

Student responses to the Cosmic Sanctuary Booklet and related activities

Why do you think it was not good for Adam to be alone?

Because loneliness leads to sadness or depression.

He might have gone crazy – it is not good for man to be alone.

To stay positive and avoid depression. Nobody to support you.

Because Adam would have no support.

Where do you see God's grace (undeserved love) in Adam and Eve's banishment?

He gave them a second chance instead of killing them. He also took them away from the Garden to stop them getting into more trouble.

He gave them another chance and didn't kill them. He gave them clothes, and also saved them from eternal pain.

He is stopping them from living in the Garden to stop them from getting in trouble, yet punishing them for their mistake.

He saved them from an eternal life of pain. He gave them clothes and a second chance.

Instead of hurting or killing them, God punished them and still loved them.

He gave them another chance even though they disobeyed Him. He banished them so they could not get into any more trouble in the Garden. He gave them clothes so they would feel good about themselves.

What were your initial impressions from the universe fly-through video?

We are TINY!

We are tiny. If the universe is so big, what else is out there?

We think that earth is fairly big but we actually aren't.

We think it is about us but we are tiny.

We are tiny compared to the universe.

I was thinking, if the universe is so big isn't there more life out there?

What can we learn about God from looking at the vastness of the universe?

He is really loving to choose us.

If God created us, did he create us in the image of Him physically or mentally, so we can forgive and love?

Reflections from our visit to Purtinga (Natural bushland area)

How is this space a unique space on our campus?

It can calm you down, there are no threats to the people of the school or everyone.

It's got a tonne of plants!

It makes you feel relaxed.

Unspoiled environment.

There isn't another place in the school like it.

Can you see any similarities between Purtinga as a sanctuary for animals in the middle of Mount Barker and Earth as a sanctuary for us in the cosmos?

Yes, possibly. If everyone contributed and agreed on having it. Everything can grow its own way.

We all grow.

The animals and plants can thrive, just like we can.

It's a place where animals live and nature is, in amongst Mount Barker, and Earth is the only living place in the cosmos.

This is a sanctuary for us because we are safe. Purtinga is safe for animals. The Earth is a sanctuary because it helps us thrive.

What is your class definition for the word Shalom?

Everything is flourishing, they are becoming the best they can be.

Peace and flourishing. Everything living up to its' potential.

How does the reading from Revelation make you feel?

Powerful imaging.

God has so much power.

Happy that He is there and that we can turn to God.

It makes me feel happy and scared of the bad people.

It makes me feel happy, weird, special.

Very powerful and special to be a part of it. Scared for the bad people.

What does this passage say about God and His care for us and the Earth?

He looked after us since He made us and he loves us. He looks over us.

He has looked after us since we were here.

That He loves us so much that He will always take care of us.

That there is bad and good but in the end there will only be good.

God loves us and has cared for us since we were made and will continue to look after us, and care for us.

It is our choice of what we do.

That He loves us and wants us to work together.

Do we have a part to play in bringing about Shalom?

Yes, we just need to make good choices.

Yes we do. We make the choices and to be loyal, to be true to ourselves.

Yes. If we don't it'll be chaos.

Yes, because He put us here to take care of this world.

Yes, we still have control over our selves.

We have the choices, if we want Shalom. But we still have to be respectful.

Yes, because it's our choices that affect it.