

Key vocabulary

YHWH	<i>Name for the personal God of the Hebrew people – translates as 'I am who I am'</i>
Eternal	<i>Lasting or existing forever</i>
Transcendent	<i>Beyond or above the normal range or physical human experience</i>
Genesis	<i>The first book of the Bible</i>
Yahweh Elohim	<i>Lord God in Genesis 2</i>

Learning sequence

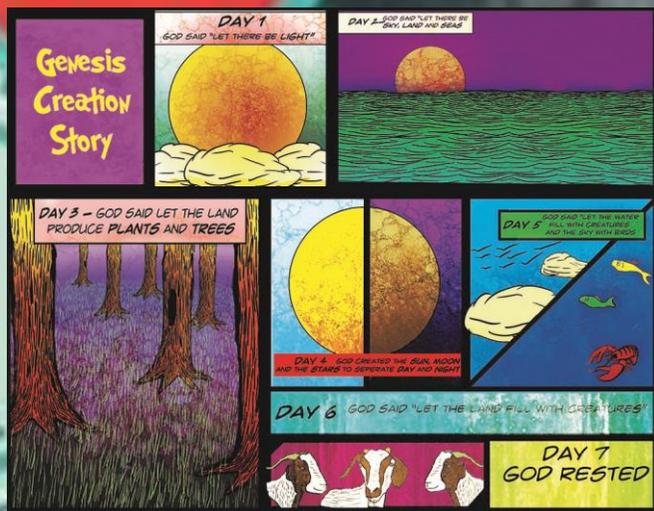
- How do we explain the idea that people are good and bad?
- Investigate Genesis 1 and Genesis 2
- Choose music and artwork to illustrate the passage
- Look for evidence about what God is like – twin aspects
- How and why were human beings created?
- What is the relationship between God and humans?
- Human beings were created 'in the image of God' – what does that mean?
- So, why are people good and/or bad?

Important facts

Genesis 1 and Genesis 2 present different pictures of God.

Being made 'in the image of God' can be interpreted widely, but implies a significance for human beings, and an intimate connection between them and the Creator.

The idea that sin spoils creation is fundamental to Christian belief, but it is tied with the idea that God brings Salvation through Jesus – sin does not have the last word.



Why are people good and bad?



Final outcome

Pupils will ...
Respond to the key question. Refer to ideas of being made in the image of God and being fallen, illustrating this using Genesis 1 – 3 and examples and evidence from the world and your own experience. Reflect personally on why you are both good and bad ... and if there's anything you can do about it!

The big story of Christianity



Fall

Key skills

Text 	Explain how Christian beliefs about the relationship of God to humanity are revealed in Genesis 1 and 2, and what this means for the 'salvation narrative' or 'big story' of the Bible; Explain the nature of the texts in Genesis 1 and 2, giving at least two examples of how they have been interpreted differently by Christians, and explain why.
Impact 	Give evidence and examples for the impact (on the Christian community and individuals) of believing that people are made in the image of God.
Connections 	Give a coherent account of how being made in the image of God has influenced how people live and behave, whether Christian or not; Evaluate personally and impersonally how far this helps to make sense of the world.

Biblical links

Genesis 1 and Genesis 2, Paul's letter to the Romans 8:38-39, Isaiah 43:1-2, Psalm 23