

Come and See 2025

Children: Week 1

I'm just going to start off sitting down.

My name is Sadiqa and I'm 10 years old.

My name's Leighton and I am 9 years old.

My name is Jessie and I am 10 years old.

Question 1: What makes humans special?

We are all special because we are all unique and God created us differently.

Humans are special by being unique and different to one another.

We make new things every day and it's just amazing how it changes the world.

Humans help people to be helpful.

We do the basic cycle of eating, sleeping, walking, drinking, and we're also different from animals because we go to school, we read, we learn English.

Lots of animals have four legs or arms.

Some animals walk on four legs and we only walk on two and it's quite cool.

Question 2: What are humans made for?

Humans are made for... God?

Humans were made for our world to be a better place.

I think humans are made to like, share the gospel of God.

Question 3: If animals could talk, what would they say?

It depends on what animals.

I think they would say don't litter, don't waste electricity and help the environment.

Hello, how are you?

If you had pets, maybe they'll tell you what they want and stuff.

Question 4: What makes the world happy?

I think something that makes the world happy is having someone to talk to and to be around and having a younger sibling or a parent or a really close friend.

When people aren't littering and people are doing things to save one another.

If you make other people happy and all of the countries happy.

What makes the world sad is when people disrespect the world and they don't really care about it and they just do whatever they want.

Fashioned from earth

Hi, my name's Charlie and we're going to be looking at baptism over six weeks. Wherever you are, it's great to have you along for the journey. These six weeks of Come and See are focusing on baptism, and this first session we're going to think about what it means to be fashioned from earth. That's a strange thing to say, isn't it? Fashioned from earth. What does that mean?

Well, actually right at the beginning of the Bible, in the book of Genesis, in second chapter, it says that Adam, the first human being in that story, in that creation story, the first human being, Adam, was made from earth. In fact, the

word Adam means earth. But actually, it's not until God breathes his spirit into Adam that he becomes a proper human being.

It says as well in Genesis that we are made in the image of God. What an amazing thought. Made in the image of God. What does that mean? Well, I guess you could think of it like this. That we reflect God. We have that possibility to reflect God in our lives.

Imagine God holds a mirror up to himself and actually he doesn't see himself. He sees us, you and me. And Christians believe that God has made everyone unique and special. There's never been another you. There never will be another you.

You are absolutely one of a kind. Some of us have freckles, some of us don't. Some of us have curly hair, some of us have straight hair. Some of us are tall, some of us are short. Some of us have dark skin, some of us have light skin. We're all different, but the Bible says, made in God's image.

But unfortunately, you may know if you've got a murky mirror or a mirror that needs cleaning that we don't always reflect well. We don't always get the full image. And that's true for all human beings. None of us are perfect. We're all a bit mucky and murky at times. We hurt each other. Maybe it's unkind words, unkind thoughts, unkind actions, but we also hurt our world through the way we abuse the environment.

So what's baptism got to do with this? Well, baptism is an invitation, if you like, to reflect God more, to step into the story that says, I want to be cleaned up, I want to be a clean mirror, reflecting God's glory to the world. I want to reflect God for others.

And so that's what we're going on, a journey to understand baptism better over these next six weeks. And now an invitation if you'd like to, to try one of our Space Maker activities. The first one we're going to try this week is stilling. you might like to try, *thank you, sorry, please*. Anyway, bye for now and see you next week.