

# why on earth... ?

a fresh way to talk about life's big questions



## Session sheet

# why on earth... faith v science?

Some people think that faith and science don't mix.

In this session we take a closer look at this idea.

We find that faith and science can work together

to help us to make sense of the world.

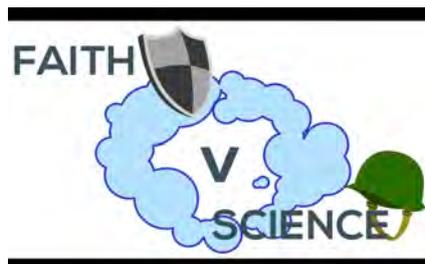
## Background Noise



## Video Recap



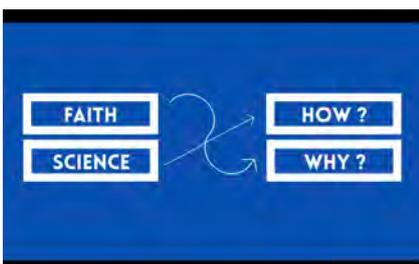
One radio, different facts



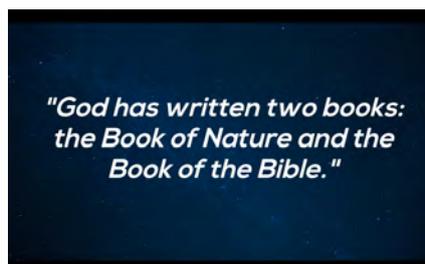
Faith & science: enemies?



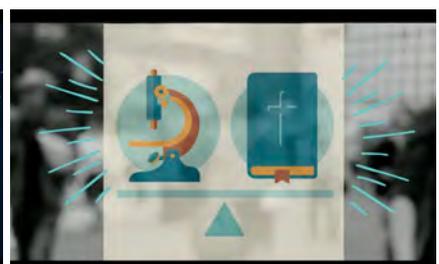
Scientists with faith



Answering different questions



Two books: Nature & Bible



Faith & science together

**Science Group:**

Draw a vertical line down the middle of the sheet, dividing the page into two. On the left side, write or draw three inventions you think have helped humanity, or enriched people's lives. On the right side, write or draw one invention you think has had a negative effect on the world.

**Faith Group:**

Draw a vertical line down the middle of the sheet, dividing the page into two. On the left side, write or draw three aspects of the Christian faith (or the Church) you think have helped humanity, or enriched people's lives. On the right side, write or draw one aspect of the Christian faith (or the Church) you think has had a negative effect on the world.

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**Science Group:**

Imagine you are a group of leading scientists, and the other group are Christian leaders. Discuss in your group:

- a) As scientists, what is your biggest fear about the other group's faith agenda?
- b) What is the best way the other group could best help/enrich your science?

**Faith Group:**

Imagine you are a group of Christian leaders, and the other group are leading scientists. Discuss in your group:

- a) As Christian leaders, what is your biggest fear about the other group's science agenda?
- b) What is the best way the other group could best help/enrich your faith?

## Text: Einstein on faith and science

"Science without religion is lame, religion without science is blind."

(Albert Einstein, 1941)

## Takeaway

Choose one of the areas of science that came up in today's session. It might be space and planets, microscopic life, rocks and fossils, chemicals, animals, the climate, or another area.

In the week ahead, find out more about it: in a book, online, podcast, or whatever. Ask God to fill you with a sense of wonder and thanksgiving about this amazing aspect of creation.