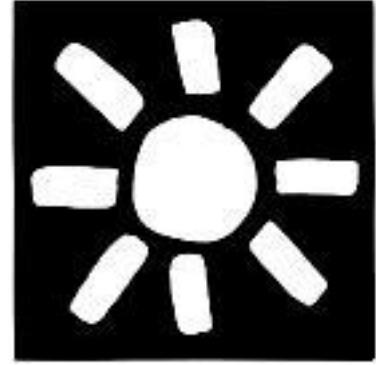


# Year 5

## God is Creator 5 Weeks



### Outcomes

At the completion of this module students will understand that:

- The history of the world starts from the Creation, (Genesis 1-3).
- The Fall had a huge impact on the original creation and is responsible for sickness, suffering and death.
- The Bible consists of true historical accounts, poetry, prophecy and instruction. The books of Genesis through to Esther are books of Old Testament history and therefore should be accepted as truth.
- We can calculate the age of the earth by adding up the years stated in the genealogies.
- A historical background to the nation of Israel, beginning with Adam, is an important foundation to understanding the whole Bible and God's purposes for the whole world.
- God chose Israel to have a very special purpose in the history of the world. He taught Israel to love and serve Him and punished them when they went astray.
- Old Testament Jews looked forward to the coming of Jesus and were saved through faith.
- Jesus was born into the nation of Israel.
- Now all people can be saved by believing in Jesus.
- Non-Jews are called gentiles.
- Gentile believers are the adopted children of the family of God.

### Related classroom topics for Science, Social Studies and Health:

Living things, animal classification

### Link between "God is Creator" and classroom topics:

God created plants and animals according to their own kind. A 'kind' is a family of living things with similarities. Each 'kind' was able to produce many different varieties of that animal, e.g. all the dogs in the world came from one wolf kind. Living things of one kind do not change into animals of another kind. Humans do not belong to any animal kind. They are God's special creation, made to be friends with God. Animals do not have this ability.

**Biography:** A Bible that traveled

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## Week 1

### After their own kind

Reference: Adam and the animals—Day 6 by Russell Grigg, Published in “Creation” magazine 29(1):40–43, 2006

#### **Bible Lesson:**

Genesis 1:24-31

‘Then God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures after their kind: cattle and creeping things and beasts of the earth after their kind”; and it was so. And God made the beasts of the earth after their kind, and the cattle after their kind, and everything that creeps on the ground after its kind; and God saw that it was good. Then God said, “Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.” And God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. And God blessed them; and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it; and rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky, and over every living thing that moves on the earth.” Then God said, “Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the surface of all the earth, and every tree which has fruit yielding seed; it shall be food for you; and to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the sky and to every thing that moves on the earth which has life, I have given every green plant for food”; and it was so. And God saw all that He had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Genesis 2:20-22

‘And the man gave names to all the cattle, and to the birds of the sky, and to every beast of the field, but for Adam there was not found a helper suitable for him. So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh at that place. And the LORD God fashioned into a woman the rib which He had taken from the man, and brought her to the man.

Genesis 3:20

‘Now the man called his wife’s name Eve, because she was the mother of all the living’.

#### **Discussion question:**

On which of the days of creation did God make man and the land animals? (Day 6)  
Why did God make animals?

God made animals of special use to us, like cows, sheep and horses. He made small animals like squirrels and spiders, rabbits and mice, frogs and lizards. He made beasts, like apes and elephants, and lots more. On this day, God also made all the different kinds of dinosaurs. All appeared immediately at God’s command, and all lived peacefully together. What a sight it must have been!

**Discussion question:**

How do we know God made the dinosaurs when the Bible does not mention 'dinosaurs'?

The Bible does not mention giraffes, elephants or kangaroos either, yet we know God made these land animals on Day 6. We know God made dinosaurs on Day 6 because dinosaurs are land animals too.

**Discussion question:**

Re-read Genesis 1:24

How do we know from this verse that these animals did not struggle and evolve over millions of years?

The Bible tells us that God made each animal 'after its kind'. This means that God gave each animal the power to make baby animals just like itself. But one kind could not change into a different kind, either then or now. Rabbits have baby rabbits, not baby kangaroos! And the same is true for every other animal. When dinosaurs laid their eggs, baby dinosaurs hatched out, not baby birds! Today there are thought to be about 8,000 different kinds of animals on our planet. Noah was asked to take two of every kind of animal into the ark, so all the *kinds* of animals were saved. He did not need to take all the different varieties of each animal. For example, he just took two dogs. These dogs later produced all the different kinds of dogs we see today. The ark was big enough to hold all the different kinds of animals.

