



## Faith Formation

*"Catholic education aims not only to communicate facts but also to transmit a coherent, comprehensive vision of life, in the convictions that the truths contained in that vision liberate students in the most profound means of human freedom." ~ St. Pope John Paul II*

# Catechist Resource

## Creation & Heaven

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### Help Links:

[USCCB– Care of God’s Creation](#) We show our respect for the Creator by our stewardship of creation. Care for the earth is not just an Earth Day slogan, it is a requirement of our faith. We are called to protect people and the planet, living our faith in relationship with all of God’s creation. This environmental challenge has fundamental moral and ethical dimensions that cannot be ignored.

[Lesson on Creation](#) God created the universe from nothing; he did it out of love. • God sustains and provides for the universe through his providence. • Science and the Biblical creation account do not conflict.

[Earth Day Lesson Plan](#) In this program, we will call upon the name of the Creator and invite our God to reveal the love of the triune God present in all of creation. God’s grace comes to us through the waters of baptism, and we have been inflamed by the fire of the Holy Spirit to share God’s love in the context of all creation. Opening our spirits to the interconnectedness of the wonders of our world will draw us ever closer to the author of the universe and challenge us to care ever more deeply for the earth, our common home.

[Genesis Creation Stories Lesson Plan](#) The first three chapters of the book of Genesis relate important truths about ourselves, our humanity, and our relationship with God. A common pitfall we can run into when teaching about these chapters is the differences between the first chapter and chapters two and three. In this lesson plan, students will compare the first two creation accounts and clarify the important truths that they teach.

[Activities & Games for Creation](#) This is a full lesson plan, however the games they provide could easily be adapted into your lesson.

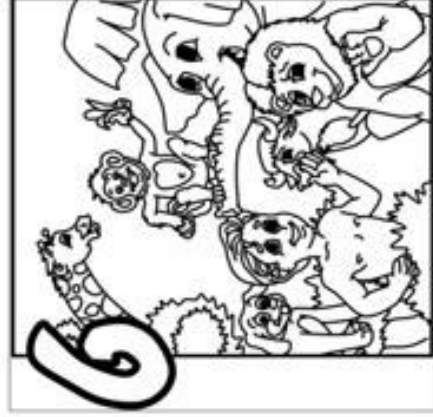
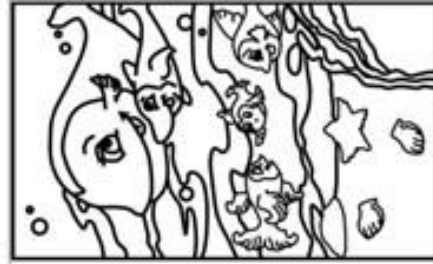
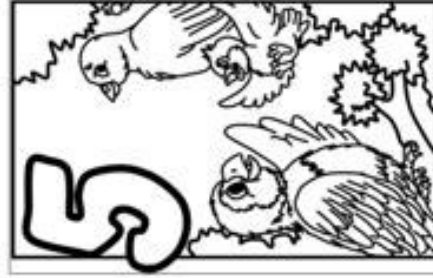
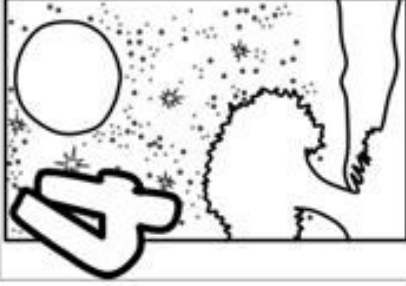
[Heaven: Catholic Cheat Sheet](#) This is a great resource to our middle school and high school programs. This gives ten answers to the Catholic understanding of heaven as presented by Life Teen

[A Lesson on Purgatory](#) This lesson from Ava Maria Press will offer your background and a complete lesson to teach purgatory. This lesson is easily adapted to all grades.

