

CALL to FAITH

GRADE One
CHAPTER Three
Care for Creation

Objectives

- God's gifts of creation are meant for everyone
- God gave us the job of caring for all God created
- Caring for all living things is our way of thanking God for his love and gifts

Step One: Invite: Name your personal experience

- Have you ever taken care of a pet or a garden or a tree or another person? Talk about what that was like. What did you need to do? Why did you do it?
- Look outside, or take a walk around your neighborhood or go to a park: Can you tell who is taking care of creation and who is not? How can you tell?
- Draw a picture of some living part of creation that you love and want to take care of.

Step Two: Explore: Understand the meaning of God's Word and Teaching

- Read the creation story on p.44. What is the most important thing God asked Adam and Eve to do with all that was created?
- Look at the Words of Faith on p. 45. Are you a good caretaker? Is there anything or anyone that you do not treat with care and respect? How can you change?
- Make a thank you card that tells God how much you love him and are grateful for all you have. Hang your card in a special place.
- Read Luke 13:6-9 about the fig tree. Why did the tree have no fruit? Why do you think the care of a good caretaker would help it bear fruit?
- Look in the newspaper for a group that needs help caring for God's creation and offer to volunteer at least one day. Maybe it will be with animals, or nature, or helping clean up trash or tidying up someone's yard that cannot do it themselves. Be a generous caretaker.

Step Three: Celebrate: Offer prayers of praise and thanksgiving

- Complete the Unit Review on p. 49
- Write a prayer that tells God how you feel about creation and the Creator.
- Pray the prayer together.

Faith Activities: Tips

- Throughout each chapter, there will be sections marked "Activity."
- Feel free to choose as many activities as you wish to share with your family. At a minimum, choose one activity above and beyond what might be mentioned in Steps 1-3.
- Follow the directions for the activity, share popcorn or a treat, relax and enjoy it.
- Post any artwork until the next lesson and then use the next chapter's activity to take its place.