**The first man: Adam**

The earth was now ready to be the home for God's greatest creation, the first human beings—Adam and Eve. But before this, God, who is three persons in one, (Father, Son and Holy Spirit), said this:

**Discussion question:**

Re-read Genesis 1:26

Who could He have been talking to when He said, 'Let us make man in our image.'? Not to the angels, as we are not made in their image. And not to any of the animals, like the apes, because we are not made in their image, either.

It must have been a conversation among the three Persons of the Trinity: Our Heavenly Father, the Lord Jesus, and the Holy Spirit.

**Discussion question:**

Why did God say this?

Possibly to show how special man is, and that he is absolutely different from all the animals, because in him there is something of the nature of God.

## **Man is special**

We are like God in many ways, and unlike the animals in many ways.

- 'God is spirit' (John 4:24), so, unlike the animals, you have an eternal, immortal spirit. You can be filled with God's Holy Spirit. And you can pray to God directly.
- 'God is love' (1 John 4:8), so you can love and worship God, love other people, and know His love for you. Animals cannot do this.
- 'God is good' (Psalm 34:8; 1 Peter 2:3). God is holy and perfect—this means He never does anything that is wrong—and He commands us to be holy and perfect too (Leviticus 11:44–45; Matthew 5:48). Unlike the animals, people have a conscience which tells us what is right and what is wrong.

## **Different from the animals**

We are different from the animals in many other ways, too.

- We can talk with other people (as well as with God). Animals can send signals to each other, like warnings, anger or friendship by the sounds they make, by the way they stand or move, by facial expressions, and by odour. However, animals can't speak (or write!) a true language.
- We can choose what we want to do. Animals do things by instinct (Jude v. 10).
- We can comfort others in their sorrow and laugh with others in their joy. One animal may help another, but they do not run first-aid clinics or hospitals.
- We can cook our meals, using fire (or electricity). Animals are scared of fire.
- We can cultivate the fields, and plant and reap crops.
- We can invent complex things like mathematics, computer games and aircraft; make musical instruments, paintings, and clocks to measure time. Animals may make nests or burrows, but this is the limit of their creativity.

God knew that the time would come when God the Son would become a man and live on the earth in the person of Jesus Christ. He gave the first man, Adam, the sort of body in which the Lord Jesus Christ would one day appear.

## **The first woman: Eve**

To make the first woman, God did something very special. He caused Adam to fall into a deep sleep. Then, with great wisdom and skill, He took one of Adam's ribs from which He built the lovely lady who was to be Adam's helper and wife. When God gave her to Adam, it was love at first sight! Adam named her 'Eve', which means 'life', because she would become the mother of the whole human race. Everybody who has ever lived since then, has descended from her.

God knew what He was doing in removing Adam's rib—this is the only bone in our body that will grow back if it is removed. And their children were not affected—so men and women today have the same number of ribs.

God blessed Adam and Eve and told them to have many children and fill the earth. So it was God who designed marriage of a man to a woman, and the family unit, way back in Genesis.

God also told Adam and Eve to look after the earth. God wanted people, who had been made in His image, to care for the earth and everything in it on His behalf.

Adam and Eve lived in a lovely garden in a place called Eden. And what did they eat? God told Adam they were free to eat from any tree in the garden, except the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. This supply would never run out, as God had programmed the plants and trees (when He made them on the third day of Creation Week) to keep on reproducing through their seeds.

The animals, too, were to obtain their food from 'every green plant'. So God said in the beginning that neither man nor animals should eat meat. It was only after the Flood, in Noah's time, that God told man he could eat meat (Genesis 9:3).

Everything on Day 6 was beautiful and perfect for God's purpose. Nothing God had made was bad or evil. There was no struggle for existence, no disease, no suffering, no sin, and, above all, no death of people or animals!

During Creation Week, God looked at what He had made and called it 'good' six times. Now, on the sixth day, with everything finished, God looked again and joyfully said, 'Very good!'

## God is Creator

### Week 2

### A world with no sickness or suffering

What was the world like before Adam and Eve sinned?

#### **Bible references**

Genesis 1:31; Genesis 2:15 and Genesis chapter 3.

Isaiah 65:17

2 Peter 3:13

Revelation 2:14

1 Corinthians 15:22

Romans 5:12 Sin entered the world through one man, Adam.

#### **Bible lesson**

When God made Adam He put him in charge of everything He created. When Adam sinned it affected the whole creation. Things that God created 'very good' became corrupted. Plants developed prickles and thorns. Some fruits even became poisonous.

