



## CREATION

### CREATION STORY

There are 2 creation stories in the Bible. The first one in Genesis 1 describes the world being created in 6 days, and the second in Genesis 2 has a different way of telling the story. Listen to the story of creation in Genesis 2 by following the link and selecting podcast 2, God plants a garden. If you'd like to, you can follow the story and sing the song by selecting the second pdf. There are lots of actions you can follow too:  
<https://www.diddydisciples.org/godthemakerpodcastforwcc>

The First Peoples have different ways of talking about creation depending on where they live. Follow this link to listen to stories and songs about Uluru:  
<https://storyspheres.com/search?q=uluru>

Can you retell the story of creation using twigs and leaves from the garden? Take a look at what Merryn has created for Messy Nature using twigs she found around her yard. <http://manninghamuc.org/?p=5344>



## CREATION CARDS

If you would like to, listen to the first story of creation from Genesis 1. How is it different to the one you just heard? Follow the link here and by selecting podcast 1, God the maker: <https://www.diddydisciples.org/godthemakerpodcastforwcc> and you can sing the song by selecting the first pdf.

Make your own creation cards (download from <http://manninghamuc.org/?p=5344>) whilst you are listening to the story by colouring in these cut outs.

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## WORD SEARCH

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SKY  
BIRDS  
EVOLUTION  
GARDEN  
WATER  
EDEN  
ANIMALS  
ADAM  
LIFE  
FOOD  
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## MESSY KITCHEN

In the second creation story, humans are told clearly to 'till' or serve creation, not exploit it. Let's take a look at Fee's vegetable garden and then join her in the Messy Kitchen for some dip and platter ideas.

Watch Messy Kitchen here: <http://manninghamuc.org/?p=5344>



Do you grow vegetables at home in your yard? Even if you don't have a lot of room, you can still grow some snow peas in a pot and eat them straight from the plant. Or tomatoes also grow in pots. Just remember to water them and put them in sunlight so they grow.

### BEETROOT DIP

#### INGREDIENTS

- 1 x 450g can baby beetroot, drained coarsely chopped
- 250g (1 cup) Tamar Valley Greek style Yoghurt
- 2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
- 1 teaspoon ground cumin
- 1 teaspoon ground coriander
- Salt and freshly ground pepper, to season

#### METHOD

Combine ingredients thoroughly in a bowl. Taste and season with salt and pepper. Serve in bowl.



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## HOW DO PLANTS GROW?

Messy Science with Sharon. Carrot top experiment.

Plants need soil to grow in, but do they? Check out how Sharon has grown one of her plants.

<http://manninghamuc.org/?p=5344>



## WELCOMING ALL CREATURES

Everything needs somewhere to live. God created the whole world so that it fitted together harmoniously, but people have not looked after it well and so we need to build homes for bugs and other creatures that we need in our gardens.

Check out this website <https://www.growveg.com.au/guides/insect-hotels-encourage-beneficial-insects-into-your-garden/> for creating ideal homes and feeders for creatures and birds using recycled materials from around our yards. If we want them in our gardens, we need to make them feel welcomed.

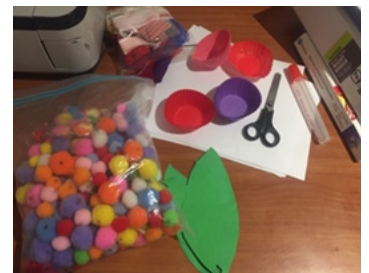
Flowers also attract bugs and birds. Bees are essential to food production and a healthy climate. They love brightly coloured flowers. Make your own flowers using cupcake liners like the ones here:

### Cupcake liner flowers

You need:

- Patty cases aka cupcake cases
- Paper
- Green paper scraps (or colour paper green)
- Glue
- Scissors
- Pom-poms, sequins, materials or anything crafty

Basically you just create flowers that look anything vaguely like the photo below. Then write the Bible verse underneath to remind us that God made everything beautiful in this world, including us!



