

First Step to Service

Worksheet

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LEARN

We show respect for God through our stewardship of creation. Caring for the earth is a requirement of our faith. We are called to protect people and the planet, living our faith in relationship with all of God's creation. This environmental challenge has fundamental moral and ethical dimensions that cannot be ignored.

God made the heavens and the earth and it was good. ~ Genesis 1:1-31

PRACTICE

Some examples of caring for creation are:

- **Reduce!** Cut down on the amount of trash you throw away in a day. For example, instead of grabbing a new water bottle - try refilling one bottle for the whole day before discarding it.
- **Reuse!** Donate your gently used clothes, shoes or household items to a local shelter.
- **Recycle!** Use your recycle bins instead of trash bins for things like plastic, soda cans, or glass jars.

Take a short 10-minute break from electronics, television, movies and games today. During this break, find a way to show your care for creation. What will you do today?

- _____
- _____
- _____

Name some other examples of how you can care for God's creation at home, at school, or in your local community:

- When we go grocery shopping, mom always brings her own reusable bags.
- _____
- _____
- _____

There are a lot of scripture references about caring for God's creation. Can you name one?

Hint: visit www.usccb.org if you need help.

- PSALM: _____
- DANIEL: _____
- MATTHEW: _____
- OTHER: _____

THINK & DISCUSS

- Think about some of the things you do on a daily basis, and what you could possibly do in a different way to conserve resources, and show that you are caring for the Earth and all of God's creations?

For example: While brushing your teeth each day, turn the water off and then back on when needed instead of letting it run.



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