In the Garden of Eden there were lots of trees with good fruit to eat, but after the Fall, Adam and Eve had to leave the garden and work very hard to grow food. Some animals began to pose a threat to people and other animals. There were still a lot of good things about creation, but Adam's sin meant that it was no longer perfect like it was when God created.

Read Genesis 1:31; Genesis 2:15 and Genesis chapter 3.

What about creatures that sting and bite? Would they have done this before the Fall? We know that no insects would have harmed humans before the Fall. Some that are pests today have other good functions in the natural world – for example, helping to break down dead plant matter, and pollinating plants.

What about things that look as if they are designed to hurt, like sharks, jellyfish and lions? It is important to realize that such things can have more than one use. Teeth that are used for killing and eating meat could have once been used for eating plants. The piranha, (a viscous South American carnivorous fish), has a nearly-identical cousin, the pacu. The pacu is a vegetarian and uses its sharp teeth for chomping on fruit that falls from the trees into the water.

What about natural disasters like forest fires, tsunamis and cyclones? The pre-Fall world would not have had natural disasters that hurt people. Sin affects the whole world causing natural disasters such as cyclones, tsunamis and earthquakes.

Why do people get sick and die?

Before the Fall there would have been no sickness, and no need for doctors or hospitals. This is because God created the human body 'very good' and designed it to live forever. But after the Fall, the human body was no longer perfect. All humans would eventually die. The first people in history lived for a long time because they were closer in time to God's perfect creation. For example, Noah lived for 950 years. But as the human race went on, people started living shorter lives.

What will heaven be like?

The good news is that because of Jesus, those who trust in Him can look forward to a future without prickles, bites, stings and natural disasters. There will also be no sickness or death. When God remakes the world without sin, it also means that the things sin caused will also be gone for good! God promises to give everyone who believes in Jesus a new body that will never get sick, grow old or die, so we can live forever with Him on the recreated earth. Read Isaiah 65:17; 2 Peter 3:13; Revelation 2:14; 1 Corinthians 15:22

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## Week 3

### The Bible is history

#### Preparation

The students will need to have a Bible each, or one to share. If Bibles are not available, make a list of all the books of the Bible to show the students. Also prepare a list of the divisions of the Bible on a chart large enough for all to see. (The divisions of the Bible are listed in this lesson.)

#### Introduction

##### Where did the Bible come from?

What we today call 'The Bible' is actually a collection of 66 books, written by about 40 different authors from all walks of life (kings, fishermen, a tax collector, tent maker, etc.) over a period of 1,600 years.

Each book came from a recognized speaker of God (normally a prophet or apostle, or someone under their supervision). 2 Timothy 3:16 tells us that the Bible is 'God-breathed'.

This means that God the Holy Spirit guided the writers so that all of the very words they recorded on the original scrolls were without error (2 Peter 1:21). The men who wrote the books listed in the 'Old Testament' (OT) wrote mainly in the Hebrew language (a few parts were written in Aramaic). The writers of the 'New Testament' (NT) books (written after Jesus returned to Heaven) wrote mainly in the common language of their time—Greek.

Since the Bible is the complete Word of God, who cannot lie, we can trust it to tell us the truth about the things we need to know. Because it is the Word of the Creator, we accept it as our final authority in every area it speaks about.

##### Some words we need to know the meaning of:

##### **Bible**

Four hundred years after Christ returned to Heaven, people began to use the Greek word *biblia* (meaning 'books') to describe the collection of the sacred writings. Our word 'Bible' comes from *biblia*.

##### **Word of God**

The Bible claims to be the 'Word of God' over 3,000 times (John 10:35; Hebrews 4:12). 'Word of God' and 'Scripture' mean the same.

##### **Scripture**

This word was used by the New Testament authors to refer to the sacred books of the Old Testament.

##### **Prophet**

A prophet was a special spokesman for God—he spoke, by God's power, the actual words God gave him.

### **Apostle**

An apostle, as used in the Bible, was a man who had seen Christ after His Resurrection (Acts 1:21–22), and who was called by Jesus to be His ‘messenger’.

### **Divisions of the Bible**

Ask the students to open their Bible to the index and they can refer to this as you explain how the Bible is divided up.

### **Old Testament**

**The Old Testament has 39 books. Our Bible divides the OT into four main groups:**

**Creation and the Law:** These books tell us the history of the universe from the very beginning. They also tell about God’s working through the nation of Israel, and the laws given for Israel to follow.

The books are: Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy

**History of Israel:** These 12 books continue the history of Israel, cover 1,000 years, and show the results of disobedience or obedience to God.

