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Discuss with your teacher things that are visible, and invisible.

Not everything that is created can be seen. In everyday life, we use electricity, and wifi, for example - but we cannot see them.

So too, our faith teaches us The Risen Jesus, the Father, and Holy Spirit, for example, with the angels and company of saints, can guide our lives. Though we cannot see her, we can ask Mary, the Mother of God, to pray for us. Pray a Hail Mary.

Core learning:

I know that God created, loves and keeps everything, both visible and invisible, in being.

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There are many different images of angels in art. Compare some and discuss in pairs.



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Six Days of Creation and the Sabbath

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the earth was a formless void
and darkness covered the face of the deep,
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and there was light.

And God saw that the light was good;
and God separated the light from the darkness.

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and the darkness he called Night.

And there was evening
and there was morning,
the first day.

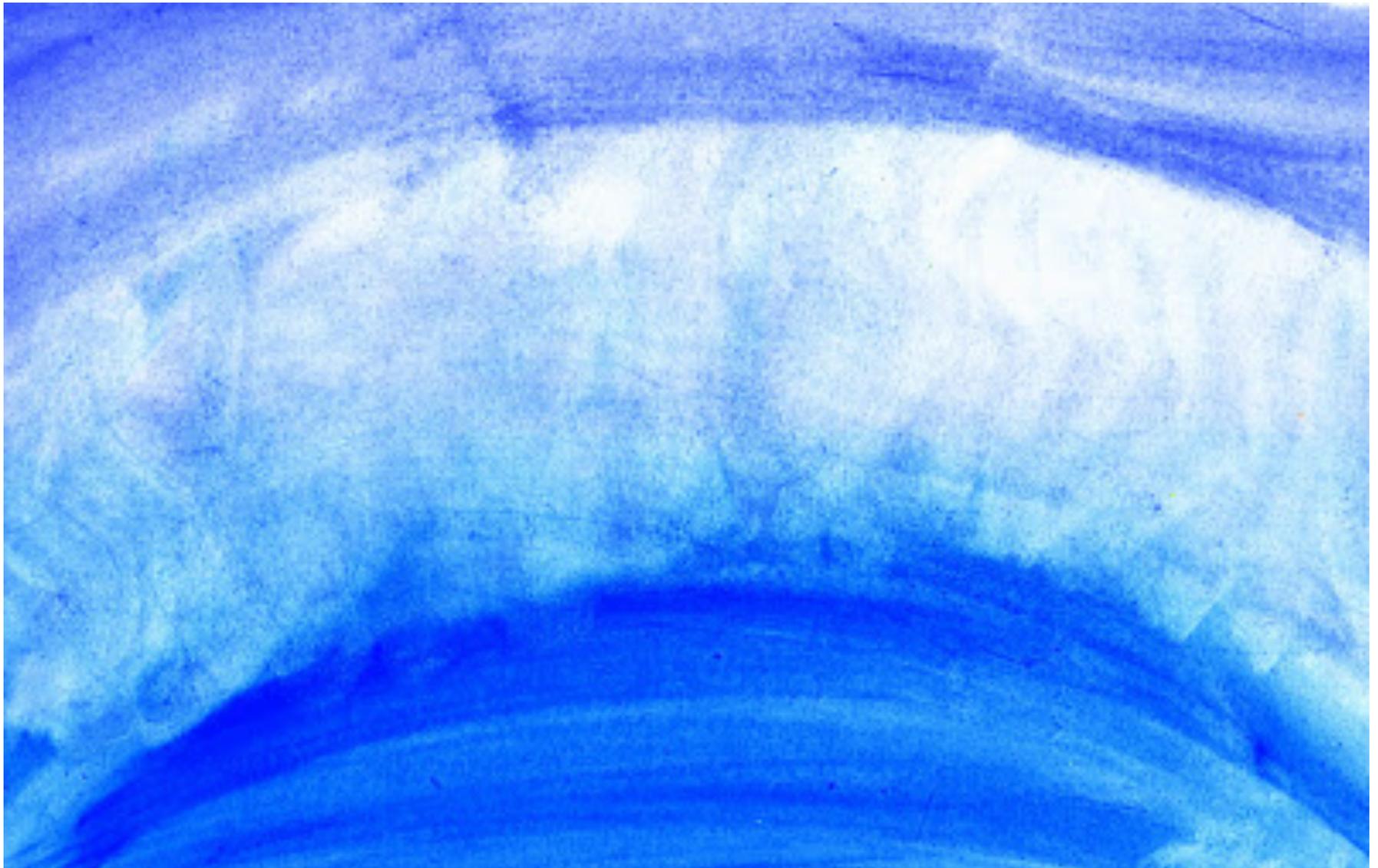


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in the midst of the waters,
and let it separate the waters from the waters.'

So God made the dome
and separated the waters
that were under the dome
from the waters that were above the dome.

And it was so. God called the dome Sky.
And there was evening and there was morning,
the second day.



Mix different shades of blue and paint your idea of the dome of heaven.

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And God said,
'Let the waters under the sky
be gathered together into one place,
and let the dry land appear.'

And it was so.

God called the dry land Earth,
and the waters that were gathered together
he called Seas.

And God saw that it was good.

GENESIS 1:10

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AND GOD CALLED THE DRY LAND EARTH; AND THE GATHERING TOGETHER OF THE WATERS
CALLED HE SEAS: AND GOD SAW THAT IT WAS GOOD.



The Old Testament was written down in Hebrew, the language Jesus read.
Which version or translation is your class Bible?

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the glorious heavens

The heavens declare
the glory of God.

By Gerald Manley Hopkins
