

Exploring Creation Stories with Ellie

Learning objective: To understand and compare different religious and non-religious perspectives on how the world was created.

Read each question carefully and use your knowledge of worldviews to write thoughtful answers. Think about what Ellie the elephant has taught us about respecting different beliefs.

Ellie the elephant loves to gather stories from around the globe. She knows that different cultures and religions have unique ways of explaining how our world began. Some people look to sacred texts for these answers, while others look to scientific theories. Today, we are exploring these different viewpoints with care and curiosity.

Word bank: Origin · Stewardship · Interpretation · Sacred · Universe · Belief · Scientific · Myth

1. Ellie often explains that a 'creation story' does not always mean a scientific explanation. In your own words, why do you think many religions have stories about how the world began? (2 marks)

2. Name one major world religion and briefly describe a key feature of their creation story. (2 marks)

3. Some people believe the world was created by a divine being, while others believe in the Big Bang theory. Can a person believe in both? Explain your reasoning. (3 marks)

4. What is meant by the term 'stewardship' in the context of creation? How might this affect how a religious person treats the Earth? (2 marks)

5. Why is it important to show respect when listening to someone else's belief about the origin of the universe, even if it differs from your own? (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture showing how you imagine the beginning of the world. You could include symbols of nature, stars, or elements that represent growth and life.



Extension challenge: Research a creation story from a culture you have not studied before. Write a short paragraph comparing one similarity and one difference between that story and the Genesis creation account.