



Find

- Squeak, the mouse that tells the Harvest story.
- Fresh food to hide behind the mouse nest
- Amazing facts about creation

Introduce

- Introduce Squeak as the mouse who has been on the Harvest adventure. Begin the assembly by inviting a child to come and see what the mouse has hidden in his nest today (*which will be the fresh food*).
- During this time of harvest it is important to say thank you for all the lovely food that we have. Food that keeps us healthy, food that gives us energy and food that is simply yummy! But for many people harvest is also a special time to think about creation as a whole and about the amazing world that we are part of. For Christians this includes saying thank you to God who created our universe and today we will be hearing a story that reminds us about our amazing world and the way it was so lovingly planned it.

Play

- As we are thinking about creation today I thought I would amaze you with some facts about the world we live in. (*This could be turned into a true and false quiz if you included some made up facts too*).
- Did you know?
- That every drop of seawater contains an element of gold
 - That Antarctica has as much ice as the Atlantic Ocean has water
 - The largest crystal ever found weighed 55 tonnes
 - It is thought that only 14% of the world species have been identified

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Talk

Once upon a time there were two scientists who were close friends, one was a Christian but the other wasn't, most of the time this didn't matter but occasionally an argument would break out between them and it was always the same argument. The argument was about how the world and the universe had begun. The Christian insisted that there could be no other explanation than there was a God who created everything. But his friend would just laugh and argue that a belief in God was simply not logical and that the only sensible ideas were ones that science could prove.

The two scientists remained friends but as they grew older they both grew more convinced than ever that their belief was right until one day the Christian had an idea. He announced to his friend that he would be going away for a month but promised that after the month was over he would invite his old friend over for dinner.

The month came and went quickly and it seemed like no time at all before the Christian was inviting his friend around for dinner. When he arrived at his friend's house the scientist was amazed to see an accurate working model of the universe in his friend's garden. The model was amazing – the detail was so precise and everything was to a perfect scale. The scientist was blown away by the skill that had been used to produce such a model – when his friend came to the door the first thing he asked was who had made such an amazing thing. But the Christians answered surprised him:

'No one made it!'

'Don't be ridiculous – someone had to make it. It is so amazing – it must have taken months of preparation to produce something like that.'

'What makes you say that?' his friend replied.

'Well, look at the detail, the way the planets move without touching one another. The amazing colours that you can see, the scale – everything is perfect. I am lost for words – it is so beautiful. I cannot wait to meet the person who made such a masterpiece'

'I know,' said his Christian. 'It is amazing isn't it. But you know something? I feel exactly the same when I look around me and see the beauty of nature. You laugh at me when I speak of a Creator God but just as you know that this model must have been designed and made by someone, I know that the world we live in was also lovingly designed and made.'

His friend fell silent – there was nothing he could say but from that day on he certainly looked at the world through different eyes.

Pray

Thank you God for all the good things that surround us. Help us to never forget how you planned and put into place every part of our world from the smallest ant to the largest planet. Thank you also that you made each one of us special and that everyone has a special place in your creation. Amen

Classroom follow up:

Look at the account of creation in Genesis 1 – create a poster that shows what happens on each day

Design your own creature – explain its characteristics, where it lives, what it eats and the noise it makes