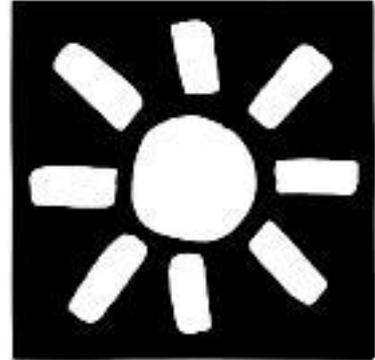


# Year 6

## God is Creator 5 Weeks



### Outcomes

At the completion of this module students will understand that:

- God created the universe in six days.
- The theory of evolution is man's attempt to reject God as Creator.
- God's original creation was very good.
- Sin spoiled God's perfect creation.
- The Great Flood was an act of God's judgment on a sinful world.
- Noah's family was the only righteous family at the time of the Flood.
- The earth's population once again rejected God and worshipped themselves instead, evident at the Tower of Babel.
- God stopped the building of the tower by creating different language groups.
- Civilization spread outward from the Tower of Babel. The true history of the world was forgotten by all except one man.
- Abraham did not forget the truth. He was a righteous man chosen by God to pass on truth to his people group, which became the nation of Israel.

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

Animals by design: creators and builders; animal families

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

We see the hand of a designer in the creation. Such order, beauty and design could not have happened by chance; animals were created after their own kind; we do not see animal species changing into different animal species – cats do not change into dogs. The theory of millions of years is an invention to try and cover up the fact that we don't see animals changing from one kind to another. Evolutionists say that it would take millions of years to see these changes.

### Values

respect for truth; faith

**Biographies:** Jacob Vouza

# God is Creator

## Week 1

### In the beginning

#### The Beginning of the World - God's Way

Bible reference:

Genesis 1 to Genesis 2:4a The Creation

John 1:1-3 Before the world was created, the Word already existed; he was with God and He was the same as God.

#### Introduction

Read the Creation account from Genesis 1:1 to Genesis 2:4a

#### Discussion

1. What was it like before God created? (Ans: there was nothing.)

It was very, very dark. Early on Day 1, God created light. How did He do this? He just said, 'Let there be light!' and there was light. His Word was all that was needed. The Bible says that God separated the light from the darkness and called it day. Every living thing needs light to survive. The light He shone into the world on Day One was His own light and not the sun's light. The sun was created on Day Four. God tells us that He is light and that Jesus is the Light of the world.)

2. What did God use to create? (Ans: God's Word. Note at the beginning of each day we read "Then God commanded." God only has to speak and things happen. God is all powerful. God's Word is enough. Life happens and things happen when God speaks. Read John 1:1-3.)

3. What happened at the end of each day? (Ans: Evening passed and morning came.)

4. How long was each day? (24 hours)

5. How long did God take to create the whole universe? (Ans: six days, and He rested on the seventh.)

6. Who created everything? (Read verse 26. Who is the 'we' referring to? Ans: The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit)

7. What did God say about His creation when He had finished creating? Read verse 31. (Ans: It was very good.)

8. What did God mean by 'very good'? (Ans: no sickness, no death, no suffering, no pain, no sin)

# God is Creator

## Week 2

### Ideas about the beginning of the world

God's Word gives us the only true account of the origin of the universe.

#### **Bible references**

Genesis 1 to 2:4a: The Creation

Hebrews 11:3 It is by faith that we understand that the universe was created by God's Word, so that what can be seen was made out of what cannot be seen. (GNB)

Hebrews 11:6 Without faith it is impossible to please God.

John 5:47 If you don't believe the writings of Moses, how can you believe My words?

Genesis 1:24 God made every creature after their own kind.

Genesis 1:31 God looked at all that He had made and it was good.

#### **Introduction**

What ideas do people have about the way the world began and the beginning of life?

#### **The Beginning of the World: Man's Idea**

Some people believe in the 'big bang' theory. That is, that somewhere out in space, billions of years ago, there was a big explosion of particles coming together. They say that this led to the formation of the universe as we know it. However, there is no explanation of where the particles came from.

For those who believe in it, the big bang was an explosion of energy, marking the beginning of space and time. These people believe that life happened by accident. They do not believe in a Creator. They believe that by accident, a living cell was formed. Eventually, the single cell divided in two, then in two again, and a new living thing was formed. As cells kept dividing and changing over millions and millions of years, more and more new living creatures were made.

To believe that the world began this way, is to believe in the theory of EVOLUTION. A theory is an idea, which has yet to be tested and proved. It is not scientific fact, and yet so many people accept it as fact. Have you ever watched programs on TV, or read books, which claim that rocks or fossils are millions of years old? This information is based on evolution. The theory of evolution is very different from the account of creation as written in God's history book, Genesis.

