

Day 2: Beginnings

Read

'The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham.' Matthew 1.1 (ESV)

'These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created, in the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens.' Genesis 2.4 (ESV)

Reflect

Matthew's genealogy (the list of names, like a family tree) opens in a very similar way to the beginnings of the Bible in Genesis. Matthew's opening phrase, 'the book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ' echoes Genesis 2.4 'These are the generations of the heavens and the earth' that begin the second creation account, and Genesis 5.1 'this is the book of the generations of Adam'. It casts our minds right back to the dawn of creation and the origins of humanity. Like a motif or pattern, Matthew is signalling that somehow this birth in Bethlehem links back to the genesis of everything and everyone. Today's challenge is about beginnings.

Challenge 1

Choose a skill you can pass on to someone who'd love to learn from you. Take the first step to helping them build their potential today

Challenge 2

Initiate friendship with someone you see often but never speak to, like a neighbour or church member

Challenge 3

Read this story about the role the Bible played in the start of someone's life and share with others who might be encouraged by it