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## CORAL

Creation is amazing. God created the most amazing world to exist harmoniously together. But how much do we know about where we live? For example, what do you know about coral? Coral is a living creature that can be seen from space. Watch this clip and find out lots of incredible facts and find out how we as humans are hurting the coral by the way we live.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IVMV3StvLCs&feature=emb\\_rel\\_end](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IVMV3StvLCs&feature=emb_rel_end)

We can't all swim around the coral at the Great Barrier Reef but some documentary makers have filmed these clips so that you can move around as if you were diving under the water. Click here to deep dive:

<https://storyspheres.com/search?q=great+barrier+reef>

One way we can care for the coral is to recycle properly so that plastic does not end up in the ocean. For example, do you put only recyclable materials in your recycling bin? Do you recycle soft plastic at the supermarket?

Follow this link to find out more information about recycling in our area of Manningham:

<https://www.manningham.vic.gov.au/waste-and-recycling>

Looking at the website, can you see how to dispose of your e-waste?

What does the council suggest you do with your food waste?

## MINECRAFT

Can you make your own coral reef in Minecraft? Send your creations – either videos or screenshots to [communications@manninghamuc.org](mailto:communications@manninghamuc.org)

## ICE

The sea levels are rising causing some countries to flood. The ice melts because the temperature of the earth is rising. This is caused by climate change. Follow this link to see what it looks like when icebergs melt:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qBBOue\\_AdCU](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qBBOue_AdCU)

Here's a link to an experiment you might like to do to see how long it takes for a small bowl of ice to melt and what happens to the water level.

<https://www.science-sparks.com/melting-polar-ice-caps/>

What is one thing that you could change in your life to help reduce climate change and so prevent the ice melting?

## SPACE

God told Abraham that he would have as many descendants as there are stars in heaven. That is a huge family! If you have ever looked up at the night sky when you are camping and there are no clouds, you will see thousands of stars, but do you know your planets from your stars or satellites? This website tells you which planets are visible in the sky over your house and when they are visible. You might need binoculars for some, but others will just look like very bright stars in the sky. Go outside and take a look for yourself.

<https://www.timeanddate.com/astronomy/night/>



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## PRAYER TIME AT HOME

Begin by lighting a candle if you have one as a reminder that the light of God is always with us and can never be put out.

Now acknowledge the First Peoples of the land on which you are gathering on together.

Why do we acknowledge the First Peoples?

An acknowledgement of country is a way to show respect for the First Peoples. The First Peoples of the Uniting Church have asked that we acknowledge country whenever we meet for worship or in meetings.

### Call to worship:

In the beginning God created all things,  
and God saw that they were good.

At our beginning, God created us  
unique and loved and wanted by God.

In all our new beginnings, God creates something new  
so we will seek God in all people, all things, and the  
whole of creation.

Oh God, open our eyes to see your presence,  
our souls to sense your presence,  
and our hearts to love your presence,  
ever here in your creation,  
and ever beyond it in eternity.

Amen.

When you've finished your apple pieces, pray the Lord's  
Prayer:

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come, your will be done  
on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins,  
as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now  
and for ever.

Amen.

### Bible story

Using playdough, plasticine, lego or any other toys  
you have at home, can you retell one of the stories of  
creation? If you need to be reminded, use the colouring  
cards or listen again to the Diddy Disciples podcast.

### Prayer

Part of the story in Genesis is when the first people are  
tempted to eat the fruit from the one tree God told them  
not to touch. We all do things we shouldn't but God  
always welcomes us back.

Cut up an apple so there are enough pieces for everyone  
present. If you don't have an apple or you can't eat  
them, any fruit or vegetable will be fine.

Take a bite and think about something you did this week  
which you would rather you had not done. You do not  
need to tell anyone, just take the time to talk to God as  
you eat your piece of apple. As you are forgiven by God,  
take the time to forgive someone else.

### Blessing

Thank you, Lord, for all who care wherever they are

**Bless them with your love**

Thank you for our pets

**Bless them with your love**

Thank you for everything that lives in our yards

**Bless them with your love**

Thank you for the whole of creation

**Bless them, bless them, with your love.**

**Amen**



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