



St John Fisher RC Primary School

Year Two RE Knowledge Organiser Autumn Term One – Creation and Covenant

Lesson One and Two



The Bible is divided into two parts: The Old Testament and The New Testament.

The Word testament means 'Promise'.

Each testament of the Bible contains many books written by different writers.

The Bible contains stories, poems, history and gospels.

The Old Testament is the Christian name for the collection of texts that form the Jewish Torah and are shared with the Quran. The Old Testament contains many books written by different authors. Some of them originate in the oral tradition (and probably date back to the Bronze Age) others can be linked with historical events.

The New Testament contains the four gospel stories of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus.

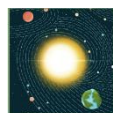
The Acts and letters recount the story of the followers of Jesus as they establish the early Church.

Lesson Three and Four

The first account of Creation (Genesis 1:1-31) can be found in the Old Testament. God said that the world is '**very good**', which shows that

God loves the world and

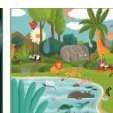
everything in it, including humanity which is very good. The Creation story has inspired people to make art in various mediums, telling a story or expressing something about the beauty of creation.



In the beginning, God made the heavens and the earth.



God said, 'Let there be light.' God saw that it was good.



God said, 'Let there be animals, and creatures.' God saw that it was good.



God said, 'Let there be people.' God saw that it was good.



When you look at the paintings, do you say, 'Wow'?



Do you think the paintings are beautiful? Why?

Does looking at art make you feel the same way as spending time in nature?

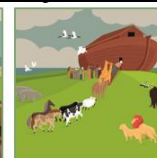
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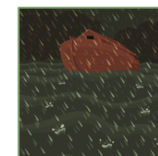
God saw people were behaving badly. But Noah was a good man who 'walked with God'.



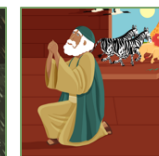
God said a great flood would come and destroy the earth. God told Noah to build an ark.



God told Noah to take two of every kind of living thing so they could be saved. Noah did just as God commanded him.



For forty days the flood kept coming and as the waters increased, the ark floated on the surface of the water.



Noah came out, with his family and all the animals, one kind after another. Noah prayed and thanked God.



God placed a rainbow in the sky. It was a sign of God's promise to never again send a flood to destroy all living things.

Can you remember why God sent the rainbow?

Bible Psalm Old Testament New Testament Promise

Psalms are prayers that explore a personal friendship with God. Sometimes they are happy, sometimes they are sad. Sometimes they celebrate God, sometimes they wonder about God. Psalms are numbered, written in verses, like a poem. They are in the Old Testament and originate in the Jewish tradition, so these are prayers that Jesus knew. We can make links between psalms and hymns.

Psalm 139 creates an image of God. The writer is expressing a closeness with God. God is as close to them as a best friend or loving parent, always aware of them. The psalm talks about God knowing them well, like a best friend.

**O Lord, you have searched me and known me!
You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
you discern my thoughts from afar. (Psalm 139:1-2)**

God Genesis sin Creation Old Testament Noah

This is the oldest map of the world. It mentions the story of Noah as something from long ago.

The story is about how people have made bad choices and have made a mess of God's gift of Creation. The storyteller imagines this would make God angry. BUT the story is about hope. God notices Noah as one good person who can change everything.



The story of Noah in a children's Bible is different to the clay tablet.

It is in a book, it has pictures, it is written in English.

I wonder if the message in the Bible story is the same?



Sacrament symbols Covenant Stewardship Actions Laudato Si



God is holding the ark and keeping Noah safe. Covenant means to come together. God makes a covenant with Noah and his family. God gifts all of creation to Noah.

Hurt no Living Thing

By Christina Rossetti below.