- (a Jesuit poet)



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The Splendour of the Sun

The pride of the higher realms
is the clear vault of the sky,
as glorious to behold as the sight of the heavens.
The sun, when it appears, proclaims as it rises
what a marvellous instrument it is,
the work of the Most High.

At noon it parches the land,
and who can withstand its burning heat?
A man tending a furnace works in burning heat,
but three times as hot is the sun scorching the mountains;
it breathes out fiery vapours,
and its bright rays blind the eyes.
Great is the Lord who made it;
at his orders it hurries on its course.



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but three times as hot is the sun scorching the mountains."

The Marvels of Nature

By his command he sends the driving snow
and speeds the lightnings of his judgement.

Therefore the storehouses are opened,
and the clouds fly out like birds.

In his majesty he gives the clouds their strength,
and the hailstones are broken in pieces.

The voice of his thunder rebukes the earth;
when he appears, the mountains shake.

At his will the south wind blows;
so do the storm from the north and the whirlwind.
He scatters the snow like birds flying down,
and its descent is like locusts alighting.



Discuss experiences of snow and hail.
Read the psalm aloud after
the discussion.

The Glory of the Stars and the Rainbow

The glory of the stars is the beauty of heaven,
a glittering array in the heights of the Lord.

On the orders of the Holy One
they stand in their appointed places;
they never relax in their watches.

Look at the rainbow,
and praise him who made it;
it is exceedingly beautiful in its brightness.
It encircles the sky with its glorious arc;
the hands of the Most High have stretched it out.



The glory of the stars: discuss if you have seen stars.
- make links to science topic work in prior learning.



Can you list the colours of the rainbow?
Paint a rainbow in watercolour, mixing the colours.
Display with the title "The glory of the rainbow".

The Glories of Creation

Bless the Lord, O my soul.
O Lord my God, you are very great.
You are clothed with honour and majesty,
wrapped in light as with a garment.

You stretch out the heavens like a tent,
you set the beams of your chambers on the waters,
you make the clouds your chariot,
you ride on the wings of the wind,
you make the winds your messengers,
fire and flame your ministers.



"You , O Lord make fire and flame your ministers."

