Caring for Creation

Friday of Respect Life Week – October 2021

Giving to the World

PK-K

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: He’s Got the Whole World in his Hands (video link)  The Creation Story (video link)

Watch: These videos show that it is important to have a good relationship with creation because God wants us to take care of it just as He takes care of us. Caring for creation is a way to thank God for the resources He has given to us and recognize His presence in nature.

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Questions for Discussion
What do we learn about the way God created the world?
Is God far away from us or is He very much involved in how the world works?
Does God seem happy with his creation? Why or why not?
Who did God put in charge of the animals and the garden?
How do you think Adam and Eve took care of the animals and the garden?

Activity: Have students draw a picture of their pet or an animal they would like to have as a pet. Then have them share about their pet's personality, its habitat (whether at home or in nature), how they take care of it, and why it is important in their lives.

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

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