



- **What do you remember about Christian beliefs about the Trinity?**

Christian Beliefs

1. Nature of God

- Trinity
- **Characteristics**
- **Evil and suffering**

2. Creation

- Genesis Story / Interpretations
- Role of the Word and Spirit

3. Jesus

- Incarnation / Crucifixion / Resurrection / Ascension

4. Salvation

- Law / Sin / Grace

5. Afterlife

- Eschatological beliefs
- Judgement / resurrection
- Contemporary beliefs

The Nature of God

Areas of Study	Specific Content
The nature of God	➤ Omnipotent: Exodus 7-11, Exodus 14:21: Omni-benevolent: Psalm 86:15, John 3:16, Romans 8: 37-39. Evil and suffering: Quote on God and evil from Epicurus, Book of Job 1: 8 -12, 42:1-6

The nature of God

Objective: To know the characteristics of God.



What is God like?



Key Characteristics

Omniscient

All knowing

Omnipotent

All powerful

Omnibenevolent

Perfectly good

Omnipresent

Everywhere

Transcendent

Beyond our understanding

Eternal

Always existed and always will exist

Immanent

Close to (or within) His creation

Monotheistic

One God



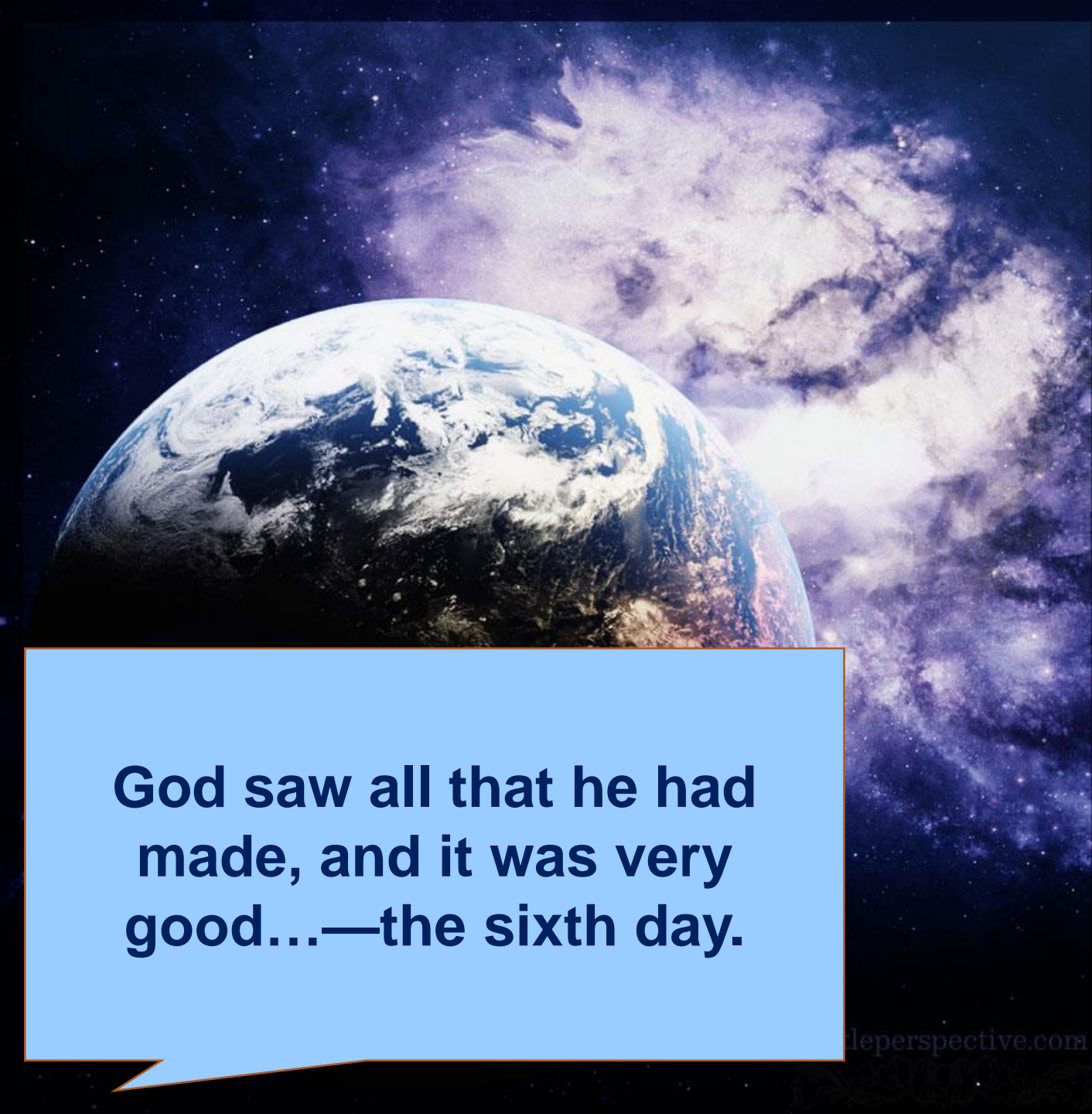
Omnibenevolent

**You are a
compassionate
and gracious
God, abounding
in love**



which
means...

Psalm 86:15



God saw all that he had made, and it was very good...—the sixth day.

Creation Story

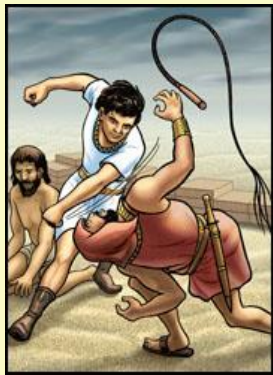
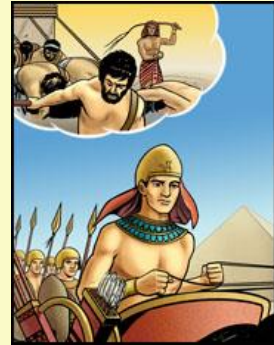
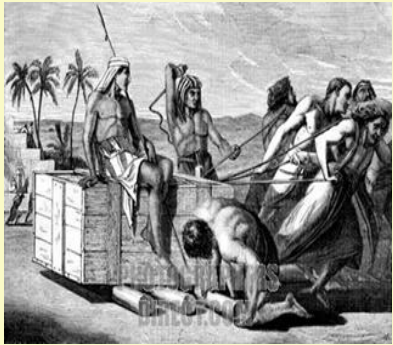
God created everything and **'it was very good'**.

What does the creation story show about God's characteristics?

Challenge: Does it show an omnipotent, omniscient and omnibenevolent God?



Moses



1 - The river Nile turns to blood



2 - Frogs



3 - Lice



4 - flies



5 - Disease of livestock



6 - The Boils



7 - Hailstones



8 - Locusts



9 - Darkness



Ten Plagues



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Red Sea



“...the LORD ...made the sea dry
land, and the waters were
divided” Exodus 14:21

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Ten Commandments



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What does the story of
Moses show about God?

Challenge: Does it show an
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omnibenevolent God?

Job

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1. Write a summary explaining what happened to Job
2. What was the teaching behind Job?

“I know that you can do all things; no purpose of yours can be thwarted...surely I spoke of things I did not understand, things too wonderful for me to know” **Job 42:1-3**

