Preassessment Statements

Keep this list of statements to refer to throughout this unit. Notice how your thinking about these statements changes as you learn new things during the unit.

* God created all the world.
* Even though bad things sometimes happen, the world is basically good.
* Even though good things sometimes happen, the world is basically bad.
* Catholics must believe that God created the world in seven days, because that is what the Bible says.
* We can achieve redemption (or salvation) through our own efforts.
* Original Sin means that people are pre-programmed to do evil things.
* The Scriptures contain figurative language and symbols that are not intended to be taken literally.
* Original Sin came into the world when Adam and Eve chose to focus on themselves rather than on God.
* Bad things that happen in the world are God’s fault.
* Bad things that happen in the world are the fault of human beings.
* All people need God’s grace in order to be redeemed.