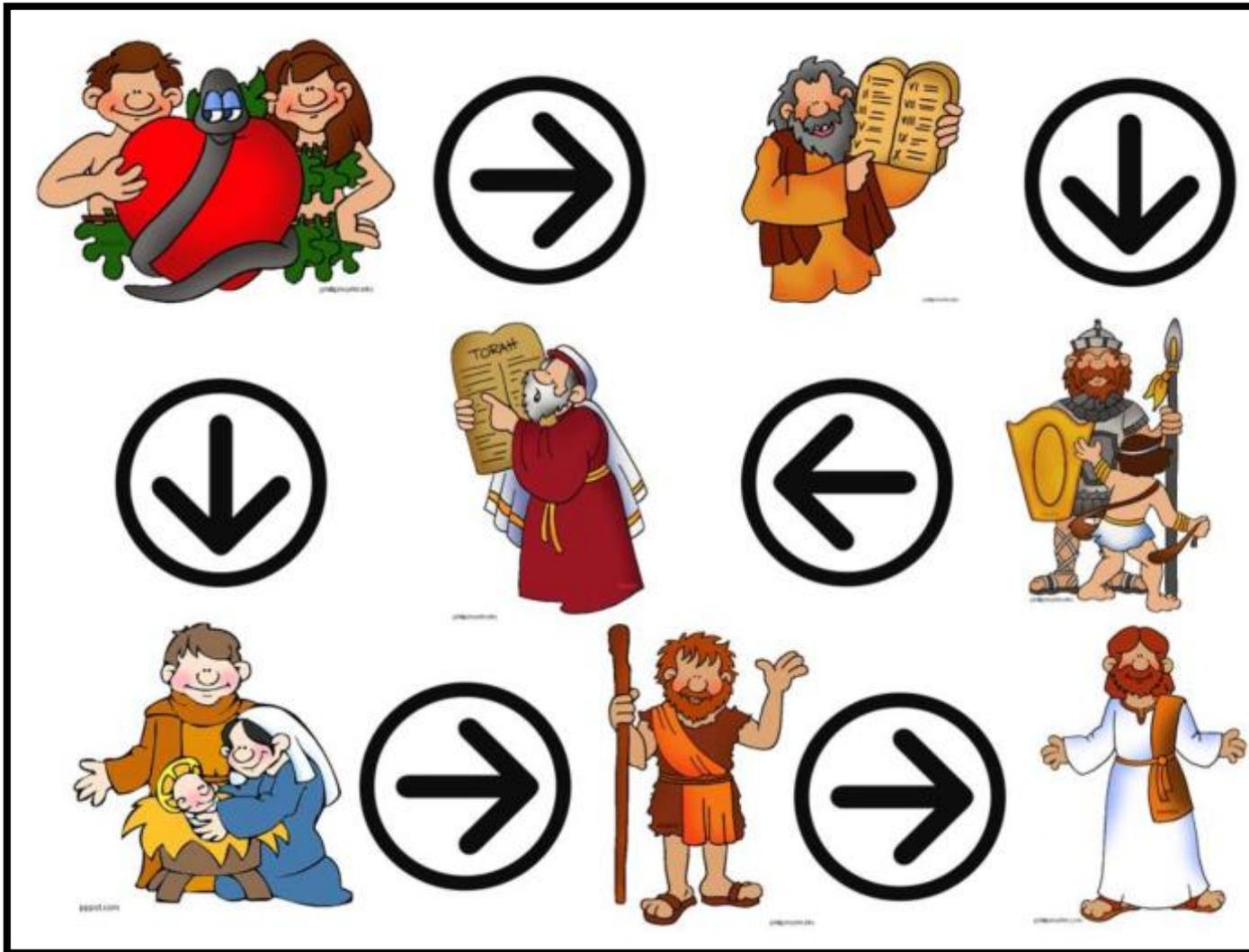
Discuss how candles represent both faith and prayer.
Visit a Church and allow children to light a votive candle.

God's Work in Creation and in History

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures for ever.

O give thanks to the God of gods,
for his steadfast love endures for ever.

