

Key Questions

Why do you think our world keeps going? What do you think would happen if....? Why do you think the Creation story is at the beginning of the Bible? Why do you think God made the world?

Why do you think Jesus' disciples asked him to teach them how to pray? Why do you think Jesus told them to call God "Our Father"?

Where does everything come from?

Why did Pope Francis write a letter to everyone about creation? What did Pope Francis ask everyone to do?

Why do you think we should look after God's world?

How can we look after God's world?

Key Vocabulary

God

Father

Creation

Pope Francis

Laudato Si'

Our Father

Creed

Big Ideas

The focus of this branch is Revelation

Creation: pupils will consider how the world exists and how all that is came to be. They will learn about the Christian belief that all that exists comes from God, the Creator, The Church teaches that with this belief come responsibilities to take care of the world God has gifted to humanity. One of the ways the Church expresses this responsibility is through the Catholic Social Teaching (CST) principles of stewardship, human dignity, and solidarity, which Pope Francis expresses in his encyclical 'Laudato Si'' (2015).

Belief:

pupils will hear the opening words of the Nicene Creed as they express the belief that all that is comes from God, who created all that is seen, and all that is unseen. Pupils are not expected to learn the words of the Creed. They will also come to know the words of the 'Our Father', which express God's love for all people and his presence in our daily lives. In this branch, all pupils are invited to reflect on what prayer means for them in their lives.

Sources:

The Religious Education Directory

Vine and Branches

Autumn 1 Branch 1: Creation and covenant.

Knowledge Lens Content

Hear

By the end of this unit of study, pupils will have studied the following key texts:

- The Creation story in Genesis 1:1-4, 24-26 as an ancient, prayerful, poetic reflection on God's world.
- The opening of the Nicene Creed 'I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible'.
- An introduction to the ideas presented in Laudato Si' 13.

Believe

By the end of this unit of study, pupils will know that the Church teaches:

- That all that is comes from God.
- God is our Father.
- God's love and care for humanity is experienced through the beauty and order of Creation.
- Prayer is a way we draw closer to God.

Knowledge Lens Content

Celebrate

By the end of this unit of study, pupils will know:

- That praying is a way people draw close to God.
- That, as a community, the Church prays the Creed and the Our Father to pray to God and worship him.

Live

By the end of this unit of study, pupils will know that the Church teaches:

- God wants us to love and care for the world because the world is God's gift to us.
- Caring for the world is one of the ways we love and care for each other.