



St Elizabeth's Catholic Voluntary Academy

"Be like Jesus. Be your best. Be safe. Be Caring."

Year 6

Creation & Covenant

Hear



- The accounts of the **Creation** story in **Genesis** employ a range of literary forms, including aetiology, narrative, symbol and metaphor.
- The **Genesis** account of **Creation** and **Fall** is not a literal scientific description, but expresses beliefs about God, the world and human beings. (CCC 159).

Believe



- We believe that the world is in disarray because humans choose to do evil again and again. This is called '**Original Sin**'.
- The story of Adam and Eve (Genesis 2: 5-10, 15-23, 3: 1-7, 9-13, 17-19) explains why the world is no longer as good as it was in the beginning. (YCFK 22)
- God restored humanity's relationship with Him by sending Jesus.
- Baptism** is the first sacrament of the forgiveness of sins. It unites Christians with Jesus Christ, who dies and rises, and strengthens the gifts of the Holy Spirit.
- Belief in God as sustainer and source of the universe is compatible with the Scientific account of the beginnings of the universe and the theory of **evolution**.

Celebrate



- Baptism** is the first sacrament, which uses different symbols that point to a Christian's new life in Christ, such as holy water, the white garment, the oil of Chrism, the baptismal candle, baptismal promises.
- The Nicene **Creed** allows all believers to make a common statement of their faith.

Live



- Many scientists are Christians and they do not see any conflict between their faith and science.
- The work of Catholic scientists such as Mendel and Lemaître has contributed to the scientific account of the beginnings of the universe.
- Some **sin** is social and embedded into social structures (CCC 1868-69).

Our Big Question

Is belief in Creation compatible with scientific accounts of the beginnings of the universe and the theory of evolution?

Key Vocabulary and Definitions

baptism	Baptism is the first sacrament of initiation into Christian life. Through baptism, Christians are freed from sin and welcomed into the Church.
covenant	A sacred agreement/promise between God and His people.
Creation	The belief that God made the world and everything in it.
creed	Statement of beliefs/faith.
Genesis	The first book of the Bible. The word 'genesis' means 'beginning'.
Eden	The garden where Adam and Eve first lived in the Creation story.
Evolution	The process by which living things are believed to have developed from earlier forms.
Fall	When Adam and Eve disobeyed God and were forced to leave the Garden of Eden. Their sin brought evil into the world.
human dignity	One of the principles of Catholic Social Teaching. It teaches that all people hold a special value because all humans are made in God's image.
Laudato Si'	'Praised Be!' – The letter from Pope Francis on caring for our common home, planet Earth.
original sin	The sin which we all inherit and are born into before we make our own free decision to sin. The result of Adam and Eve disobeying God when they gave in to temptation. It affects individuals by separating them from God. Catholics believe that they are redeemed through Jesus' sacrifice and His dying on the cross.
salvation	Being saved by God. It is made possible through Jesus' life, death and resurrection and begins with Baptism.
sin	Something we do wrong on purpose that breaks our relationship with God, with others and with Creation.
steward	Someone who looks after God's Creation.
stewardship	Caring for God's Creation.

"The harmony between the Creator, humanity and creation was disrupted by our presuming to take the place of God."



Pope Francis (Laudato Si' 66)