The person who invented the theory was a man called Charles Darwin who lived in England over a hundred years ago. At that time, people in Britain believed that God created the universe. However, as Darwin studied the similarities between animals he came up with a new idea. Instead of each species being created after its own kind as the Bible says, Darwin

imagined that maybe one form of life changed into another very gradually with each generation. With the passing of many generations, new animals would start to appear.

Because this was such a slow process, animals as we know them took millions and millions of years to form (to evolve), and not in just 6 days as the Bible says. It also meant that instead of God's perfect creation, where death was unknown, the "creation" would have been imperfect due to death over millions of generations of evolution. According to the theory, the weaker animals died out and only the strongest survived. This had to mean disease and suffering were part of the process of evolution.

While Darwin tried hard to make the theory work, he also realised that there were a lot of problems with it. To begin with, it was the opposite to what the Bible says, and besides, there should have been discoveries of skeletons of things like a half-fish-half lizard, or a half-lizard-half-bird or even a half-ape-half-man, and no skeletons like this had ever been found.

However, many scientists decided they liked the theory. To believe in evolution meant that there was no God who created the universe. If there was no God who set rules to obey, then there was no such thing as sin. People could do as they wanted to without having to obey God. Besides this, as man was at the top of the evolutionary chain, man had to be the cleverest animal in the universe! Yes, people liked that idea. Evolution was here to stay.

### **Illustration**

Imagine two builders. Each one is going to build a house. One builder draws a plan for his house, collects the materials and carefully constructs the house. The other builder gets a lot of materials together and puts them altogether in the back of a tip truck. He arrives at the building site in his truck and tips out all the materials in a heap on the ground, expecting the house to make itself.

### **Discussion**

Why could the first builder create a house?

*Ans: He used intelligence, design and craftsmanship.*

Why couldn't the second builder make anything?

*Ans: We could not expect the materials to come together by themselves.*

This illustration is similar to creation and evolution. We could not expect such a beautiful world to be formed just by particles being banged together. We must realise that there was an intelligent creator and designer at work. The creator of course is the God of the Bible.

Many people today believe that the universe was formed by a big bang. They believe that out of that big bang came a single living cell. That cell divided and gave way to new forms of life. Because some forms of life were not strong enough or clever enough, they died out. This of course would mean lots of suffering and death as one form of life gave way to another. According to the theory, after millions of years, the ape was formed and this finally developed into a human being.

The Bible, however, says that God's creation was *good*. There was *no* death, disease or suffering before the creation of man. Death, disease and suffering entered the world when

man and woman disobeyed God. The Bible also says that God created everything after its own kind...not one form of life developing into another.

### **Discussion**

How does the Bible contradict the theory of evolution?

Read Genesis 1:24a. If God created animals to reproduce after their own kind, then how could an elephant develop from an amoeba?

Also read Gen.1:31.

What did God mean when He said that His creation was 'good'?

What can we discover about God by looking at some of the complex aspects of the creation? Perhaps you can examine some plant or animal specimens.

Could such design and order happen by chance?

Think about the marvellous design of these:

- birds, and their amazing ability to fly
- the human body
- insects
- flowers
- sound

## **God is Creator**

### **Week 3**

### **The beginning of sin**

#### **Bible references**

Genesis 2:4b – Genesis 3

#### **Are there two Creation accounts in the Bible?**

Some people think that there are two different accounts of creation in Genesis. In Genesis chapter 1 we read about the six days of Creation. In Genesis chapters 2 and 3 we read about the first man and woman in the Garden of Eden. But this is not a different story. It is just expanding the first account and giving more details. It was the practice of the Hebrew writers to give a brief outline first, as we see in Genesis Chapter 1, and then to expand the information as we see in chapters 2 and 3.

Read Genesis 2:4b to 6

In Genesis chapter 1 we are told that God made all kinds of plants on Day 3. In Chapter 2 we are told some extra information about Day 3. On that day God created not just full-grown plants, but also the special seeds that Adam would need for cultivation of food. It was God's plan for Adam to work in the garden, planting seeds and harvesting food.

Read Genesis 2:7. How did God create the man?

Read Genesis 2:8-14. Describe the Garden of Eden.

Read Genesis 2:15-17. What were the special instructions to the man?

Read Genesis 2:18-20

This gives more detail of what happened on Day 6. How did the animals get their names? (Note that the animals were not created after Adam. The Hebrew verb for 'formed' actually should be translated 'having formed' or 'had formed', which would make the animals created before Adam and consistent with Genesis 1. The NIV translation of verse 19 is therefore correct. King James Version is not.)

Read Genesis 2:21-25

These verses give more information about what happened on Day 6. How did God make the woman?

Read Genesis 3:1-13. What did the snake tell Eve?

Read Genesis 3:17 – 20 and verse 23.

