



CREATING SPACES
TO SHARE OUR STORIES
AND BUILD FRIENDSHIPS ACROSS DIVIDES

How can we care for our planet? – CHRISTIANITY

Background:

Christians believe that God created the world and that he has given us responsibility to take care of it. When we walk up a beautiful mountain or play on a sandy beach, we can feel close to God. When we see litter left lying around or see the impact of plastic on the environment it can causes us pain, it is not what God intended.

The story today is written in the form of a poem. It comes from the Old Testament part of the bible called book of Psalms and was written by King David as an act of worship. He describes his wonder at creation and the privilege he feels to be given the responsibility of caring for the world that God has created.



God's Beautiful World - (Story can be found on back)

Follow up questions:

1. Can you think of a time when you have been out in the world and felt a sense of wonder at its beauty in the same way that King David did?
2. Is it ever OK to use the world's resources without worrying about whether we are taking care of the planet too?
3. Can you think of any examples of projects you are aware of that are caring for the environment beyond your school community?
4. If you could make the world a better place and bring about one change what would it be? Can you think of any action you want to take as a result of your reflection?

God's Beautiful World

This poem was written by King David and can be found in the book of Psalms. It describes the wonder and awe he feels when he looks at the world God had created and reflects on his responsibility to rule wisely over it.

When I look at the sky, which you have made,
at the moon and the stars, which you set in their places—
what are human beings, that you think of them;
mere mortals, that you care for them?

Yet you made them inferior only to yourself;
you crowned them with glory and honour.
You appointed them rulers over everything you made;
you placed them over all creation:
sheep and cattle, and the wild animals too;
the birds and the fish
and the creatures in the seas.

O Lord, our Lord,
your greatness is seen in all the world!

(This poem was taken from Psalm 8 in the Good News Bible)