

The Harvest Season/Creation worship

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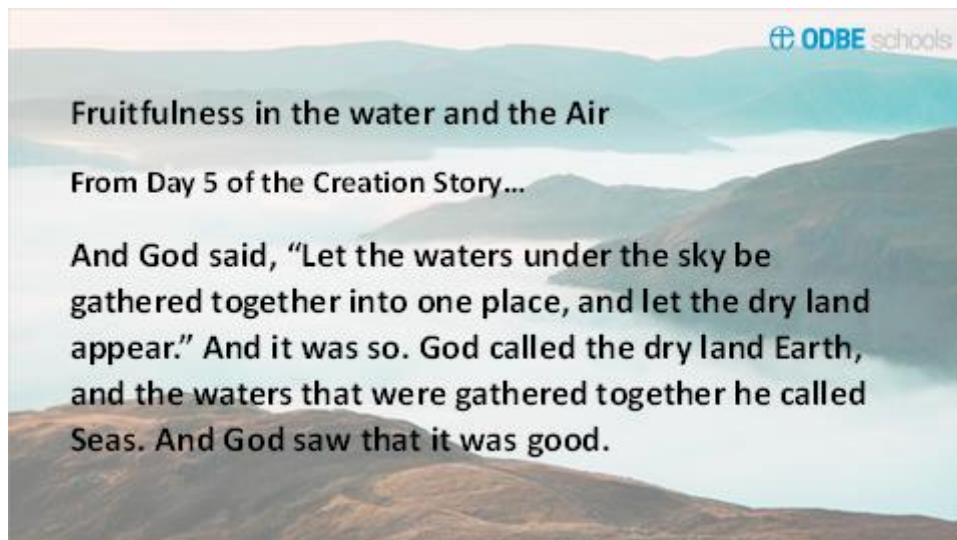


The session begins with the prayer of David from last time.

The background image is rice harvest.

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Without change there would be no harvest

Some things – like apples are just picked and used but they are only available because of changes in the tree.

Some need to rest – as in seasoning wood

Is compost a harvest? We gather waste and through a process it matures into a useful material

Could we look at all our efforts at recycling as a form of harvest?

Change is, of course, built in to the whole world, from stars being 'born' and 'dying' to our holiday sandcastles crumbling in the sun.

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We saw last time that there are harvests everywhere in the world

Are all of these images of harvest? This is an opportunity to pause for a moment of reflection.

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There are harvests everywhere in the world

On land and in water...







Is harvest only about food?

This slide stresses that harvest is everywhere but challenges us to think of other harvests. You might wish to encourage pupils to discuss the question 'Is Harvest only about food'

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Is harvest only about food?

How do we get metal things?



What about plastic toys?

We tend to look at the creation story as being almost a series of pictures. It can be a very static view. However, all of the created things are dynamic.

To get metal things there has to be mining, or another form of ore extraction then processing the ore – usually by heating to extract the metal

Then the metal has to be shaped/cut into the form that is needed.


Plastic starts off as oil or gas and again is processed to create the plastic that we find in our toys.

Pupils might appropriately reflect on the ingenuity of those who are able to exploit natural resources.

As part of this there may be a chance to consider the implications of using metals and oil!

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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

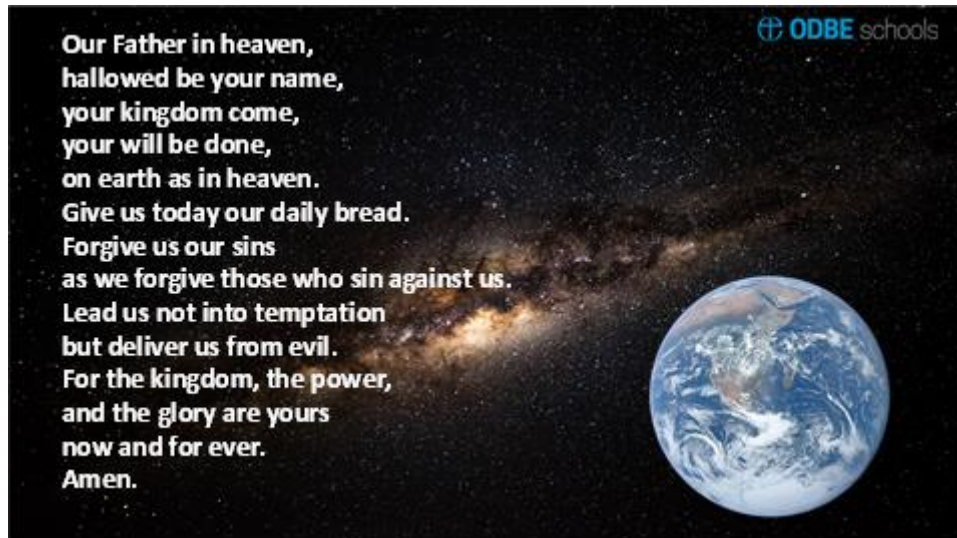


An optional structure for prayer – see Developmental Prayer File page15* Pupils' own prayers (or perhaps parents' or staff prayers) should be inserted at the points in italics. This could be an opportunity to involve extemporary prayer or for silent prayer/reflection.

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

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The session ends with the Lord's Prayer.