### Suggestions and considerations for inspiration

- Tying in Catholic Social Teaching– Care for God’s creation
- Discuss how we were created in God’s image and what that means
- Discuss what purgatory is and how it matters to us

# DAYS OF CREATION

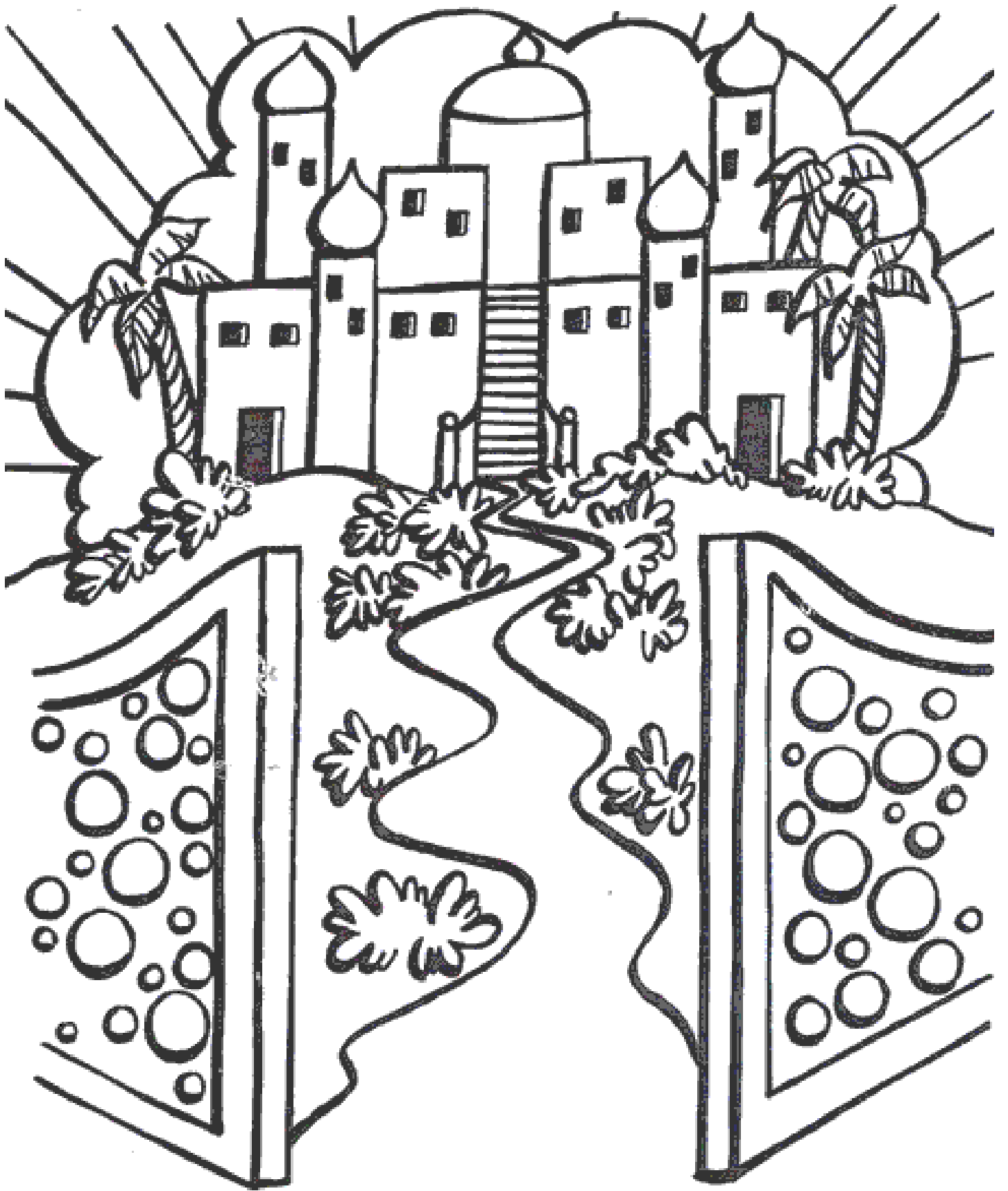


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**All things testify of God (Alma 30:44).**

Color the pictures of things that help us know God is real.  
Draw something in the circle that helps you believe in God.





John saw a new heaven and a new earth. He heard Jesus say, "I am coming soon!" John answered, "Amen. Come, Lord Jesus."