

How can you show that you care about God's creation?

# God Loves the World



## Prayer

*Jesus, help me take care of God's world. Then I can show my love for all of creation.*

## Caring for Our World

God made our world. That is why it is beautiful. We help keep it beautiful. We take care of the animals and plants. We do this for ourselves. We do this for our **neighbors**. We do this for God.



### Did You Know?

Forests are special places. They give animals homes. They keep our air clean. They even give us important medicines.

## *Caring for God's Creatures*

Matt and Kara were playing by a pond when Matt saw something move. “What is it?” asked Matt. It was a small, scared turtle. They ran to Mom and Dad and asked, “Can we keep it?”

“No,” they replied. Dad said this was a healthy turtle. “God made special homes for these turtles. We have to care for God’s world.”

Dad gently placed the turtle by the water. Plop! Into the water it crawled and swam away.

Everyone smiled. “God’s world is a beautiful place,” said Dad.



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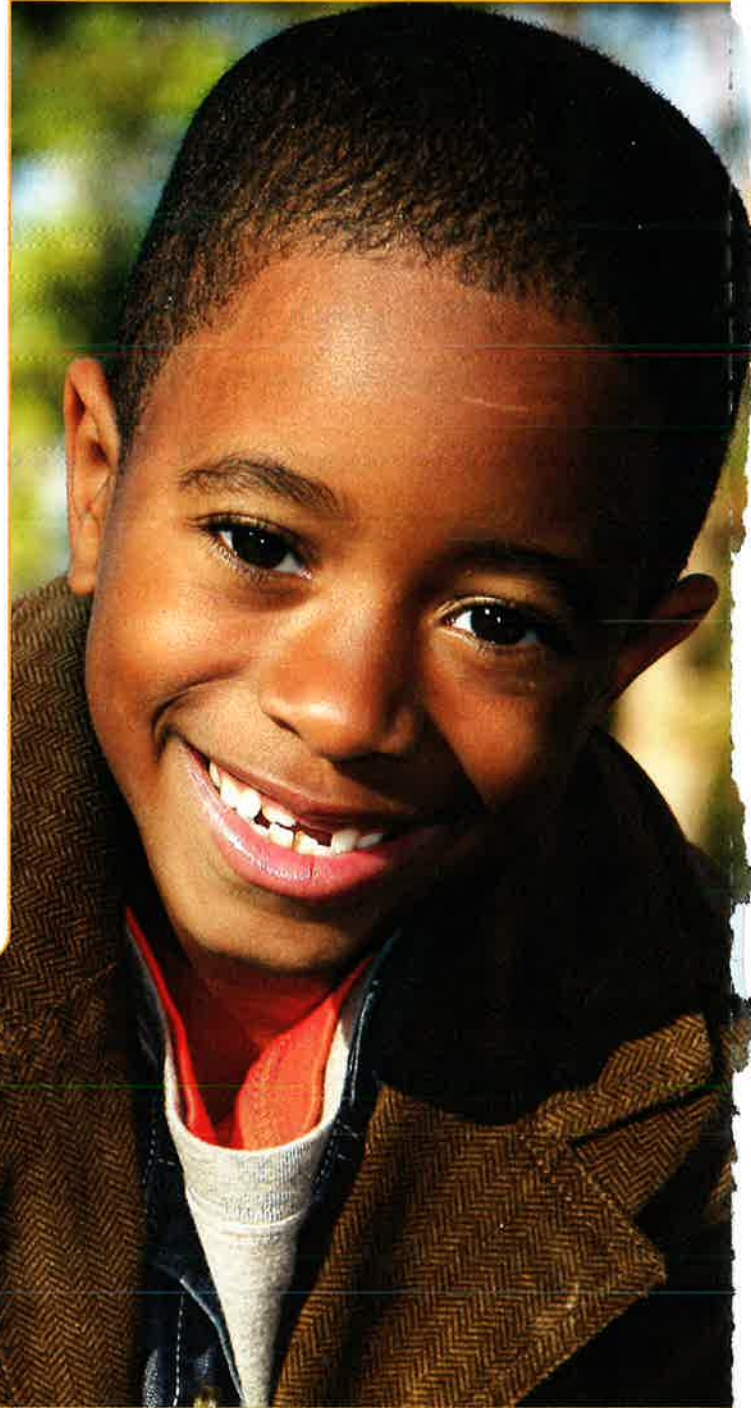


## Prayer

### A Nature Prayer

Imagine you are outside. It is your favorite kind of day. Maybe you see clouds. Maybe you feel a gentle breeze. Look around. Maybe you see your favorite animals too. You can see all of your favorite things that God created.

God loves us. He fills our lives with beautiful things. Thank God for these things. Tell him how you will care for them. Listen in your heart to what God wants you to know.



## What Can You Do?

How will you care for God's world?  
Draw a picture and write a sentence.



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### Link to Liturgy

At the end of Mass, we go in peace to show our love for God and all of creation.

## Faith Summary

God made a beautiful world. He wants us to care for plants and animals. We take care of them for ourselves and others.

### Word I Learned

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### Ways of Being Like Jesus

Jesus cared for the gifts God gave him. *Care for God's world. Be kind to every living thing.*



#### Prayer

*Thank you, God, for this beautiful world. I will care for the wonderful things you have given me.*

### With My Family

**Activity** Talk with your family about making your porch or yard animal-friendly. Can you make and hang a birdhouse or a bird feeder?

**Faith on the Go** Ask one another: *What's one thing you can do every day to take care of our beautiful world?*

**Family Prayer** *Dear God, we are so grateful for your gift of this beautiful world. Guide our steps every day to help us respect and protect all you've created.*