

The Harvest Season/Creation worship

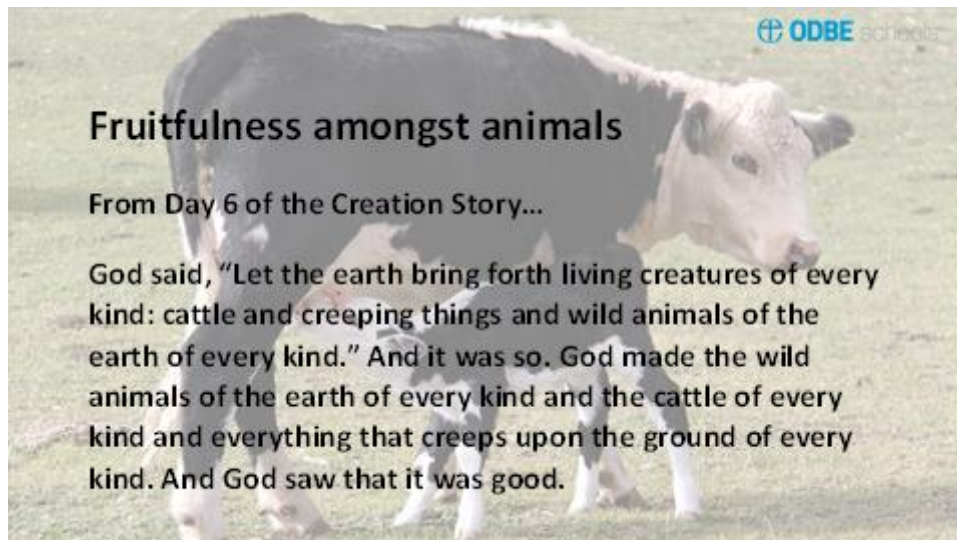
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For the last time we reflect on David's prayer.

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Reflect for a moment on the words from the story.


Would pupils agree that it was all good? What about those creeping things?


This could lead to a consideration of the inter-relationships that are found in the animal world. Food chains are a simple example, but consider also symbiotic relationships.

What about plants that depend upon animals? – bees and pollen for instance.

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- Do you have a favourite animal or animals?
- Do we get a harvest from the animal?
- Talk to your neighbour about it

You can play 'name the animal' using the images.

This time don't think too much about why as we did in the previous two sessions but of the consequences of keeping the animals. Perhaps using the harvest of eggs as an example, what are the distinctions between cage, barn and free-range eggs?

This could become a very complex discussion if financial implications are taken into consideration.

Are affordable eggs better than no eggs at all?

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Reflect for a moment on this slide, on the harvest of the sheep.
Can we see God's ingenuity in the range of 'harvests' that a sheep provides:
Wool,
Milk – and yoghurt, (and cheese actually)
Meat ...
and, of course, more sheep!

What are the 'harvests' of other animals?

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Litany of Creation

God commanded, "Let the earth produce all kinds of plants"

Plant prayers

God commanded, "Let the water be filled with many kinds of living beings, and the air filled with birds."

Fish and bird prayers

God commanded, "Let the earth produce all kinds of animal life"


Animal prayers

God created human beings and blessed them,

People prayers

God looked at everything and was very pleased.

Thank you prayer

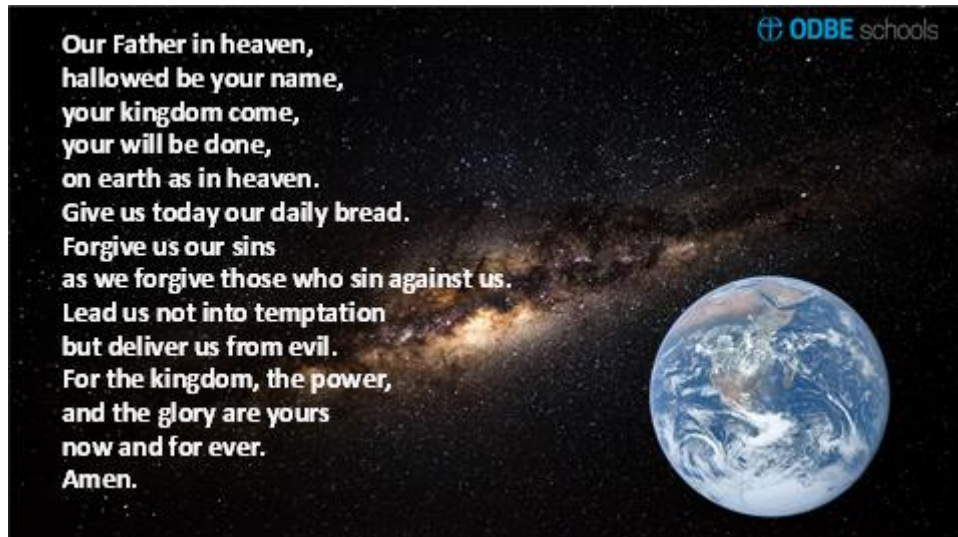


An optional structure for prayer – see Developmental Prayer File page15* Pupils' own prayers (or perhaps parents' or staff prayers) should be inserted at the points in italics. This could be an opportunity to involve extemporary prayer or for silent prayer/reflection.

*<https://www.odbe.org.uk/content/pages/documents/collectiveworship-prayerfile-doc-202175554553377.pdf>

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The Session closes with the Lord's Prayer.