O give thanks to the Lord of lords,
for his steadfast love endures for ever;



God's work in creation and in history.

Christ is the head of all creation.

He is the image of the invisible God,
the firstborn of all creation;

for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created,
things visible and invisible,
whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers,

all things have been created through him and for him.
He himself is before all things,
and in him all things hold together.

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Revise the liturgical seasons, briefly.

Ask pupils to display items representing each season.

Consider appointing sacred space monitors.

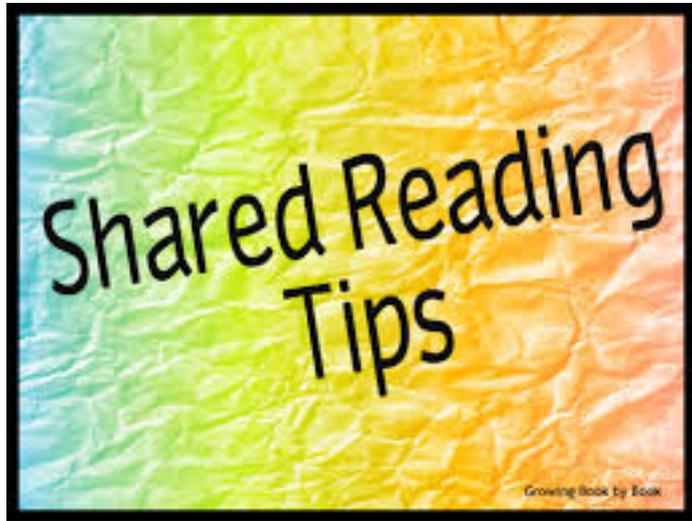
Core learning: I know that, just as the earth has seasons, which are influenced by the sun and moon (see *Genesis 1: 14*), so too the Church's year is divided into seasons, which we call the liturgical year: Advent, Christmastide, Ordinary Time, Lent and Eastertide.

The Seasons of the Earth

And God said,
'Let there be lights in the dome of the sky
to separate the day from the night;
and let them be for signs and
for seasons and for days and years,



The liturgical cycle of the year.
Remind pupils that this cycle is ongoing.



How To Do Shared Reading

Step One: Rereading favorites

- o children choose
- o reading work occurs
- o teacher points to words
- o each child engages his / her stage of development
- o teachable moment - conventions of print

Step Two: The New Book

Day One:

- o introduce new book
- o fluent reading
- o brief discussion

Day Two: Teaching Point

- o from indicators
- o link known to unknown
- o reread story - talk about strategies
eg. use pictures, try to remember,
make sense, sound right, look right

Do not be concerned at rereading some of the scriptural texts. This is an opportunity for depth and enjoyment.

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Then God said,
'Let the earth put forth vegetation:
plants yielding seed,
and fruit trees of every kind on earth
that bear fruit with the seed in it.'

And it was so.

Six Days of Creation and the Sabbath

The earth brought forth vegetation:
plants yielding seed of every kind,
and trees of every kind bearing fruit
with the seed in it.

And God saw that it was good.
And there was evening and there was morning,
the third day.

Six Days of Creation and the Sabbath

And God said,
'Let there be lights in the dome of the sky
to separate the day from the night;
and let them be for signs and for seasons
and for days and years,
and let them be lights in the dome of the sky
to give light upon the earth.'

And it was so.

God made the two great lights
—the greater light to rule the day
and the lesser light to rule the night
—and the stars.

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God set them in the dome of the sky
to give light upon the earth,
to rule over the day and over the night,
and to separate the light from the darkness.

And God saw that it was good.

And there was evening and there was morning,
the fourth day.

Six Days of Creation and the Sabbath

And God said,

‘Let the waters bring forth
swarms of living creatures,
and let birds fly above the earth
across the dome of the sky.

’ So God created the great sea monsters
and every living creature that moves,
of every kind, with which the waters swarm,
and every winged bird of every kind.

And God saw that it was good.

