



Protecting God's world – caring for creation

THE SERIES AT A GLANCE

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 3 meetings of 5 minutes

 Discovering that God has entrusted his world to us, and helping in practical ways to protect it

 Preparation: 5 min

 **How to use the series:** Use one part in each of three meetings in a row. At the start, briefly recall the previous part.

1 Part 1: Work it and take care of it

Bible: Genesis 2:15

God made the world and put people in his garden – with a task: “Work it and take care of it.” We are not owners but gardeners. Go outside and pick up litter for five minutes (with gloves!). Then talk: What did you find? How did it get there?

 **Question:** Where can you be a “gardener” for God’s world this week?

 **Prayer:** *Father in heaven, thank you for your beautiful world. Help me to take good care of it. Amen.*



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2 Part 2: Everything belongs to God

Bible: Psalm 24:1

"The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it." Water, trees, animals, even the food on our plate – everything is a gift from God, not only for us but for all people. Do a check: how much water, electricity and food do we use at camp or at home? Where do we waste things? Collect three ideas for saving.

 **Question:** Which idea for saving will you put into practice?

 **Prayer:** *Lord Jesus, everything belongs to you. Help me not to waste anything and to share with others. Amen.*

3 Part 3: God loves his animals

Bible: Psalm 104:24

"How many are your works, Lord! In wisdom you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures." God made every animal with love – from the earthworm to the whale. Spend ten minutes outside looking for as many different animals as possible (beetles, birds, tracks) and watch them without disturbing them. Think: how can we help animals – e.g. a water bowl in summer, a bug hotel, not letting dogs run loose in the woods?

 **Question:** Which animal would you like to help?

 **Prayer:** *Dear God, thank you for all your animals. Help us to protect them and treat them well. Amen.*

For leaders

- Let a child read the prayer aloud – it builds confidence.
- Two or three answers to the question are enough. Nobody has to say anything.