Was Adam to blame as well?

What were the consequences?

# God is Creator

## Week 4

### Creation stories from around the world

#### Bible references

Genesis 11 The Tower of Babel

Genesis 12 God's call to Abraham

#### History revision

After God created Adam and Eve, they had children and the world population started to grow.

YEARS		
God created everything.	<i>Genesis 1–2</i>	0
Adam became the father of Seth at 130.	<i>Genesis 5:3</i>	0 + 130 = 130
Seth became the father of Enosh at 105.	<i>Genesis 5:6</i>	130 + 105 = 235
Enosh became the father of Kenan at 90.	<i>Genesis 5:9</i>	235 + 90 = 325
Cainan became the father of Mahalalel at 70.	<i>Genesis 5:12</i>	325 + 70 = 395
Mahalalel became the father of Jared at 65.	<i>Genesis 5:15</i>	395 + 65 = 460
Jared became the father of Enoch at 162.	<i>Genesis 5:18</i>	460 + 162 = 622
Enoch became the father of Methuselah at 65.	<i>Genesis 5:21</i>	622 + 65 = 687
Methuselah became the father of Lamech at 187.	<i>Genesis 5:25</i>	687 + 187 = 874
Lamech became the father of Noah at 182.	<i>Genesis 5:28</i>	874 + 182 = 1056
The Flood started when Noah was 600.	<i>Genesis 7:6</i>	1056 + 600 = 1656

The Bible tells us that 1,656 years after the creation, the people of the world had become so wicked that God decided to send a Great Flood. All people and animals were destroyed except for one righteous family, the family of Noah, who saved the animals by bringing male and female of each kind aboard the Ark that he had made under God's instructions.

The Ark landed on Mt. Ararat in Turkey, (in the Middle East), and the world population again started growing. The Bible tells us that just 106 years later the people wanted to build a great tower to make a name for themselves. They had forgotten about God already! The tower was called the Tower of Babel. This tower was built in Babylon, which is now in Iraq, a neighbouring country to Turkey. This area is called the cradle of civilization because it is where civilization began. It was between two rivers called the Tigris and Euphrates which were in the Garden of Eden. We can read about this in Genesis 2:14.

God was saddened that the people had forgotten Him once again. He decided to stop the building of the tower by confusing their language. Until then everyone spoke the same language, and but now there were many groups of people speaking many different languages. They could no longer communicate and therefore could not finish the tower.

They gathered together in their language groups and went in different directions throughout the world. This is why we have different people and language groups throughout the world today.

God still wanted a group of people to love and serve Him. He found one righteous man. His name was Abraham. Abraham had not forgotten God and taught the true history of the world to his children. He taught them how God created the world in the beginning, over six days. He also told them about the Great Flood. God told Abraham that he would have many children, and these children would become a great nation. That nation was Israel, God's chosen people. God chose Abraham because he was righteous and loved and served God.

The rest of the world population did not care about God, so didn't think it was important to pass on the history of the world to their children. As time went by, their children started to wonder, "How did we get here? How was the world made?" The true history of how God had made the world had been lost, so people started making up their own stories. They started worshiping false gods, such as the sun and the moon, which they thought must have been responsible for making the world. However there were a few people who remembered something of the true history, and these stories were told, often with facts that were incorrect or mixed up. Here is one such story. Listen for similarities with the Biblical account.

**A Creation story told by an American Indian ([www.creation.com](http://www.creation.com))**

The history of the world as my Blackfeet Elders told it ...

"My name is Percy Bullchild. I'm sixty-seven years of age. I'm from the Blackfeet Indian tribe in Montana, USA. With what little education I have, I am going to try to write the version of our own true ways in our history and in our legends ...

This story is about a lone spirit that lived in this spiritual place before there was a world with any kind of life. The lone spirit has been alive forever and will continue to live forever. Life is given to all of us humans and to all the creatures of the earth.

We call the Creator of everything "Creator Sun", who made the first living beings.

This is how Creator Sun made the first humans:

From the mud Creator Sun molded a form in his own shape, his own image. This mud figure came to life as Creator Sun blew into his nostrils. He wanted to do for the mudman something to help him overcome that loneliness. Using that strange power, Creator Sun put the mudman into a deep sleep so he wouldn't know what was going on.

Kneeling down beside him, Creator Sun took out the mudman's lowest, smallest left rib. With this rib he made an image after the mudman and himself, to bear fruit, to bear offspring.

This woman was looking for food one day when she was tempted by a "snakeman" who told her a half-truth and caused her to betray her husband. The Creator knew what was going on but, as always, he is so forgiving to all his creations. Nevertheless, all of us are to pay for whatever sins we commit."

## **Discussion**

Make a list of the similarities between this account and the Biblical account.  
Note Genesis 2:7.