The twelve books are: Joshua, Judges, Ruth, 1 Samuel, 2 Samuel, 1 Kings, 2 Kings, 1 Chronicles, 2 Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther

**Poetry:** These 5 books express worship toward God, give advice, and address some deep issues.

The books are: Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon

**Prophets:** These 17 books proclaim God’s blessings and judgments, and tell about future events. They are divided into Major and Minor prophets depending on the length of the book.

The books are: Isaiah, Jeremiah, Lamentations, Ezekiel, Daniel, Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi

### **New Testament**

The 27 books of the New Testament are arranged into four divisions:

**The Gospels:** These four books record the time Jesus spent on Earth, His death, and Resurrection.

The books are: Matthew, Mark, Luke and John



## **Acts**

The book of Acts records the beginning of the church, and the spread of Christianity to the time of the Apostle Paul.

**The Letters:** These 21 letters from apostles were addressed to churches in such places as Rome, Galatia, Ephesus and Colosse, or to individuals, or to Christians in general. They teach about Christianity and how to live the Christian life.

These books are:

Romans, 1 Corinthians, 2 Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, 1 Thessalonians, 2 Thessalonians, 1 Timothy, 2 Timothy, Titus, Philemon, Hebrews, James, 1 Peter, 2 Peter, 1 John, 2 John, 3 John, Jude

**The book of Revelation:** This book was written to encourage Christians suffering persecution. It also reveals what will happen in the future, when new heavens and a new Earth will be created for those who have received the free gift of eternal life.

Acknowledgement: <http://creation.com/how-did-we-get-the-bible>

## **Discussion**

Which divisions of the Bible, record what has actually happened in past history?

*Ans: Creation and the Law; History of Israel, the Gospels and Acts*

Some people think that what is true history really is a made-up story with a different meaning. The only time stories like this occur in the Bible are in the Gospels, where Jesus told stories that had another meaning. These are called parables, like the Lost Sheep and the Lost Son. (Ask the students if they know of any other parables.)

However, the first books of the Old Testament, (Genesis through to Esther), are not parables. These books record events that actually happened. The same is true of the Gospels and Acts in the New Testament.

Ask the students to think of some of these events and make a list called "Events in history from the Bible", e.g. The Creation, The Flood, the Tower of Babel, The crossing of the Red Sea, the birth of Jesus.

Can the books of the prophets also contain records of real events? Think about Daniel and Jonah. Add these to your list.

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## Week 4

### History of the Old Testament

The Bible gives us the true history of time. Today scientists have convinced the world that the universe is millions of years old.

**Let's look at two types of science:**

#### 1. Operational science.

For something to be true in science, you must be able to do an experiment. The experiment must be "observable" (you can see it happening), and "repeatable" (you can do the same thing over and over again with the same results.) These two requirements are accepted by all scientists and have been for centuries. It is called the "Scientific Method".

#### 2. Historical Science

This is looking at things from the past and making a guess about how or when they got there. It has to be a guess because no one saw or recorded how or when a fossil or a rock for example, was being made. It was in the distant past. Therefore we can't say that this sort of science is "observable". No one was there to see it happening, so historical science is not science. Finding out about the past is called 'history'. We can say that an event in the past is true only if someone saw it happening.

There was only one person who was present when the world was created. There is only one person who knows everything about the past. That is the God of the Bible, (who is three in one – the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.) He has told us about the past in the Bible. The Bible is history.

Why do most scientists want to believe that the universe is millions of years old? Because they would rather believe that the universe made itself and it needed millions of years to do it. They do not believe that the world could be made in just six days as the Bible says. They pretend to have accurate ways of measuring the age of things, but they start by assuming that something is already millions of years old, then add more years to that.

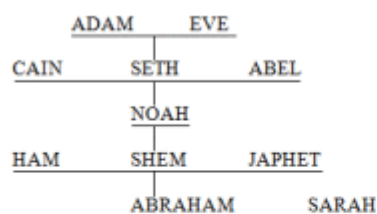
Here's an example:

In the USA in 1980, a volcano called Mt. St. Helens erupted. Volcanic rocks were formed. Someone collected one of these rocks and had it tested to see how old it was. The test showed that it was 35,000 years old. And yet we know that it was only formed from molten lava in 1980. How old does that make it? This is just one of many examples that shows the methods scientists use to find out how old things are, are not accurate at all.

