

SCRIPTURE

'Creation Story' – Part III

Begin by recalling the story, 'Toto and Marley'. Help the children to name the things that the owners needed Toto and Marley for, such as company and fun. Then name the things that the dogs needed their owners for, such as food and

shelter. Then show the children Poster 10, and use it to recall all the different parts of Creation. Ask them if they know who God wanted to take care of all of those things. Then read 'Creation Story' – Part III.

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(Adapted from Gen 1:25-26)



God knew that the world needed something else - something special. The world needed something that was very good. So, God made people. (Pause for a moment)

God wanted the people to care for and mind the fish and the birds and the animals, and God wanted them to watch over each other. So, God made people to be like himself. They would be good, and kind, and loving. They would all be good at different things but, together, they would use the things that they were good at to take care of the world. When God saw all of this, he knew that it wasn't just good. People were special. It was very good.

Having read the Scripture story, check for understanding using questions such as, 'What did God create when he saw the world needed something very good?' Then dig deeper using these or similar questions:

- It was always God's plan to create people. What's different about people? What was God's plan for people?

- Can you think of a time when you did something that was part of God's plan for people? A time when you were good and kind and loving, just as God planned for people to be?

Conclude by explaining that God prepared the whole world for us. God wanted us to live in a beautiful world with all of these things in it.

SONG

'Gifts from God'

Introduce the song, 'Gifts from God' (Track 18, p. 252) to the children and chat about the words. Use actions as appropriate. You can sing this song throughout the week.

Video: <https://vimeo.com/202723435>

Song: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7yfYj-8XrBc>