God blessed them, saying,

‘Be fruitful and multiply
and fill the waters in the seas,
and let birds multiply on the earth.’

And there was evening and there was morning,
the fifth day.

Six Days of Creation and the Sabbath

And God said,
'Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind:
cattle and creeping things
and wild animals of the earth of every kind.'

And it was so.

God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind,
and the cattle of every kind,
and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind.

And God saw that it was good.

Six Days of Creation and the Sabbath

Then God said,
'Let us make humankind in our image,
according to our likeness;
and let them have dominion
over the fish of the sea,
and over the birds of the air,
and over the cattle,
and over all the wild animals of the earth,
and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.'

So God created humankind in his image,
in the image of God he created them;
male and female he created them.

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God blessed them,
and God said to them,
'Be fruitful and multiply,
and fill the earth and subdue it;
and have dominion over the fish of the sea
and over the birds of the air
and over every living thing
that moves upon the earth.'

God said,
'See, I have given you every plant yielding seed
that is upon the face of all the earth,
and every tree with seed in its fruit;
you shall have them for food.

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And to every beast of the earth,
and to every bird of the air,
and to everything that creeps on the earth,
everything that has the breath of life,
I have given every green plant for food.'

And it was so.

God saw everything that he had made,
and indeed, it was very good.
And there was evening and there was morning,
the sixth day.

Six Days of Creation and the Sabbath

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished,
and all their multitude.

And on the seventh day

God finished the work that he had done,
and he rested on the seventh day
from all the work that he had done.

So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it,
because on it God rested
from all the work that he had done
in creation.



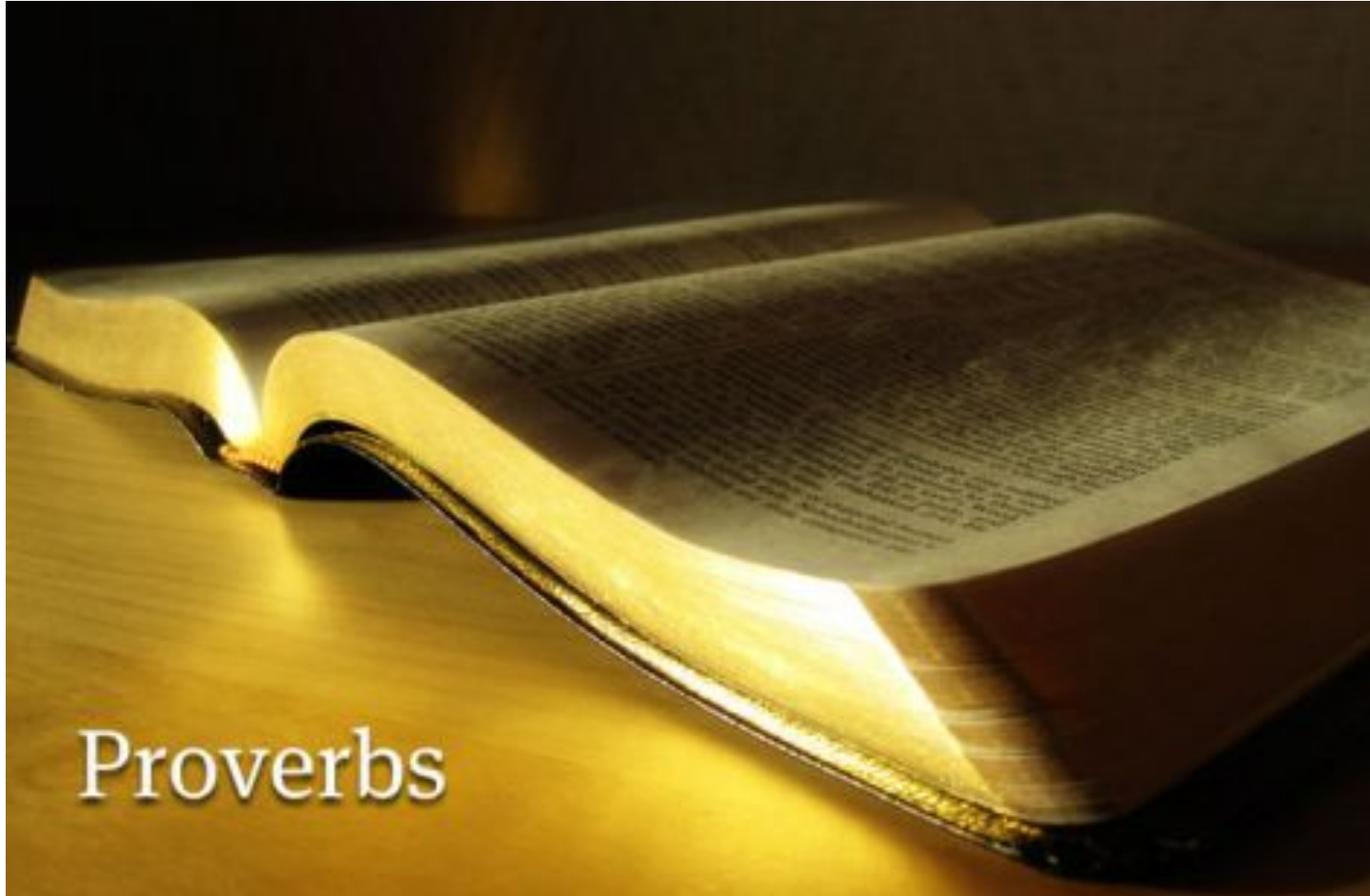
Christ in the house of his parents: Millais
St Joseph was known in the gospels as a *teknon*
or *master joiner and builder*.

