

Aspirational Vocabulary

Term	Definition
Stewardship	The belief that humans have a responsibility to look after the Earth and its resources.
Creation	The act of bringing the world into existence, often attributed to a divine being.
Imago Dei	Latin for 'Image of God' – the belief that humans are created in God's image.
Genesis	The first book of the Bible, containing the Christian creation story.
Environment	The natural world, including land, water, air, and living things.
Sustainability	Living in a way that protects the planet for future generations.
Nativity	The birth of Jesus Christ, celebrated by Christians at Christmas.
Myth	A traditional story used to explain beliefs or natural events, often involving gods or supernatural beings.
Responsibility	A duty to care for or look after something.
Humanity	All human beings collectively; the human race.

What is stewardship?

- Stewardship is the idea that humans are caretakers of the Earth.
- Many religions, including Christianity, believe humans must protect the planet.
- This includes caring for animals, plants, and natural resources.

Creation of humanity (Imago Dei)

- Christians believe humans were created in the image of God (Imago Dei).
- This means all people are valuable, unique, and capable of love and reason.
- It also suggests that humans have a role in caring for creation.

Creation stories around the world

- Different cultures have different stories explaining how the world and humans were created.
- Examples include the Christian Genesis story, Hindu creation cycles, and Aboriginal Dreamtime stories.
- These stories reflect different beliefs about the purpose and origin of life.

How can we save the world?

- We can care for the Earth by recycling, reducing pollution, conserving energy, and supporting sustainability.

- Religious and non-religious people may be motivated to protect the planet for moral, spiritual, or practical reasons.
- Many believe we must act now to prevent further environmental damage.

Extra: The Nativity



- The Nativity is the Christian story of Jesus' birth.
- It is told in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke in the Bible.
- Jesus was born in Bethlehem to Mary and Joseph and visited by shepherds and wise men.
- The story is celebrated at Christmas and highlights themes of hope, peace, and joy.

Big Questions

- What does it mean to care for the world?
- Why do people believe humans are special?
- How do different cultures explain the beginning of the world?
- What actions can we take to protect the environment?
- Why is the Nativity story important to Christians today?