Hurt no living thing:

**Ladybird, nor butterfly,
Nor moth with dusty wing,
Nor cricket chirping cheerily,
Nor grasshopper so light of leap,
Nor dancing gnat, nor beetle fat,
Nor harmless worms that creep.**

A poem about Stewardship. Could you change your actions to help care for all living things?

Why should people care for creation?





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Lesson Seven and Eight



Pope Francis

The last pope, Pope Francis, wrote a letter called *Laudato Si'*.

He talked about caring for Earth, our common home.

Pope Francis wrote about Noah's example (Laudato Si 71)



'Through Noah, who remained innocent and just, God decided to open a path of salvation. In this way he gave humanity the chance of a new beginning. All it takes is one good person to restore hope!'

Noah gave all humankind a path of hope. Noah gave all humans the chance of a fresh start. All it takes is one good person to bring hope to all! Noah trusted God. Noah hoped God would keep him, his family and all the creatures in the ark safe. Noah acted to help, not harm. The Noah story says most people had harmed the earth and turned away from God. Noah walked with God. He cares for God's gift of creation. Noah was a good steward. How can we be good stewards?

Noah Old Testament promise
Steward hope Laudato Si Pope Francis



Pope Francis

What story was Pope Francis talking about?

Who is the good person?

What does hope mean?

What is the rainbow a sign of?



To walk with God means to be close to God and make choices that helped Noah care for his family, and creation. What actions can people take to follow Noah's example today? When we smile at people and make them feel welcome we are making good choices and followin the example of Noah. Sometimes people choose to do things that hurt other people or creation. The name for this choice is 'sin'. Sin is when people choose to turn away from God and behave in a harmful way, like the people in the Noah story.

Lesson Nine and Ten

A baptism is a meeting point with God. Meeting points with God are called sacraments. They are times Christians choose to celebrate the importance of God in their lives. Baptism is the first sacrament because it welcomes someone into the Christian family. In the Catholic Church, baptism usually happens when a person is a baby or very young.

Parents choose baptism and say 'yes' to being welcomed into the Christian family.



Parents ask the priest to baptise their child. They take the baby to church. They are welcomed by the Christian community.



The priest makes the sign of the cross on the baby's forehead.



As the priest prays, he pours water over the baby's head three times.



The priest says, 'I baptise you [name], in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.'

The water is a symbol of the baby's new life as a Christian.

Welcome Christian family Baptism
Oil Symbol water shawl candle

Symbols are used in baptism as a reminder of the presence of God.

Sometimes, they have multiple meanings.

After the flood, Noah and his family start a new life with God. Water – a sign of new life.



The priest makes the sign of the cross on the child using the oils.

This is called anointing. Anointing is a symbol that the person has been chosen by God.



White is the colour of baptism. Usually, a child is wrapped in a white shawl. White is a symbol of a clean, brand-new life as a Christian. A shawl is a symbol of being wrapped in God's love.

The candle given at baptism is lit from the biggest candle in church, the Easter candle. A reminder that Jesus is the light of the world.



Lesson Eleven and Twelve

- Sacrament
- Meeting point with God
- Belonging
- Welcome

- Parents choose
- Saying yes
- Becomes a Christian
- Often a baby

During baptism, the priest uses actions and words along with the symbols to remind people of God's presence.

An example of a with actions is the prayer Sign of the Cross. The priest



prayer Sign of makes

the sign of the cross on the baby's forehead. He invites the parents and godparents to do the same. The Sign of the Cross is a symbol of Jesus dying on the cross.

The pouring of the three times



water

symbolises; Father, Son and Spirit.

The child's candle is lit from the Easter candle. The priest



says, 'Receive the light of Christ.'

When a child is baptised, the parents promise to teach them about Jesus.

Actions symbols Sign of the Cross
Pouring water



What do you think the artist is saying about God?



God made a covenant with Noah. God promised no flood would destroy the earth again.



The child is being wrapped in the love of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit by wearing the baptism shawl

The parents saying 'yes' to God's love and care for their child.

