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LIVING FAITH

LOTM'S YOUTH AND FAMILY NEWSLETTER
IDEAS FOR PRACTICING FAITH AT HOME

IN THIS ISSUE:

Take time during your week to celebrate Earth Day and soak in the beauty of God's creation with these practical ideas! If you click on the underlined titles, it will bring you to the website with the material.



FOR THOSE THAT ARE YOUNG

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PRAY:

"Winter, Spring, Summer, Fall:
God in Heaven made them all.
The seasons change,
the weather too.
God's love for me is always true."

DO: [Earth Day Scavenger Hunt](#)

WATCH: ["It's Earth Day!"](#) By Mercer Mayer

READ: Creation Story (pg.3 of newsletter), then discuss the story together:

-What is your favorite part of creation?

-When God created the world, God used the word good to describe it. What other words would you use to describe God's creation?



FOR THOSE THAT ARE YOUNG AT HEART

DO: Make a DIY bird feeder!

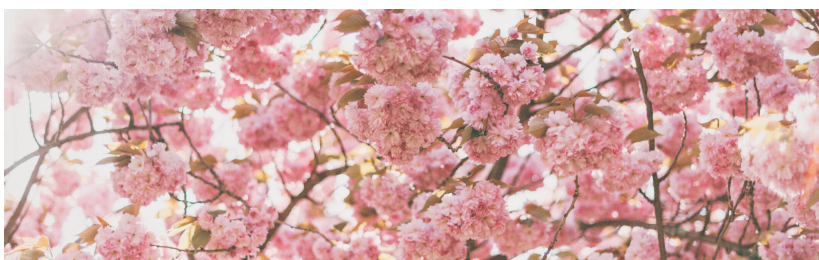
WATCH: Interview with the founder of Fridays for Future, Greta Thunberg

READ: Genesis 1 and Retelling of Creation Story (pg. 3 of newsletter), then think, journal or talk with someone about these questions:

-How does this retelling of the story add pictures or details to the Genesis story?

-What picture sticks out in your mind from the story?

-What do you think God is saying to you through this picture?



PRAY: "For trees, plants, crops, and forests. Let us pray. For water, oceans, rivers, streams and ponds. For air, wind, climate and weather. For sun, clean energy and prevention of global warming. For animals, especially endangered species. For all humankind. For recycling and moderate personal consumption. For proper use of chemicals and disposal of toxic waste. For Earth and unity. Creator God, we thank you for all of creation. We ask your forgiveness where we have failed to be just stewards. And we now ask for your guidance in restoring the face of the earth. May we learn to live in harmony, safety and just sharing of resources among all so that we achieve the kingdom of God. Peace be to this community. Peace be to this land. Peace be to all people."

RESOURCES:

For Those That Are Young:

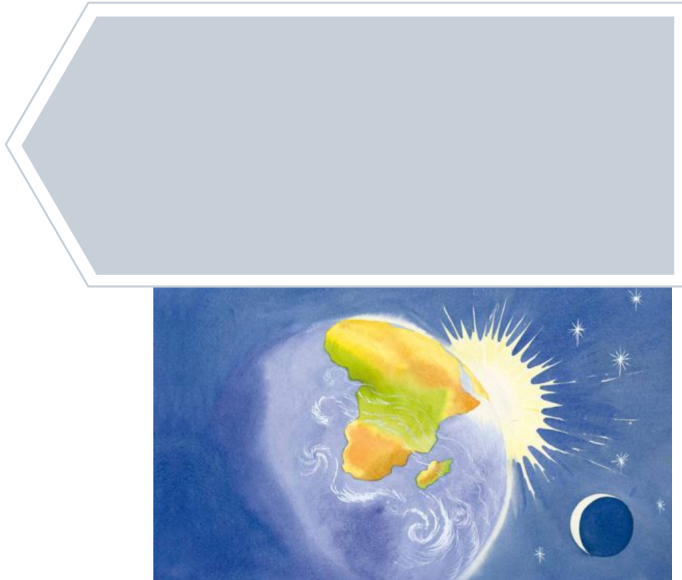
Prayer- Traci Smith, "Prayers for Faithful Families," *Changing Seasons*
Read- Traci Smith, "Faithful Families,"
pg. 56

For Those That Are Young At Heart:
Prayer-The Sisters of Mercy, Earth
Day Prayer.

<https://www.sistersofmercy.org/resources/prayer-earth-day/>

THE CREATION

*From Children of God Storybook Bible, Chapter One
Retold by Desmond Tutu. Edited by Douglas C. Abrams*



Genesis 1

In the very beginning, God's love bubbled over

On the fifth day.....

...God said, "Let there be birds to "fly and sing and fish to swim and splash." And the world was filled with the joyous sound of birdsong.

On the sixth day, God said, "Let there be animals—elephants and giraffes, cats and mice, and bees and bugs." And suddenly the world was a very noisy place.

But something was still missing. Then God said, "I will make people, and I'll make them like me so they can enjoy the earth and take care of it." He did just as he had said, and it was all so very, very good.

God looked at everything that he had made and clapped his hands together in delight. "Isn't it wonderful!"

when there was nothing else—no trees, no birds, no animals, no sky, no sea—only darkness. Out of this love, God spoke. "Let there be light." And there was day. And there was night. And when the first day was done, God smiled and knew that it was good.

On the second day, God said, "Let there be sky where the clouds can float and the wind can blow."

And the sky was bright blue and beautiful.

On the third day, God said, "Let the waters gather together into oceans and let the dry land appear." Now God decided to make the world even more dazzling, with tall trees and long grass. And then the first flower opened in all its glory.

On the fourth day, God said, "Let the sky be filled with the sun and the moon." And God scattered stars across the sky like sparkling

**Dear God,
help me to enjoy and care for your
beautiful earth.**

