

**Caring for Creation  
Appreciating God's Gift of Our World  
PreK, TK and Kindergarten Lesson**



**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” song—see website link

The Creation Story video—see website link

*The Lorax* book (or animated narration—see website link)

clear plastic cups, cotton balls, beans

**Lesson:**

Have the children gather in a circle on the floor.

Play and sing the song, “He’s Got the Whole World in his Hands”.

Talk about what the song means—that there is nothing in creation that God did not intend and find to be good. From the mountains to the trees to all of the creatures on the earth to each and every person, God created them all just the way he wanted them to be.

**Scripture:** Watch the Creation Story short video.

What do we learn about the way God created the world? Was it random or purposeful? Is God far away from us or is he very much involved in how the world works? Does he seem happy with his creation? Why or why not?

**Read or Watch:** *The Lorax*

Questions for Discussion:

- What was the land of the Lorax like before the Once-ler arrived? Did it seem like someplace you'd like to live? What parts of your own environment would you be sad to see go?

- What kind of person is the Once-ler? Why won't he listen to the Lorax? The Lorax says to the Once-ler, "You are crazy with greed." Why does the Lorax say that? Do you agree or disagree?
- Why does the Lorax speak for the trees? Why is it important to speak up for others? Have you ever spoken up for someone else? Has someone else ever spoken up for you?
- How does the Once-ler's Thneed business hurt the land of the Lorax? What happens to the Swomee-swans, the Brown Bar-ba-loots, and the Humming-fish? How could things have been different if the Once-ler listened to the Lorax?
- What do you think the boy hearing the story will do with the Truffula seed that the Once-ler tosses to him? What would you do if you were the boy?
- Do you think the Lorax and his friends will come back if new Truffula Trees grow? Where do you think they have been?

### **Activity:**

Growing Beans: Give each student a clear plastic cup to fill with cotton balls. Slightly moisten the cotton balls, then put the bean into the cup near the side so students can watch it grow. Follow the instructions on the webpage about watering the bean every day. Students will be able to watch the roots develop and the bean plant sprout. Each day you can talk about how amazing it is that God put all of the information about how to grow an entire plant into every bean! What amazing information did God put into each of us that guides how we grow and develop?

### **Pray:**

**Father, we praise you with all your wonderful creatures  
and all of the beautiful plants and flowers on our earth.**

**Everything in creation came forth from your all-powerful hand;  
they are yours, filled with your presence and your tender love.**

**Help us to always treat your creation with love and respect.**

**Praise be to you!  
Amen**

