

# In the beginning...

Many stories begin with 'Once upon a time'. But what if there was no time? No 'once upon'? No time and no space? Just nothing! This is why the Bible begins: 'In the beginning when God created'. Our Christian faith believes that in the beginning before space, before time, there was God, the one creator of everything you see around you: the planets, animals, trees, mountains, rivers, and, of course, you.

Then in the blink of an eye nothing became everything. How this happened no one knows. The Bible says that God spoke a word and it happened.

**[ In speaking a word  
God's breath or Spirit went  
forth like a great wind and  
the universe began. ]**

**void**  
A completely empty space

**Genesis 1:1-2**  
<sup>1</sup>In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, <sup>2</sup>the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep,...

**IN YOUR WORDS**  
Read Genesis 1 in the Bible. Write your response, using as many of the following words as possible.

abyss	emergence
chasm	genesis
control	realm
dawn	vacuum

**DID YOU KNOW?**

**The Universe was created during a single explosive event.**

Evidence for the Big Bang first emerged in the 1920s, when US astronomer Edwin Hubble and others discovered that distant galaxies are moving away and that space itself is expanding.



◀ The Hubble Telescope



**Lawson's Dragon**

Lawson's Dragon is a lizard native to Queensland. It is also called dumpy dragon, pygmy dragon, dwarf bearded dragon, or black soil bearded dragon. These dragons have a life span of six to eight years, and their natural environment is hot, dry and rocky.

# We began with a BANG!

In that moment of beginning there was an enormous burst of energy and light that exploded outwards. BANG. Wow! This was brilliant. One second there was nothing. And in the next second there was the energy that would make everything – the stars, the birds, dolphins and even you and me. So you and I began with a bang. Of course, all this wasn't visible yet; it was just there as energy that would take millions and millions of years to take shape, but in this powerful explosion was all that was needed to eventually become everything.

Once there is a beginning, then scientists can get to work and measure things such as light energy, tiny atoms and magnetic forces. Using powerful instruments scientists have worked out that our universe is almost 14 billion years old and enormously large.



▲ Scientists believe that the universe is continually expanding.

**God**  
the perfect and all-powerful Spirit

**Genesis 1:2-4**  
<sup>2</sup> The Spirit/breath of God swept over the face of the waters. <sup>3</sup> Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. <sup>4</sup> And God saw that the light was good.

**IN YOUR WORDS**  
Read Genesis 1:2-4 then write your response using as many of the following words as possible.

creation	divine
spirit	breath

**[ Can you even imagine  
anything so old and so big? ]**