God the Creator

...then I was beside him, like a master worker;
and I was daily his delight,
rejoicing before him always,
rejoicing in his inhabited world
and delighting in the human race.

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the glories of Creation (Psalm 104: 24-26)

God delights in His Creation

O Lord, how manifold are your works!
In wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.

Yonder is the sea, great and wide,
creeping things innumerable are there,
living things both small and great.

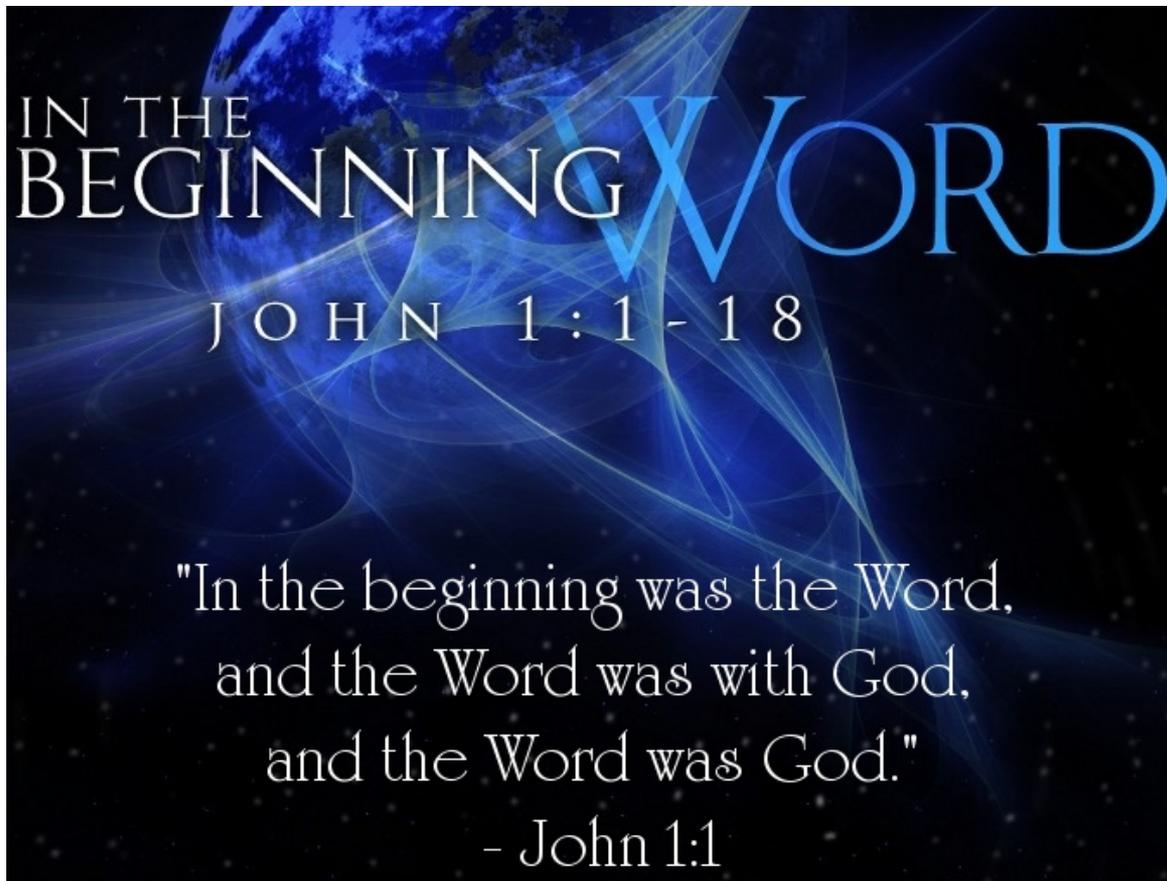
There go the ships,
and Leviathan that you formed to sport in it.



