

## Caring for Creation

**Friday of Respect Life Week – October 2021**

### 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:** He's Got the Whole World in his Hands ([video link](#))  
The Creation Story ([video link](#))

**Watch:** The purpose of these videos is to introduce the idea that God created all things, including the students! Not only did God create all things, He loves them and cares for them. In the creation story, human beings are given the task of caring for creation as God does.

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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:** Creation ABCs: Call on a student and ask them to name something that God created that starts with the letter A. Go through each letter of the alphabet naming all the wonderful things God has created.  
And/or  
Craft Activity: Have students create a picture of their favorite animal using recycled materials, i.e. old paper scraps.

The purpose of the creation ABCs activity is to reiterate that God created all things and loves them. The craft activity encourages the students to create an image of a member of creation that they love while caring for creation by using recycled paper.

#### **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.