

Creation

RCIA—Session 3

GATHER

1. Introduction to the night and RCIA
 - i. Review of last week
 1. Inquiry forms for anyone who didn't fill them out
 2. Introduce anyone here for their first night
2. Calendar Review

PROCLAIM

3. Opening Prayer (Lenny)
 - a. Opening prayer should address some aspect of God and creation.
 - b. Order of Creation
 - i. **Day one:** Light
 1. **Day one:** Light
 - a. Even though the Sun and Moon are not created until Day four.
 - b. The author is interested in an ordered creation not a scientific creation story.
 - c. God names day and night, claiming authority over them (what one names one has authority over—we will see this when Adam names the animals).
 - ii. **Day two:** Sky, separating the upper and lower waters;

1. **Day two:** Sky

- a. Separates the Water above from below.
- b. The region this story originated was surrounded by water.

The author/editors were constantly in fear of floods. The
believed that only heaven kept the waters from pouring
down or flooding over the banks.

iii. **Day three:** Earth and vegetation;

1. **Day three:** Earth and Vegetation

- a. God put a limit on the expanse of water
- b. Called forth vegetation
- c. Vegetation has the power to reproduce itself (with it seed in it (11)).
- d. Important to show that God is control and not pagan deities

iv. **Day Four:** Heavenly lights;

1. **Day four:** Heavenly lights

- a. Creates the lights and places them in the heavens.
- b. Does not call the “Sun” and “Moon” Sun and Moon, rather lesser light and greater light
- c. The Sun and Moon were considered deities and the author is showing that their is only one God and all the lights were His creation.

v. **Day five:** Birds and the Fish;

1. Day five

a. **Day five:** The waters that separated from above and below were filled with:

b. Birds

c. Fishes

vi. **Day six:** Land animals and humanity.

1. **Day six:** The creation of animals and humanity

a. The entire creation story has lead to humans ability to live on the Earth

b. Time has been developed to govern our lives

c. Man and Women is created

d. The high point of all creation

e. Created in the image and likeness of God (26).

f. Who is last in the procession leads the prayer!

g. You can see this in our Mass.

vii. **Day seven:** Rested (Sabbath)

4. Conclusion

a. Priestly account of creation is the logical account

b. God is a power being able to create by speaking a word

c. God transcends creation

d. Humanity is the high point of creation

e. The world has been organized by God so humanity can live here

f. Humanity is to be sovereign over the world as God's representative

Break

5. Small-Group Process

- a. Give time for people to find a nice place to gather.
- b. Opening Prayer
 - i. Hail Mary, Our Father, can be used to get people familiar with these prayers. A prayer from the heart is acceptable, too.
 - ii. Small group questions: (Organic conversation is best). Use these questions to spark conversation or get the conversation back on topic.
 - a. What is your favorite Old Testament story
 - b. What does the idea of being created in the image and likeness of God mean to you
 - c. Do you agree with the idea God created the Cosmos so humanity could live and thrive in this habitat

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6. Large group wrap up

- a. Large group discussion
- b. Announcements
 - i. Calendar
 - ii. We will be in 7, 8, and 9 next week
- c. Closing Prayer (Lenny)