

YOUR CHILD LEARNED >>>

This chapter explains what we learn from the two creation accounts. God alone is the Creator, all he made is good, and humans are made in his image and likeness.

Scripture



Read **Psalm 8:2–3a, 4–9** to find out about God’s love for all creation, especially humans.

Catholics Believe

- The accounts of creation from the Book of Genesis reveal that God alone created the universe.
- God created man and woman in his own image to live in harmony with him for all eternity.

To learn more, go to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* #279–289, 355–361 at usccb.org.

People of Faith

This week, your child learned about Saint Fiacre, who is the patron Saint of gardeners.

CHILDREN AT THIS AGE >>>

How They Understand Creation Your child is learning more and more about science and scientific theories. If he or she takes the creation accounts too literally, it may be a struggle to reconcile what he or she has learned about evolution and other scientific processes with what we read in Scripture. On the other hand, children this age are old enough to know and learn that even in Scripture, there are two accounts of creation with notable differences, meaning that the “Word of God” found in the creation accounts is not about how many days creation lasted or in what order things were created, but about how God created everything and created humans in his image.



CONSIDER THIS >>>

What makes a person valuable?

The wonders of creation—roaring ocean waves, mountains, or abundant wildlife—give witness to an awesome Creator. But the truth is that people are God’s greatest creation. As Catholics, we know that “the first man and woman were qualitatively different from and superior to all other living creatures on earth. They were uniquely made in the image of God, as are all human beings, their descendants” (*USCCA, p. 67*).

LET’S TALK >>>

- Ask your child to name two things we learn about God and humans from the biblical creation accounts.
- Talk about how your family trusts in God’s providence, his loving care, and his plan for us.

LET’S PRAY >>>



Dear God, help us always to take good care of the gift of your creation as Saint Fiacre did, by caring for the plants, the animals, and people in it. Amen.



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