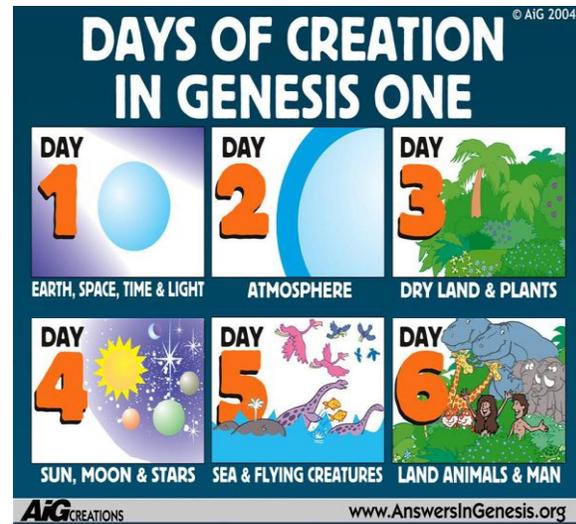


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What does the Bible tell us?

Genesis is the first book in the **Bible**, it means **origin**. This book explains to Christians how the world was created. Christians believe God is **omnipotent** (all-powerful) which means God can do anything. In Genesis it explains that God created the world in 6 days and rested on the 7th day.

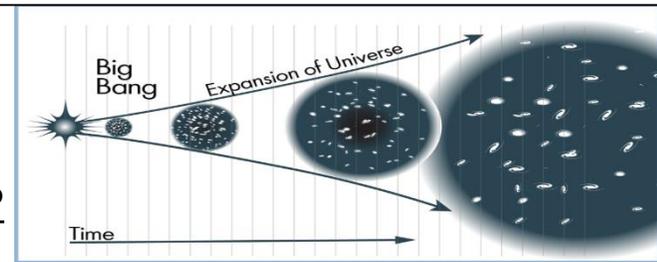
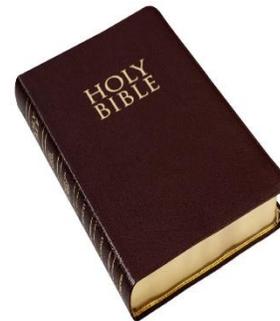


Do all Christians believe in Genesis?

All Christians believe that **Genesis is an important story** however there are different interpretations of the story. Some Christians believe in a **literal translation** of Genesis which means **everything** happens as it is stated in the Bible.

Some Christians believe that it happened but over a **much longer time period** which means 1 day in the story = 1 millions years. This means that you can believe in **evolution**.

Some Christians believe Genesis is a story which has a **special meaning** for Christians to follow but do not believe in the literal telling of the story.



What does Science tell us?

The **Big Bang** was a massive **heat explosion** that started the universe **13.7 billion years ago**. It's hard to know exactly why this event happened, but what we do know is that this explosive event started with a 'Big Bang' and burst of energy that was extremely hot. 1,800 trillion trillion degrees to be more precise. Within **less than 1 second**, the universe was born, and has been expanding and getting colder and colder by the minute. So the Big Bang is in fact. Well! Still Banging... **Because of the Big Bang, the universe was made, and it's continuing to expand ever since.**



Evolution is the theory that all the kinds of **living things** that exist today **developed** from earlier types. The differences between them resulted from changes that happened over many years. The **simplest forms** of life arose at least **3.5 billion years ago**. Over time they **evolved** into the millions of species, or types, of living things alive today.

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Can you believe in religion and science?

The first person to be credited with the formulation of the idea of the **expanding universe** (which was later known as the Big Bang) is **George Lemaître**. He was a **Belgian Roman Catholic priest**, astronomer and physicist.

Many Christians believe that Genesis could have happened **over millions of years** and so they can believe in science as well.

Some Christians believe in the **First Cause argument**. This idea means that **God was the first cause** of the Big Bang.

Other Christians believe that Genesis is a story with a meaning that explains how we should live and so they can believe in science.



Belief about God creating the world leads to these religious attitudes...

Christians believe in **stewardship**. This means that God gave us the **responsibility to take care** the world when it was created. This means that we should ensure that we are **helping** to look after the earth as we were given the **special role** to look after the planet. We should be helping to **reduce pollution** and ensure that we come up with ways to **combat global warming**.



Know it:

1. Where is the Christian creation story found?
2. What does Genesis mean?
3. How many days did it take God to create the world?
4. What does a literal translation mean?
5. Explain the 3 different Christian beliefs about Genesis
6. What is the Big Bang?
7. When did the Big Bang happen?
8. What is evolution?
9. Why do people believe in evolution?
10. What is stewardship?

Grasp It:

Design an information leaflet to be distributed to Year 6 students to explain:

- How Christians believe the world was created?
- What science believes about the origins of the universe?
- Why we should look after the environment?

Think it:

- Explain how you believe the world was made with several reasons why
- Explain in detail why people may find Genesis hard to believe due to scientific advances?