

Living

Year: 2 Term: 6

Key question: How should we care for others and the world and why does it matter?

How do we find out what Christians believe about the creation of the world? By looking at their sacred stories in The Bible.

The creation story from the biblical Book of Genesis describes how God created heaven and earth, plants, animals, and people; and later how the first people were cast out of the Garden of Eden as punishment for eating from the 'tree of knowledge of good and evil.' Genesis 1-2 tells the story of God's creation of the world. On the first day, God created light in the darkness. On the second, He created the sky. Dry land and plants were created on the third day. On the fourth day, God created the sun, the moon and the stars. Water and sky animals were made on the fifth day, and on the sixth day, land animals and people were created.

Jewish teaching includes a phrase, **tikkun olam** which means to heal or mend the world. It is one of the duties of being Jewish. Jewish people might help in the 'broken world' through their belief of Tzedakah.

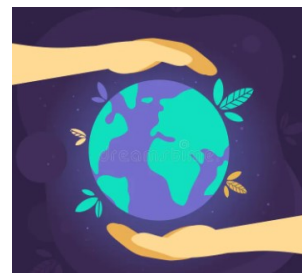
Tu B'Shevat is the Jewish New Year for trees. Tu B'Shevat is used as a way of remembering how old a tree is - a bit like a birthday. Tu B'Shevat is celebrated on the 15th day of the Hebrew month of Shevat. It usually falls in January or February. Sometimes people plant new trees or donate money for trees to be planted in Israel. Other people donate money to charities that protect the environment as a reminder to look after our world.

Vocabulary

Genesis	The Book of Genesis is the first book of the Hebrew Bible and the Christian Old Testament.
creation	Creation is the action or process of bringing something into existence. In the Bible 'creation' refers to the creating of the universe by God.
Adam and Eve	In Bible, Adam and Eve are said to be the first man and woman, created by God in his image.
tikkun olam	Tikkun olam is a concept in Judaism, which refers to various forms of action intended to repair and improve the world.
Tzedakah	Tzedakah is a Hebrew word meaning "righteousness", but commonly used to signify charity.
Tu B'shevat	Tu B'shevat has developed into an ecological holiday that reminds Jews of our connection to the earth and to their role as caretakers of the environment. Some modern practices include donating money to plant trees in Israel or planting trees locally.

Key Questions:

- How is the golden rule an encouragement to care? (inspiring people)
- How is the golden rule an encouragement to care? (What can we do?)
- What stories do Christians tell about the beginning of the world?
- What stories do Jewish people tell about the beginning of the world?
- What do different ideas mean to Christians and Jewish people about the world?
- How should we treat people and the world?



Tu B'shevat

The Golden Rule:
Treat others the way YOU want to be treated.

The Golden Rule



The Creation Story