



Catholic Schools Week 2020

Catholic Schools: Living in Harmony with God's Creation



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS: LIVING IN HARMONY WITH GOD'S CREATION

26 JANUARY – 2 FEBRUARY 2020



From the Curriculum: Level 1

Christian Faith	Word of God
<p>Mystery of God</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • God is always with us • God loves and cares for every family • Creation • God created everything • God cares for all creation • God's creation is good 	<p>God's Loving Plan of Salvation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creation Story (Gn 1–2:3) • Psalm of Praise (Ps 8:1, 3, 7–9) • Creation is Wonderful (Ps 66:5) • Praise the Lord (Ps 104) • Praise the Lord (Ps 150) • Jesus' Public Life • Jesus Feeding the Five Thousand (Jn 6:1–13)
Liturgy and Prayer	Christian Morality
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Formal Prayer • Spontaneous Prayer • Additional Prayer • Praise the Lord (Ps 104) • Praise the Lord (Ps 150) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social Teaching of the Church • I can respect and care for all creation





Monday: Living in Harmony with God

27 January 2020

God's love is unbounded. It has no limits.

(Pope Francis, Twitter, 26 August 2014)



Consider: Who are some of the people that care about us?

How do those people show they care for us?
Who are the people that we care about?
How do we show people we care about them?



Prayer moment

Let us take a moment to remember all the people we care about. (pause)

When we talk to God, we pray.

We begin by blessing ourselves: *In the name of the Father...*

(Repeat after teacher)

Loving God, hear our prayer;

Help us care for each other and be good friends,

Today and always,

Amen.

Explore: God cares about us and wants us to care for others too.

When we are kind to each other, we make other people happy and ourselves happy.

When we do all these nice things, we make God happy too.

Think of the things we do every day to show we care (e.g. share, include everyone in our games, be nice to each other, etc.)

We talk to God when we pray. God cares about us and will always be there, he never forgets us. When we are scared, or worried or happy or sad, God will always listen.



Reflect

Jesus taught his friends to pray to God our Father.

We can say this prayer together:

Our Father, who art in heaven...

We learn to live like Jesus, caring for each other.

God's love is something we show when we are kind to each other.

When we love each other we are sharing God's love.

When we are kind to each other, we are showing how much we love God.

God teaches us to always show respect to each other and to the world that he has created for us.



Act

Recall the children's favourite story about Jesus.



Teacher Tip: You may wish to choose from the following:

Grow in Love Junior Infants:

- Jesus and the Children (Mk 10:13-16), Theme 7, Lesson 2
- 'Love One Another' (Mt 22:37-39), Theme 7, Lesson 2
- The Great Commandment (Mt 22:34-40; Mk 12:28-34; Lk 10:25-8), Theme 5 Lesson 3

Grow in Love Senior Infants:

- Jesus and the Children (Mt 19:13-15), Theme 6, Lesson 2
- The Great Commandment, (Mt 22:34-40), Theme 10, Lesson 1

I share God's love



Draw a picture of the ways you share God's love.



Tuesday: Living in Harmony with our Neighbours

28 January 2020

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Consider how we treat each other in our school.

Think about the words we use every day when we talk to each other in our school.

Do we use nice words? Do we help people when they are sad? Are we good friends to each other?

Prayer moment

We bless ourselves: *In the name of the Father...*

(Repeat after teacher)

Loving God, hear our prayer;

Help us to love, be kind and care,

Amen.

Explore

Did you ever get hurt? What happened?

Did someone care for you?

What did that person do?

If you saw someone get hurt, what would you do?

Reflect

Think about all the times today we can say, 'Do you want to play with me?'; 'You're a good friend'; 'Sorry I wasn't very nice today'; etc. When we show kindness to others, when we are a good friend, when we are sorry for something silly we did, we are showing God that we want to be good neighbours, like Jesus taught us.

Act

Praying is just talking to God. Think of something you want to say to God. Tell God what you want to tell him without talking. Sometimes when we are really quiet, it's easier to pray and tell God how we feel.





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Draw a picture of you being a good friend to someone in school, doing something nice at home for someone and something you will do that would show God you care.





Thursday: Living in Harmony with the Earth

30 January 2020

Consider the world around us.

Sometimes we see rubbish thrown on roads and streets. We see videos of the Amazon jungle burning and scientists telling us that the world is getting hotter.

Prayer moment

In the name of the Father...

(Repeat after teacher)

God our Father,

Help us to make the world a better place to live in,

Amen.



Explore

How can the earth hurt? What might make the earth sad? Have you seen anything in God's creation that might make you sad?

Reflect

How can we say make the world a better, cleaner place to live in? Reflect on the school Green Flag work. Do we turn off our lights? Do we waste water? Do we pick up rubbish? When we make the world a better place to live in, we are helping to make God's creation as beautiful and wonderful as it can be.

Act

As a class, take a walk around the school and pick up any litter in or around the school. Design posters in the room showing the ways we make God's creation a nicer, cleaner, healthier place to live in.





Friday: Living in Harmony in our Catholic Schools

31 January 2020

Consider: Who are the people in our school?

There are lots of different ways we care about each other in our school. Chat to each other about a time someone was your friend in the school. Remember something you learned doing *Grow in Love* this year. What was it? Why did you like it?

Prayer moment

In the name of the Father...

(Repeat after teacher)

God our Father,

Thank you for bringing us together to live like Jesus wants to in our school.

Amen.

Explore

Jesus wants us to be a school that lives like he did.

Sometimes we pray together to God.

Sometimes we sing songs about how much Jesus loves us.

When we see a cross it helps us to remember that God has promised to love us forever.

When we are kind to each other, we are being more like Jesus.

Act

Any *Grow in Love* song the children like.

