

Exploring Creation Stories

Learning objective: To understand that different religions and cultures have different stories to explain how the world began.

Read the text carefully. Use the information in the passage to answer the questions in your best handwriting.

Throughout history, people from all over the world have wondered how the earth and everything on it first began. To answer this, many different cultures and religions created 'creation stories'. These are special narratives that explain the origin of the universe.

For some, like those in the Christian and Jewish faiths, the world was created by God over six days, starting with light and ending with the creation of humans. In other traditions, the stories are very different. For example, some Ancient Egyptian beliefs describe a great watery chaos called Nu, from which a hill rose and the sun god appeared to bring light and life.

Leo the lion loves learning about these stories because they show how diverse human beliefs are. He notices that while the details change—some stories mention giant eggs, cosmic trees, or powerful spirits—they all try to solve the same big mystery. These stories are not just about the past; they often teach important lessons about how humans should treat nature and one another today.

Word bank: tradition · creation · belief · symbolism · diverse

1. According to the text, what did God create first in the Christian and Jewish traditions? (1 mark)

2. What was the name of the watery chaos in Ancient Egyptian beliefs? (1 mark)

3. Why does Leo the lion enjoy learning about these different stories? (2 marks)

4. The author says these stories 'try to solve the same big mystery'. What is this mystery? (2 marks)

5. Do you think it is important for people to learn about creation stories from cultures other than their own? Explain your answer. (3 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of one of the creation images mentioned in the text, such as the sun god rising from the water or a cosmic tree.



Extension challenge: Can you research a creation story from a different culture, such as a Native American or Hindu story, and write two sentences about it?