



## What do Christians believe about creation?

### Key Vocabulary

creation	- the act of making something
Creation	-the very beginning of life on earth
Evolution	- a scientific theory proposed by Charles Darwin about the origins of life
Theory	-an idea that needs to be tested / proved
Big Bang	- the theory that the universe began through expansion from a single point

### Sticky Knowledge

- ✓ the creation narrative is shared by Jews, Christians and Muslims
- ✓ most Christians believe that:
  - God created the world and all living things and has put humanity in charge of its care
  - humans are given free will
  - human choices have led to the fall of all creation which is the cause of suffering
  - God will one day make 'all things new' and end all suffering
- ✓ the 'big Bible story' begins with creation and its themes are woven throughout
- ✓ Christian views can differ both within and across denominations
- ✓ some Christians believe that creation took place over seven days but others
- ✓ have different beliefs

### Key Facts

<b>Creation</b>	<b>The very beginning of life on Earth (&amp; in the Universe), which Christians believe was made by God. God said that in the beginning it was 'very good'. The account in the Bible can also be found in the Torah and Qur'an</b>
<b>The Fall'</b>	<b>The Christian belief that the choices made by Adam and Eve in the in Garden of Eden had consequences and broke the relationship between God, humankind and the natural world.</b>
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### Prior Knowledge

- most Christians believe God loves them and all people
- there are links between events in Genesis and the events of Christmas & Easter
- that the Bible is made up of different 'books', but all show Christians something about God

### Key Questions

1. **What does it mean to create?**
2. **Can Christians believe in creation and the big bang?**
3. **What does creation mean for Christians' relationship with God?**
4. **What does the fall mean for human suffering and Christian hope?**
5. **What does creation mean for Christians' responsibility for earth and living things? How do they live this out?**
6. **How should Christians live in response to what the Bible says about creation?**