"...and Leviathin that you formed to sport in it"

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John's gospel begins with
The wisdom of God
creating the universe.

The logos or Word,
who we know as Jesus,
Son of God, and Son of Mary;
true God and true man.

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God's joy



God's playfulness

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Core learning: I recognise God's joy and playfulness in creating, which illustrates God's absolute goodness, holiness and love.

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Think of ways that you can make Sunday a day of rest and play.

Think of Mass and the time before and after it as a time to rejoice in God's creation.

Design a poster promoting these ideas.

Core learning:

I recognise that to appreciate the mystery of God we need time and space to rest, to rejoice in God's creation, to pray and to play.

God Rests and Blesses the Sabbath

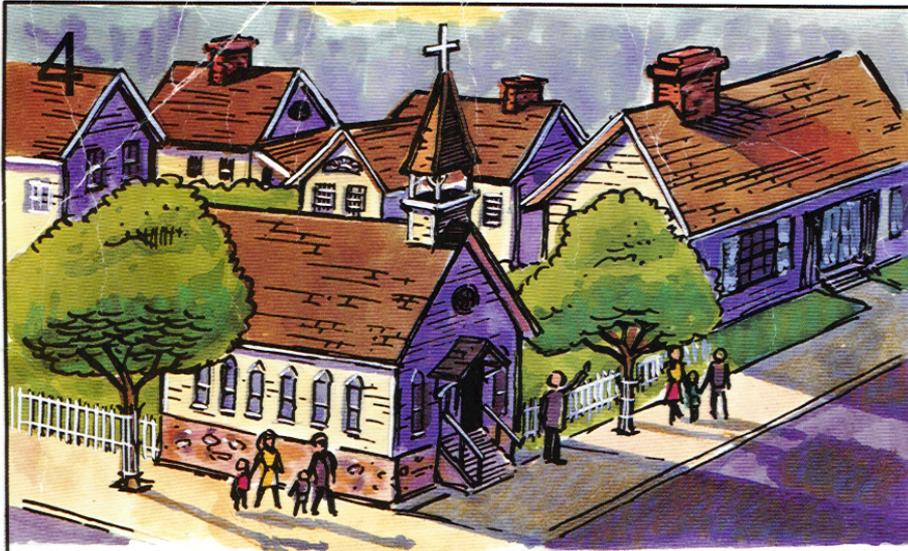
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Remember
the Sabbath day
by keeping it holy.

