

Creation Stories: Exploring Beliefs with Ellie

Learning objective: To compare and contrast different creation stories and reflect on their significance to believers.

Ellie the elephant has been reading ancient stories from around the world. Use this fact-file to record your findings about two different creation stories. Think carefully about how these stories explain the origins of the world and the values they teach.

Word bank: origins · significance · stewardship · sacred · tradition · perspective · creation · belief · narrative

1. Story 1: What is the title of the creation story and which culture or religion does it come from? (2 marks)

2. Summary: Describe the main events of this creation story in your own words. (4 marks)

3. Story 2: Briefly outline a second creation story from a different tradition. (2 marks)

4. Compare and Contrast: What are the main similarities and differences between the two stories you have chosen? (4 marks)

5. Explain why creation stories are important to the people who follow these traditions. (3 marks)

6. Justify your answer: Does a creation story have to be scientifically accurate to be meaningful to a believer? Explain your reasoning. (4 marks)

Extension challenge: Imagine you are writing a brand new creation story. What symbols would you use to represent the beginning of the world? Write a short paragraph explaining the message your story sends about how we should look after our planet today.