

BIBLE TIME LINE ASSEMBLIES

4. CREATION

Bible Base: Genesis 1: 1-24

Key Christian belief: In the beginning, God made the world.

Aim: To help children appreciate that the world around us shows what God is like.

You will need:

- The Story Of Creation PowerPoint (attached)
- Every Blade Of Grass PowerPoint (attached)
- Every Blade Of Grass audio track (see below)

Introduction

Have you ever stopped to think about how amazing our world is?

Think of the variety of plants, fish, birds and animals there are. How many different kinds of birds can you name? Do you know how many different kinds there are? There are 10,000 different kinds - so we haven't even come close this morning!

Think of all the stars there are in the night sky. So many, you couldn't count them. The nearest star to our sun is called Proxima Centauri. How long do you think it would take to get there in the fastest rocket that has ever been built? The answer is 78,000 years! And that's only the nearest star to our sun...

Think of the way you are made. For example, did you know that your eyes can tell the difference between six million different colours? How amazing is that?

Have you ever wondered where our world came from and how it came to be so amazing? This morning we are going to hear what the Bible says about how our world began.

Telling The Story

Use the script below with the PowerPoint slides attached to tell the story of Creation.

1. Imagine you are surrounded by nothing.
No one is anywhere near you.
Close your eyes and imagine what this would be like.
It's dark and gloomy.
But in the middle of this nothing is God. He just is.
And as God moved around, he began to create.
Out of nothing he made something.
Out of the darkness he created light.
In the beginning, there was nothing. Nothing except God.
2. God saw the light was good.
3. Then God made the sea and the sky.
4. From the sea, he made the dry land. He made islands and beaches.
5. He made deserts and valleys

6. He made mountains and hills
And God said: That's good.
7. God made the sun - bright and glowing
8. He made the moon, pale and silvery
9. He made the stars, far away and mysterious
And God saw what he'd made and was pleased. 'This is very good', he said.
10. God made plants; trees and flowers to grow on the land.
11. He made forests and woods
12. He made grain, wheat, barley, and maize
13. He made flowers: daffodils, tulips, sunflowers and daisies,
loads and loads of different flowers
hundreds and thousands and millions of them!
14. He made plants that can be eaten - fruit and vegetables, growing on trees and
bushes, growing under the ground and over it. And God saw it was very good.
15. God created all sorts of animals in the sea - massive ones
16. Small ones
17. Jumping ones
18. Nibbling ones
19. Warm water ones
20. And he made the birds
21. Night time birds
22. Day time birds
23. Birds with different beaks
24. And different feathers
25. Even baby birds
26. And he made animals on the land - cows
27. Camels
28. And kittens
29. Lions

30. Lemurs and
31. Lizards
32. Pythons
33. And polar bears.
34. Scary animals
35. Cute animals
36. Wild animals
37. Tame animals
38. Large animals
39. Amphibians
40. Insects
41. And mammals.
42. And God looked at everything he had made and he said, "It's good!"
43. Finally, God made human beings. They were different from the animals because they were able to be friends with God. And God gave them a special job to do.

He asked them to give names to all the animals. He also told them they had to look after everything in the world. They had to make sure that the plants grew properly, and that the birds, animals, and fish were well cared for. This was a big job, but God knew that with His help they would be able to do it.

44. And God looked at everything he had made and he said, "It's good!"

Exploring Christian Belief

People have different ideas about how our world began. Christians believe that the story we have heard from the Bible this morning is not really there to tell us exactly how or when it happened. But it is there to tell us one important thing. And that is that however it happened, and however long ago it was, it was God who thought of it and God who brought it into being. We are not here by accident. We are part of a world that God planned and made.

And when God made the world it was good. He filled it with all the good things that human beings would need and with lots of things for them to enjoy - just as parents prepare for the arrival of a new baby by making sure they have bought everything their new baby will need and get a room ready, full of things for their baby to enjoy.

God made the world - and then made us to enjoy and take care of it with Him.

To begin with, God's world was perfect, but unfortunately it did not stay that way and we will learn more about what went wrong next time.

But for now, as we look around us at the amazing world God has made and think of all the good things He has provided for us, we can see clearly how good and how great God is. The world around us helps us to see what God is like.

For Christians, that means that if you are ever tempted to think that God doesn't care about you, that He is not able to help you or perhaps that He is not even there - all you need to do is to look around you at what He has made and perhaps that will help you to love Him, trust Him and praise Him as you should.

For Reflection / Application

Encourage pupils to think of ways in which they might help to take care of the world in which we live and preserve it for others.

Song

Every Blade Of Grass

The soundtrack for this song is included on the album Little Kids Praise 2005 produced by Spring Harvest and is available to download from iTunes.

Play through the first verse and chorus of the song, displaying the words from the attached PowerPoint and demonstrating the actions below.

Then go back to the beginning and invite the children to join in. Point out that for most of the verses, they simply need to repeat the line after the lead singer sings it.

Actions

Every blade of grass	Hands up, palms towards face, wriggle fingers
Every sunset sky	Move right hand over head to rest flat on left hand
Every starry night	Hands up, palms out, open and close fingers
Every mountain high	Use two hands to make mountain shape above head
Every single thing	Count on fingers of one hand
That your hands have made	Put right hand out, palm up
Bring you glory	Put left hand out, palm up
Bring you praise	Wave both hands from side to side above head
And I want to praise you too	Wave both hands from side to side above head
For no one is as wonderful	Wag finger in front of face
As you	Point upwards
And I	Point to self
Want the world to see	Hand above eyes, look right, look left
That the God of all creation	Trace out globe shape with both hands
Is a friend to me	Shake your own hand
Every bird that sings	Make beak shape with fingers, open and close
Every shiny sea	Move fingers to make rippling effect
Every blooming flower	Clasp hands together and move upwards as if growing
Every towering tree	Spread out two arms like branches above head