

Grade 5 - Chapter 1

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Catechist Tips: Reaching All Learners - Aid Comprehension

Stewardship can be presented in as complex or as simple a manner as seems appropriate.

- Encourage gifted children to research issues such as global warming.
- Help the children with learning challenges describe their homes and yards as a way of identifying God's gifts of creation.

Catechist Tips: Personal Needs

Taking care of one's personal needs is a way to care for God's creation because each person deserves

- proper nutrition and hygiene
- medical attention when needed
- a safe environment for living and learning

Catechist Tips: Providence

God created a good world that he intended to bring to a state of even greater perfection.

- God guides the world by exercising over it his providence, or wise and loving care.
- Because God has endowed humans with intelligence and free will, they can choose to cooperate with his providence, but they can also deny him their cooperation.

Catechist Tips: Creation

Organize the large group into seven smaller groups and assign each group one of the following passages:

- Genesis 1:1-5
- Genesis 1:6-8
- Genesis 1:9-13

- Genesis 1:14-19
- Genesis 1:20-23
- Genesis 1:24-25
- Genesis 1:26-31

Invite the groups to read their passage together and determine a creative way to present it to the rest of the group. Encourage creativity! They may use skits, tableau, mime, music, art, or any means they choose. Give the children several minutes to work, and then have groups perform the passages in the correct sequence. After each sequence have the children pray: **And it was very good and we are very grateful for** ____ ([Name] *light, water, etc.*)

Catechist Tips: Give God Glory

Talk about how creation is filled with gifts that give glory to God. Show the class pictures you have brought of such things as barren land, burned out forests, and empty spaces. Have them choose one of the pictures and work in pairs with colored markers to re-draw the picture as it could give God glory if it were revived and cared for.

Glossary Activity: Stewardship

Have the children perform skits about the ten steps of stewardship.

- Invite the children to form ten groups.
- Ask each group to plan and act out a situation in which their step is not followed.
- After each skit, invite the group to suggest how following the step would improve the situation

Additional Activity: Ecosystems

Have the children work together to make a mural that shows the characteristics of the Earth's major ecosystems.

- The children may illustrate the mural with magazine photographs or drawings.
- Invite the children to compose a litany in which they thank God for each system.

Additional Activity: Make a Windsock

Distribute construction paper, crayons or markers, tape, and crepe paper streamers.

- Have the children draw a few of God's creations.
- Next, use tape to form the paper into a tube.
- Tape a handle of string or construction paper across one end and streamers on the other.