

**What should I already know?**

God makes a covenant (promise) with Noah to save all living things. That people in the story of Noah turned away from God and chose to act badly; this is behaviour called sin. The Sacrament of Baptism is when a person becomes part of the Christian family and promises to love God.



**Year 3 – Branch 1:  
Creation and covenant**

**Hear – What scripture will we hear?**

- That the Creation stories in Genesis use symbolism to explain the relationship between God, human beings, and the world.
- That in the first account of the Creation one day is 'made holy' (Genesis 2:3).
- That the Church teaches that 'Creation is the common work of the Holy Trinity.'
- The first account of the Creation (Genesis 1:1-2:4).
- Extracts from either Psalm 8 or 19 in praise of Creation.

**Key Vocabulary**

Genesis

Poetry

Creator

Image and likeness

Dignity

Equality

**Celebrate – How we celebrate the Good News**

- Extracts from a psalm of Creation.
- How the praise of Creation is expressed in prayer and Liturgy of the Church (e.g., St Francis's Canticle of the Creatures; the Offertory prayers; a prayer for our Earth in Laudato Si').

**Believe – What do Christians believe?**

- God is the Creator of the Universe who made everything out of 'free and unselfish love.'
- That all human beings are made in God's image and all people have dignity and are created equal.
- A way in which human beings' image (imitate) God is through care for each other, and that caring for Creation is one of the ways we care for each other. Additionally, failing to care for Creation is a way people turn away from God's love.
- The dignity of all human beings is one of the principles in Catholic Social Teaching.

**Live – How we act as Christians**

- Ways in which we can show care for God's world (stewardship) as part of our care for each other.
- Ways in which people can give thanks for the blessing of Creation, including spending time in prayer.