### **The Koreans: a people group who knew of one true God**

In the 1880's the first Christian missionaries came to Korea. The Korean people accepted the missionaries because they showed the love of God. The missionaries did not come with a proud attitude. They did not say to the people, "You know nothing about God." Instead, they found out about the Korean's belief in God. To their surprise, they found that the Koreans actually knew something about the true and living God, even though no Christian missionary had ever been there before! The Koreans knew that there was one true God who had created the universe. They called Him by the name 'Hananim'.

The missionaries explained to the Koreans that Hananim had sent His Son to forgive all those who wanted to be forgiven. Hananim's son was born into the Jewish people, not because they were better than any other peoples, but simply because God needed to choose one group. Hananim then asked messengers to go into the whole world to call all people to Jesus, the Son of Hananim.

Koreans by the thousands listened to the missionaries with awe.

"Here are men and women who know so much more about the true God than even our own king," they thought. "Here are people who pray freely to Hananim in the name of His Son, and get answers!"

Soon there were hundreds of Korean churches being run by their own people. Today, Koreans are still becoming Christians at an amazing rate.

## **Question**

Why are there many Creation and Flood stories in cultures all around the world, that have similarities to the Biblical record?

Ans: People spread all over the world from the Tower of Babel, so we can assume that all people groups once knew the true stories of the Creation and Flood.

## **Activity**

Mark the three events: Creation, the Great Flood and the Tower of Babel on your timeline.

# God is Creator

## Week 5

### The value of our life

#### Bible references

Psalm 139:1-18 Wonderfully made

Jeremiah 1:5 Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you.

Matthew 10:29-30 The hairs on our head are counted; we are of more value than the sparrows.

Psalm 8:3-9 God made man higher than the animals and placed us in charge of them.

Acts 10:34-35 God does not show favouritism.

Psalm 58:8 God collects all my tears in a bottle.

#### Introduction

Scientists tell us the following about the human body: The average human consists of:

- 38 litres of water, mainly in our blood
- Enough fat to make 7 bars of soap
- Enough carbon to make 9,000 pencils
- Enough phosphate for 2,200 matches
- Enough iron to make one medium sized nail
- Large quantities of calcium in our bones
- Small quantities of many other minerals

How much do you think all this would cost?

Do you think a human being is worth more than this?

#### Bible study

##### Psalm 8:3-9

**What aspects of creation remind us of the greatness of God?**

**What job has God given to us?**

All creation is of value to God and we should live 'carefully' in the world, never killing animals unnecessarily or wasting the earth's resources such as water, plants and food.

##### Psalm 139:1-18

**How well does God know you? Why?**

Our soul and spirit are made in God's image, so He values us. Our life is valuable because God made us.

**What are some of the characteristics of God's creation according to Psalm 139:13-14, 17-18?**

When God creates something it is not by chance, but planned out perfectly. All of His creation is wonderful. God thinks that His creation is precious.

When God created you, did He create you hastily or did He carefully plan your life?

God knit you together before you were even born. You were not created hastily. Every detail of your life was carefully planned out for you. God loves His creation, you, and planned your life before you were born.

**Why does God deserve your praise?**

God deserves our praise because we are wonderfully made in His image.

**How does God feel about you?**

God loves you and will never leave you. He knows that you are wonderfully made because He created you that way.

**Matthew 10:29-30**

**What does God know about you?**

How much does God care for the human beings He has made?

**Does God love everyone or just Christians?** He loves everyone.

**What is the difference between the life of a Christian and the life of a non-believer?**

(Christians hand their life over to God and He gives them a plan and purpose.)

How does God feel about people who don't believe in Him?

**What value does life have for someone who thinks the world and all that's in it came about by accident?**

**Psalm 56:8**

**Does God care about you when you are sad?**

**God loves every one equally**

Before the 19th Century, most people in the USA, England and Europe believed in the Biblical account of Creation. But as the 19th century scientists were converted to the theory of evolution, they were also convinced that some races were inferior to others. Because of Darwin's new theory, they were certain that the white race was superior to other races. They believed that the white race had advanced further up the evolutionary ladder, with black people being closest to the ape, with smaller brains, followed by other people with coloured skin, and then white people at the top.

Today such beliefs are no longer acceptable. The Bible tells us that everyone is of equal value because we are all precious to God, made in His image. God loves and accepts all people: old people, young people, men and women, handicapped people and people of different races. As His servants, He wants us to extend His love to all people.

Acts 10:34-35 Then Peter began to speak: "I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism but accepts from every nation the one who fears him and does what is right."

**Prayer:** Lord, we want to thank you because we are fearfully and wonderfully made. Not only did you plan our lives, but you planned good lives for us. You knew us before our birth and have never left us. Thank you Lord. Amen.