

Year 3 Hummingbirds

Religious Education

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Creation stories

Hinduism

Hinduism is one of the oldest religions in the world and can include many gods, although all are seen as forms of one ultimate reality called Brahman. Hindus believe the world goes through a cycle of creation, preservation, and destruction, led by Brahma (creator), Vishnu (preserver), and Shiva (destroyer). This cycle repeats.



Scientific theory

The Big Bang theory states that the universe started as a tiny ball of energy and matter that expanded rapidly, forming stars, galaxies and planets – scientists study the universe to find evidence about how it was created.



Judaism

Judaism is also a monotheistic religion, meaning Jews believe in one God who created everything. The creation story is found in the Torah and is very similar to the Christian story. Jews believe God created the world and that humans have a responsibility to respect and look after it.



Christianity

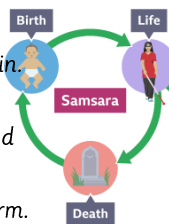
Christianity is a monotheistic religion, which means Christians believe in one God who created the world. The creation story is found in the Bible, where God is believed to have made the world in six days and rested on the seventh. Christians believe God created the world with purpose and that people should care for it.



Key Vocabulary	Definition
astronomer	A scientist who studies space, including stars, planets, and the universe
Atman	A soul or spiritual self
big bang	Scientific theory of how the universe began
Brahman	Supreme Hindu reality
creation	How something begins
creator	Someone or something that brings something into existence.
enlightenment	Freedom from Samsara
evidence	Information used to support an idea.
Genesis	The first book of the bible where the creation story is found.
monotheistic	Believing in one God.
polytheistic	Belief in many gods
reincarnation	The belief that after a living thing dies, its soul is reborn into a new body, beginning a new life.
Samsara	Cycle of life, death and rebirth
Trimurti	The three main Hindu gods. (Brahma, Vishnu and Shiva)

Samsara

The samsara cycle is the reincarnation cycle that Hindus and Buddhists believe in. They believe that good karma will earn you points to help you in the next life and bad karma leads to a more difficult life- these can even mean that you change form.



Buddhism

Buddhism does not focus on a creator God. Instead, Buddhists believe life is a continuous cycle called samsara, which includes birth, life, death, and rebirth and if they are lucky, reach enlightenment to break from the cycle.



Trimurti

The Trimurti are three Hindu gods who keep the world going – one makes it, one looks after it, and one changes it so a new world can begin. Together, they show that the universe is always being created, protected, and changed.

