

## Caring for Creation

Friday of Respect Life Week – January 2022

### Giving to the World

Grades 1-3

**Goal:** To introduce children to the concept that God has given us a beautiful gift in the creation of the entire world around us. Students will explore creation and see how caring for it is a prayer of thanksgiving to God.

**Materials:** Sustainability for Kids ([video link](#))  
What Does It Mean to Be Green? ([video link](#))

**Watch:** These videos explain that we are supposed to treat the earth with respect and not waste its resources. They introduce the topic of sustainability and what it means to be "green." It shows us that it is possible to both live sustainably and enjoy earth's resources.

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#### Questions for Discussion

What does it mean to be "green?"

Is it important to be "green?" Why or why not?

What are some ways you can be "green?"

Does being "green" show love and respect for God's earth?

**Activity:**

1. "Do": Have students go around the classroom to identify items to discard, recycle, or put away.
2. "Commit": Give each student a piece of green paper. Ask them to draw or write ways that they will be "green" this week at home.

#### **Prayer:**

Father, we thank you with all your wonderful creatures and all of the beautiful plants and flowers on our earth. Everything in creation came forth from you; they are yours, filled with your presence and your tender love. Help us to always treat your creation with love and respect.

Amen

*Lesson adapted from the plans on the Archdiocese of Los Angeles Office of Life, Justice and Peace website.*