



NEWS BULLETIN

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BROADSTONE BAPTIST CHURCH @ BROADSTONE MIDDLE SCHOOL

Over the course of the next few weeks our Assistant Pastor Steven Driver and our Youth and Children's Worker Sophie Phenix are visiting Broadstone Middle School to give talks during regular Religious Education lessons. Sophie will be giving us reports and feedback and this News Bulletin is Part One.



This week, I (Sophie) and Steven are going into Broadstone Middle School to give lessons on creation, talking about it from a Christian viewpoint.

On Monday (7th) we went into the school for the first time and led two RE lessons for different year 8 classes (children aged 12-13).

First, we talked about what Christians believe about Genesis 1. We touched on the fact that within Christianity, there are different viewpoints, from creationist views to theistic evolution. However, we highlighted that every Christian believes that God has ordered creation to show that He is in control of everything.

We moved on to what Christians believe about humanity. After God created humanity, He didn't just call His creation good, but He called it very good! We talked about how this meant that we all have value and are image bearers of our creator God.

Next, we looked at people, place and blessing. We covered how creation was created perfectly and that was reflected in the relationships between humanity, God, and the creation around us and God's rule and blessing over our lives. That led on to talking about sin and how it has damaged all those relationships. We were informed by the teacher that it was great that we mentioned sin as they will soon be covering the subject of suffering.

Finally, we talked briefly about Jesus and how we believe that the creation will be perfect again in the new heaven and earth.

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After our teaching section, the kids had an opportunity to ask questions. We had many questions not only about creation but also about being a Christian. Here are some examples:

- Is God sinning by saying that he is in charge?
- Who created hell?
- Do you need to read the whole Bible to be a Christian?
- I'm a Christian, how can you tell whether a thought is from God or yourself?
- Why do people want to sin and why do good people suffer?
- Is there evidence of God?
- I am not a Christian so does that mean I will go to hell?
- Who made God?
- How was Jesus made? If He is God's son, is there a female God?
- Where is Eden now?

Steven and I were able to share our testimonies because we were asked how and why we became Christians.

We are going into the school to teach three more classes this week and one more class next week. This is a super exciting opportunity as the kids get to chat too actual Christians as opposed to just learning about their beliefs.

Sophie Phenix

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