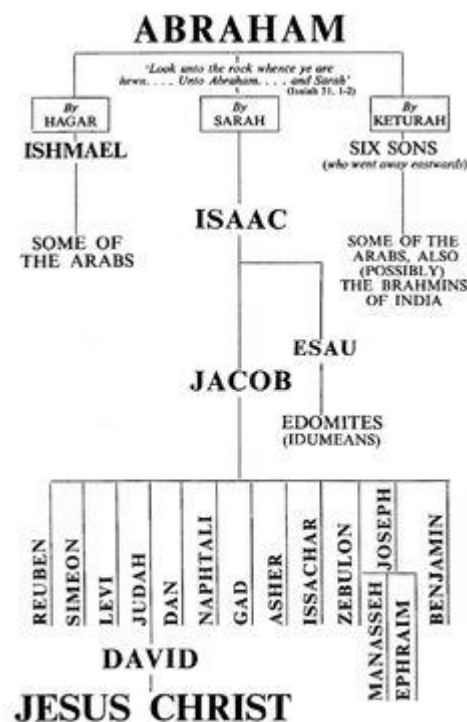
Let's look at how old the Bible says the universe is. In Genesis 1 we read that God created Adam on Day 6 of the Creation week. Adam died when he was 930 years old.

The Bible gives us the family tree from Adam to Jacob. It tells us how old the people were when they died. Family trees in the Bible are called the genealogies.

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Here's another family tree showing the time from Abraham to Jesus. Note that this family tree is abbreviated from Jacob onwards. There were extra generations between Jacob and Judah, (Joseph's son), extra generations between Judah and King David, and extra generations between David and Jesus. People who study Biblical history can use the genealogies plus events in history to calculate the time period between Adam and Jesus.



Can you see that Adam, Noah, Abraham and Jacob are all related?  
 Bible history tells us that there were about 1,600 years from Adam to the Great Flood., then another 2,400 years from the Flood to the birth of Jesus.  
 How many years is that? Now add on the years from the time of Jesus birth until today.  
 How many years altogether?

Ask the students if they can tell you any facts about some of the people in the family tree of Jesus.

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### Week 5

# The nation of Israel

## **Bible reference:**

Genesis 17:15-22; Genesis 18:1-15

Genesis 22:17 I will surely bless you and make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as the sand on the seashore.

## **Bible lesson**

When Abram was ninety-nine years old the Lord appeared to him and said, "You will be the father of many nations. You will have many children."

God told Abram that his name would be changed to Abraham, which means "father of many", and his wife Sarai's name would be changed to Sarah.

Abraham fell face down in the presence of God. "Will a son be born to a man a hundred years old?" he said, "and will Sarah bear a child at the age of ninety?"

One day three visitors came to Abraham's house. He hurried to meet them. "May I get you something to eat and drink?" Abraham asked. "Please come in and have something to eat."

The visitors agreed, so Abraham told Sarah and the servant to prepare some food. Abraham brought them some meat, milk and bread and served it outside the tent under a tree.

While the visitors were eating, they asked Abraham, "Where is your wife Sarah?" "She's in the tent," replied Abraham.

Then one of the men spoke and said, "I will come back to see you at this time next year, and Sarah will have a son."

Now Sarah was listening from inside the tent. She started to laugh, but covered her mouth and laughed to herself because she didn't want to be heard. Then she said to herself, "How can I have a child, I'm almost one hundred years old?"

Later when the visitors had left, Abraham and Sarah realized that the man who had told them this was indeed God.

A year later, Sarah did have a son. She and Abraham named him Isaac, which means "he laughs."

They were very happy and thanked God for Isaac. One night God told Abraham to go outside and look at the stars. God said, "Do you see all the stars that are in the sky?" When Abraham looked up, the whole night sky was full of stars, so many in fact that he would never be able to count them. Then God said, "That is how many children you will have".

## **Discussion:**

Abraham became the father of a great nation, Israel. This was a very special nation because God's Son would be born into it. The promise God gives to Abraham is good news for all of

mankind... that God would restore the relationship with God that mankind had broken. He would do this through Jesus.

God chose Israel to have a very special purpose in the history of the world. He taught Israel to love and serve Him and punished them when they went astray. Before Jesus came, the people of Israel were saved from their sins through repentance and faith in God; they were to look forward to a Saviour who would one day come. The people of Israel are called 'Jews', and people from other lands are called 'gentiles'. Gentiles also now have the opportunity of being children of God, and can be part of the family of Abraham.

**Questions:**

What was God's promise to Abraham?

Who are the children that God was going to give Abraham? (Two answers required: 1) He would be father to the nation of Israel, 2) He would be father to all those who accept Jesus as their Saviour.)

Did the promise happen right away?

How many children did God promise? (Genesis 22:17)

What did Abraham do when he heard this promise? (He believed God).