

LOVE IN ACTION



CARE OF CREATION



The earth is God's gift to us. We are stewards of creation and have a responsibility to treat it with respect.



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PRESENTATION OUTLINE

- The whole world was created by God. The trees. The animals. The plants. The birds. The sun and the moon. The water and the earth.
- It is God's gift to us. God asked us to look after it, to care for it. The earth is a thing of beauty.
- Think about going for a walk in the countryside. Or if you have been to the beach and seen the sea.
- The earth has plants and animals which provide us with food to eat and help us stay healthy.
- The ways in which we treat the earth, however, can damage it. We pollute the rivers and effect our water supply. We chop down trees without thinking about the consequences.
- If everyone on the planet consumed the produce of the earth at the same rate as we do in the UK, we would need more than two planets to sustain all of our needs.



Genesis 1:29-31

SCRIPTURE

God said, 'See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.' And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good.

- Simple things like turning off the tap helps save water, and means the complicated systems to clean our water would not need to happen as often.
- Being careful not to tread on flowers, or break branches from trees, means the plants and trees stay healthy and can do one of their jobs – turning carbon dioxide, too much of which is bad for us, into oxygen, which we need to breathe and live.

ACTIVITY



Can everyone be encouraged to grow something, even some cress on kitchen paper, to watch it grow and develop over the days, and realising what goes into creation?

Discuss being good stewards. Can the children find out about recycling and do this around the school/ church building?



For the times when we have taken the earth for granted. Lord, we are sorry. R/

For the times when we have hurt your creation. Lord, we are sorry. R/

For the times when we have not looked after the planet. Lord, we are sorry. R/

Loving God, thank you for the birds of the air and the fish of the sea, the trees and plants, the water and earth. Help me to care for all of your creation.

Amen.