

GRADE Five  
CHAPTER Two  
Worshipping God

### Objectives

- To realize that we owe God thanks every day
- To learn to respect God's creation and to care for it
- To learn the connection between providence and stewardship
- To determine ways to work for a better environment

### Step One: Invite: Name your personal experience

- Draw a picture of five things God created that you are very grateful for. Discuss your drawing with your family.
- Read the story about Chico Mendes and his friends on p. 50-51. Answer these questions:
  - o Why did Chico organize the rubber tree workers?
  - o What did he succeed in doing?
  - o Did everyone like what Chico did? Who are some people who did not like his care of creation?
- Look at Words of Faith on p. 53. What is the relationship between providence and stewardship? Who's job is providence? Who's job is stewardship?
- What does it feel like to know that you, a human being, are the crown of all of God's creation?

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

- Make a chart with three columns. Title column one, Reduce; column two, Reuse; and column three, Recycle. List at least three practical things you and your family could do to be good stewards of God's providence, in each column. Draw a picture that illustrates each choice.
- Make a list of the seven sacraments. Next to each sacrament, name something God created that is used in the sacrament.
- Do an action like Chico Mendes. Call your city's Mayor's Office and ask if your family may interview the mayor to see how your city reduces, reuses and recycles creation. As a family, make a list of the questions you will use when you visit the mayor.

### Step Three: Celebrate: Offer prayers of praise and thanksgiving

- Have each family member who can write, compose a psalm that thanks God for his providence and praises him for creation. For inspiration look at the psalm on p. 54 or go to your Bible and look up the Book of Psalms.
- Use each person's psalm for prayer during this week, one at a time.

### 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

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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.