



The task: to work it and take care of it

AT A GLANCE



Bible

Genesis 2:15 and 1:28



Topic

Responsibility for creation



Takeaway

Faith also shows in how we use resources



10–15 minutes



Object: a jar of soil and a seed



Preparation: 10 min



indoors or by the fire



Make it personal: In two sentences, share something you have experienced yourself on the topic "Responsibility for creation". Real stories stick best.



How the devotion works

2 min

Opening

Show the jar and the seed. Ask: Who does the earth actually belong to?

3 min

Bible text

Read Genesis 2:15: God puts the human being in the garden "to work it and take care of it". Compare this with Genesis 1:28, where the word is "rule".

5 min

Thought

"Rule" has often been misunderstood as a licence to exploit. Genesis 2:15 makes it clear: this is about stewardship, not ownership – like a gardener responsible for a garden that does not belong to her. Climate crisis, loss of species, consumption: for us as Christians and scouts, this is part of our calling.

5 min

Conversation

Where do we as a group live more like "rulers" than "keepers"? What will we change concretely at our next camp?



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Prayer to read aloud

Creator, the earth is yours and we are only guests. Forgive us where we destroy without thinking. Give us the courage to make changes that cost us something. Amen.

To think further

- Is caring for the environment a question of faith, a political question – or both?
- Which one habit do you want to change over the next four weeks?

For leaders

- Leave room for doubts and critical questions – an honest conversation matters more than a quick answer.
- As a leader, feel free to share a personal experience.
- With heavy topics, keep an eye on who is struggling and be available afterwards.

 **Section:** Well-known Bible stories. You will find matching group meetings and more devotions at scouts-cloud.com.