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Made to Care

Let Us Pray

Leader: God, thank you for teaching us how to care for all of creation.

“Let everything that has breath
give praise to the LORD!” **Psalm 150:6**

All: Help us care for the things you have made.
Amen.

God's Word

God created human beings and said: “I am putting you in charge to care for all that I created.” God looked at everything that he had made, and he found it very good.

Based on Genesis 1:27–31

What Do You Wonder?

- How can you take care of God's creation?
- Why does God want people to care for what he made?



In God's Image

How are you a part of God's creation?

Catholic Faith Words

image of God the likeness of God that is in all human beings because we are created by him

God made people in his image, to be like him. Find out how we are special parts of creation.

How Are You Special?

Josh and his mother were making cookies. Josh held up a piece of dough. "First I want to make a head, then the arms and body...the legs are last. Look! I made a person! He is just like me!"

Josh's mother laughed. "He does look like you, Josh. But he is not just like you. How are you different?"

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Josh thought for a minute. "I am real. I can think, play, learn at school, and pray. I can hug you. And you can't eat me!"

"That's right, Josh," his mother said.

Gifts in Creation

Josh made a cookie that looked like him. But it was not really like him. God made all people in his image. We were all made in the **image of God** to be like him. That makes people the most special part of creation. We are each unique but all share God's image. This is why we respect all people of every age.

Creation is full of gifts from God. Some gifts are part of the world. Other gifts are inside of each person. Being able to think and make choices are two of those gifts.



Underline two gifts that are inside of each person.

Share Your Faith

Think Draw one thing about yourself that shows you are a sign of God's love.

Share Talk about what you like about this gift.

God's Command

What does God ask you to do?

Of all God's creatures, only humans can do things like make choices and show love. God the Father created us to know his love and share in his work. Listen to what he asked Adam and Eve to do.



Circle what God asked Adam and Eve to do.

Everything on Earth is part of God's creation.



God's Word

Take Care of What I've Given You

God made Adam and Eve to be like him. He said to them, "Have children to fill the earth. Use the earth for what you need. Here are plants with seeds, and animals, and birds. Take care of all that I have given you."

Based on Genesis 1:26-30





Show Love

God told Adam and Eve to care for his creation. God asks you to be a good caretaker, someone who treats his creation with care and respect. When you care for living things, you show your love for God. Caring is a way to thank God for all that he has given you.

Connect Your Faith

Fill it In Trace the words to complete the sentence that tells what God asked Adam and Eve to do.

Take care of all that I have given you.

Share your answer with a partner.



Our Catholic Life

How do you help take care of yourself?

You are one of God's greatest gifts! He made your body and your mind. God loves and cares for you very much. He wants you to help take care of yourself.



Check off the things you like to do best.

Take Care of Yourself

Care for Your Body

Eat good foods.

Keep your hair, teeth, and body clean.

Play and get exercise.

Get enough sleep at night.

Care for Your Mind

Listen to stories.

Do your best in school.

Make something.

Learn to do a new thing.



People of Faith

Saint Albert the Great, 1206–1280

Saint Albert was a German priest. He was very smart. He liked to learn about God's world. He looked carefully at spider webs. He studied the stars and the way they move. He spent hours looking at plants and watching animals. He even wrote a book on how to take care of falcons! Because of all the things he knew, he was given the title "the Great." Saint Albert loved all creation because it was made by God.



November 15

Discuss: Name one thing you like to look at when you are outside in God's world.



Learn more about Saint Albert at aliveinchrist.osv.com

Live Your Faith

Tell how you use the objects below to take care of yourself.



Name one way you will take care of yourself this week.



Let Us Pray

Prayer of Praise and Thanks

Gather and begin with the Sign of the Cross.

Leader: God made a wonderful world!
Give thanks to God for his wonderful world.

All: Thank you, thank you, thank you, God.

Leader: For pets and trees and carrots and peas,
And birds that fly and sing.

All: Thank you, thank you, thank you, God.

Leader: We sing our thanks and praise to you,
Every day and night!

We'll care for all that you have made,
We'll try with all our might!



All: Sing "All Things Bright and Beautiful"
All things bright and beautiful,
all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful:
the Lord God made them all.

Text based on Ecclesiastes 3:1f;
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YOUR CHILD LEARNED >>>

This chapter explains what it means to be made in God's image and how people have a special role in taking care of creation.

God's Word



Read **Genesis 1:27–31** to learn about how God asks us to take care of everyone and everything that was created.

Catholics Believe

- All creation is a gift from God. Humans are the most special part of creation.
- Everyone must help care for God's gifts.

To learn more, go to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* #374–379 at usccb.org.

People of Faith

This week, your child met Saint Albert the Great. Albert was one of the world's first scientists.

CHILDREN AT THIS AGE >>>

How They Understand Being Stewards of God's Creation

At the beginning of the school year, many first graders are still very much in what developmental theorists describe as the "egocentric" stage of development. They see the world as revolving around them and have difficulty seeing things from the perspective of others. Consequently, they have no difficulty grasping the idea that God made the world for them and that they have some responsibility in caring for what God has given them. Your child may need help, though, to discover practical ways in which he or she can be a good steward of God's creation.



CONSIDER THIS >>>

How do children distinguish between what they want and what they need?

This is a serious challenge when outside factors convince them that they need more than they really do. When Jesus proclaimed the eight Beatitudes he stated that "poverty of spirit would enable us to inherit the Kingdom of God. In other words, the first step on the road to joy begins with a healthy detachment from material goods" (*USCCA, p. 449*). If we want our children to know that joy, we must teach detachment to material goods through our own example.

LET'S TALK >>>

- Ask your child to name one thing people can do that the rest of God's creation cannot.
- Tell your child what makes him or her special to you.

LET'S PRAY >>>



Saint Albert, help us take care of all living things in the world, including the plants, the animals, and the people. Amen.



For a multimedia glossary of Catholic Faith Words, Sunday readings, seasonal and Saint resources, and chapter activities go to aliveinchrist.osv.com.

Chapter 3 Review

A Work with Words Look at each picture. Draw a line from the word or words to the picture that explains it.

Column A

1. Image of God

2. Caretaker

3. Adam and Eve

Column B



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B Check Understanding Trace the words to name one way you can take care of your body and one way you can take care of your mind.

4. play outside

5. read a book

