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## Teachers Resources Guide

4th Edition – Caring for God's Creation



### Highlights:

- Discussion Questions
- Puzzle Solutions
- Resources Links
- Activities & More



## THE CALL TO CARE FOR THE PLANET (front page)

### ***Discussion Questions:***

**“The smallest contributions could make a huge impact.”**

- What small contributions can you make?
- Why does each person need to contribute?
- What will happen if you do not contribute? Would that be a sin?

### ***Additional Resources:***

#### **Activities:**

- What are some things you can do to prevent waste?
- Create a “pre” cycle campaign. Use video, slides, etc.
- [Department of Environmental Conservation](#) - Lessons Plans for PreK-12
- Learn360: [The Power of Nature](#) (Gr. 6-8) -- How nature gives us clues on how to improve alternative sources of energy.

## *THE WORLD IS A GIFT* *pg.2)*

#### **Activities:**

- Start a nature journal. Collect observations and artifacts.
- Create a music video using nature sounds.
  - Record sounds
  - Take pictures

## **Resources:**

- Learn360: [Our Precious Earth](#) (Gr. 3-5) (Teacher Guide included)
- <https://www.nycgovparks.org/park-features/virtual-tours>
- [https://vault.sierraclub.org/education/nature\\_journal.asp](https://vault.sierraclub.org/education/nature_journal.asp)
- [https://www.cosmickids.com/category/watch/?video\\_category=mindfulness&changed=video\\_category](https://www.cosmickids.com/category/watch/?video_category=mindfulness&changed=video_category)
- <https://bronxzoo.com/virtual-zoo>

## ***Additional Resources:***

### **Learn360:**

- [Little Earth Charter-Life](#)
- [Little Earth Charter-Interconnected](#)
- [Little Earth Charter-Family](#)
- [Little Earth Charter-Past](#)
- [Little Earth Charter-Earth](#)
- [Little Earth Charter-Peace](#)
- [Little Earth Charter-Love](#)
- [Little Earth Charter-Future](#)
- [Our Mother Earth](#)

### **EducationCity Resources:**

- [Earth Day Resources](#)

## ***WHAT IS SPECIAL ABOUT EARTH DAY THIS YEAR?***

- Has the coronavirus (Covid-19) had an effect on the environment?
- Find statistics to show some ways it has had an impact.
  - **Ex: carbon emission, animal life, pollution, etc.**

**ART ON THE WALLS (pg.2)**  
**(ART/ELA)**

- Choose one piece to reflect on. What message is the artist trying to tell us?
- Create your own art piece.



**ASK SR. ELIZABETH**  
**(RELIGION)**

- Create a virtual prayer wall. Let students add intentions on your Google Classroom stream. Prayers can be said for special intentions (environment) or in honor of someone, e.g. Bishop DiMarzio.

## ***DIOCESAN HISTORY CORNER***

*(pg. 4)*

### **Care of Our Common Home**

#### **Reflect on one of these quotes from Laudato Si:**

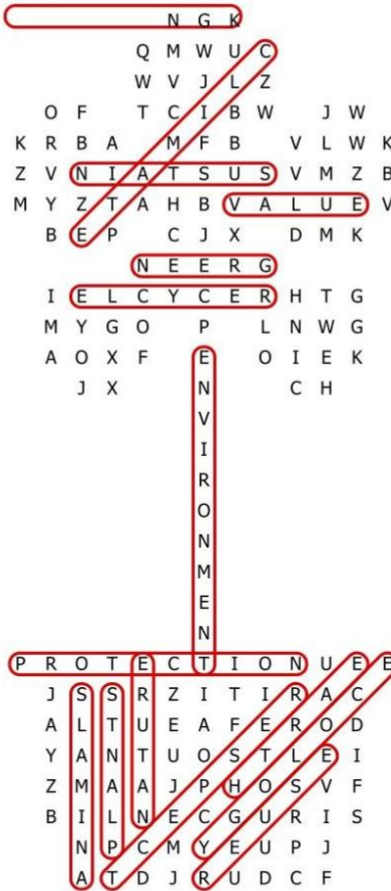
- “We are not God. The earth was here before us and it has been given to us.” (no. 67)
- “A fragile world, entrusted by God to human care, challenges us to devise intelligent ways of directing, developing, and limiting our power.” (no. 78)
- “Local individuals and groups can make a real difference. They are able to instill a greater sense of responsibility, a strong sense of community, a readiness to protect others, a spirit of creativity, and a deep love for the land.” (no. 179)

#### **Pope Francis’ Message:**

- <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/environment/upload/laudato-si-discussion-guide.pdf>
- [https://w2.vatican.va/content/dam/francesco/pdf/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco\\_20150524\\_enciclica-laudato-si\\_en.pdf](https://w2.vatican.va/content/dam/francesco/pdf/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco_20150524_enciclica-laudato-si_en.pdf)
- <https://laudatosi.com/watch>

**Word Search Answers:**

**Caring for God's Creations**



**WORD LIST:**

ANIMALS  
CLIMATE  
EARTH  
ECOLOGY

ENVIRONMENT  
GREEN  
NATURE  
PLANTS

PROTECTION  
RECYCLE  
RESPECT  
REUSE

SUSTAIN  
VALUE

## **Sadlier Earth Day Activities:**

### **(ELA)**

- <https://www.sadlier.com/school/ela-blog/printable-earth-day-writing-activities>
- <https://www.sadlier.com/school/ela-blog/earth-day-vocabulary-activity>

### **(Math)**

- <https://go.sadlier.com/school/earth-day-math-activities-for-middle-school-using-ratios-unit-rates-data-analysis>