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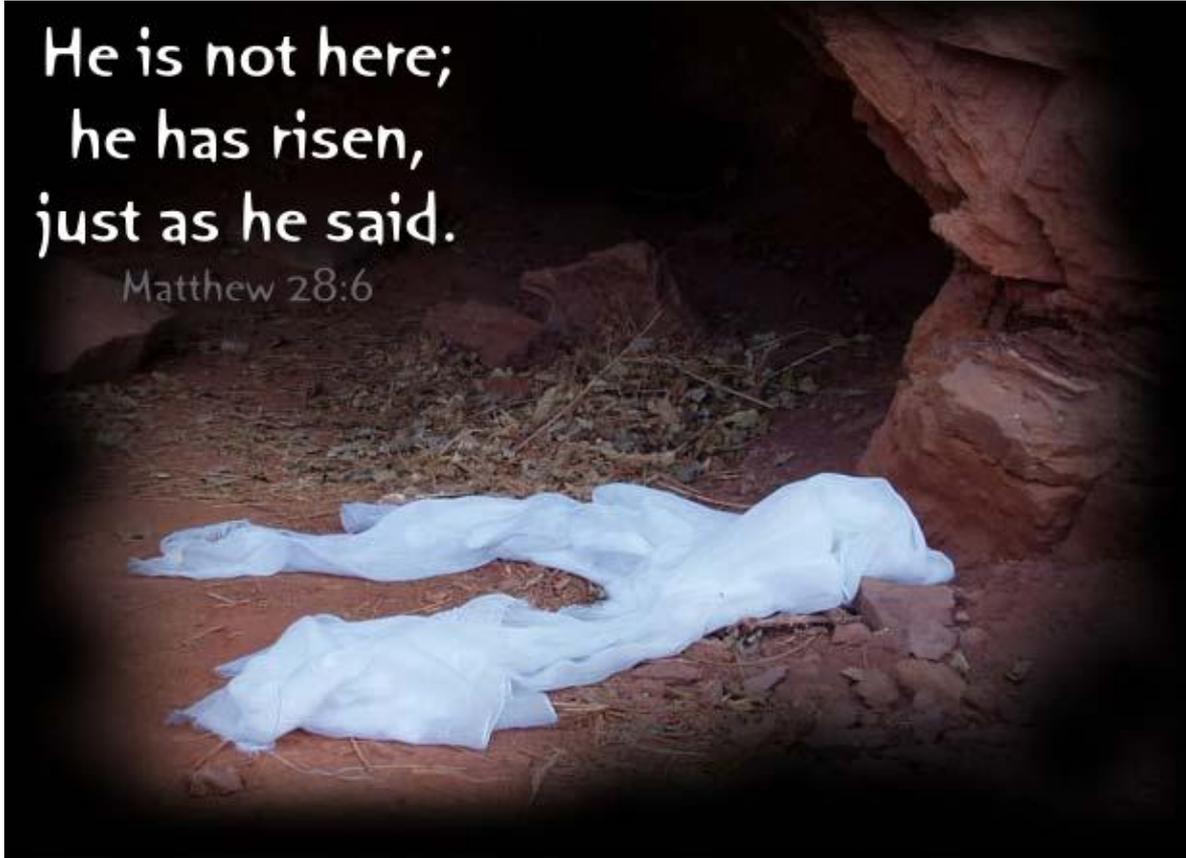
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He is not here;
he has risen,
just as he said.

Matthew 28:6



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Therefore, if anyone
is in Christ, he is a
new creation;
old things have
passed away; behold,
all things have
become new.

2 Corinthians 5:17

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We are called to be holy:

kind and merciful
people
who reflect the love of God
in our lives.

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I can hear, read and recall the story of God resting on the seventh day to rejoice and delight in his work of creating, blessing the Sabbath day, and making it holy (Genesis 2: 1) which illustrates God's wisdom, power and presence.

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