



Catholic Social Teaching Half Term Project

Looking after the Earth

God gave our planet, our 'Common Home,' as a beautiful gift. It is up to us to take care of it.



The information below contains Bible verses, Bible stories and links to videos to support your conversations at home and help with the different activities shown on the back of this sheet.

Genesis 1:31
God saw all that he had made, and it was Good.

Psalm 24:1
The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world and all who live in it.

Colossians 1:16-17
For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible... all things have been created through him and for him.



Bible stories

Click the image to be taken to an appropriate video version of the story.







Creation Story (Genesis 1-2)



Noah and the ark (Genesis 6-9)



People Who Have Championed Caring for the Earth

CATHOLIC ROLE MODELS		OTHER INSPIRING FIGURES	
St. Francis of Assisi  Loved all creatures and saw the Earth as a gift from God	Pope Francis  Spoke and wrote about our duty to protect the planet	Sir David Attenborough  Showed the beauty of nature and warned of environmental harm	Greta Thunberg  Raised awareness about climate change at a young age

Links to online videos (click on the QR code to access)





Ideas for discussion and activities at home

Here are some activities that your child can do with you at home over the holiday. These activities are optional, so please feel free to select the ones that suit your child and what you can do at home. You can do as many or as little as you'd like. There are some Bible stories on the front of the sheet that you can share with your child and talk about after.



Time for talk

Why is it important to look after the Earth?

Chat about this as a family.

Make a Bird Feeder or Bug Hotel

God wants us to care for all his creatures.

Create a simple bird feeder (using pinecones, peanut butter, and seeds) or a bug hotel from sticks and leaves.

Nature Photo

Are you a budding photographer?

Take a photo of something that represents God's creation.

Make sure you really think about how you want the photo to look.

Planting

Plant flowers, herbs, or vegetables in the garden or in pots. Take a photo of you planting with your family.

As you plant, pray together that God will bless the growth and help you be good caretakers of His creation.

Litter Pick

Go out together with gloves and a bag to pick up litter in your neighbourhood or local park.

Make sure you are always with an adult and that you use gloves to protect your hands.

Nature Poster

Using natural materials, design a poster that celebrates something to do with God's creation.

Nature Walk

Go for a walk in a park or garden. As you walk, look for things God has made – flowers, trees, birds, clouds.

Thank You Prayer

Write a thank you prayer to God, thanking him for the wonderful world he has given us and how you will help to keep it special.

Share what you have done so we can celebrate your hard work!

Once you have completed your task, why not upload it to our Padlet. Simply upload a photo and write a few sentences describing what you do. Scan the QR code to access the page. Please note, once we have approved it, anything you upload will be public for others to see. We'll share the Padlet in celebration assembly and on our website so everyone can see what you've done.

