

## EARTH DAY COLLECTION

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## **Earth Day Collection**

Most people understand the idea of earth-keeping. We have been taught to recycle and have heard about our carbon footprint. For Christians, the earth-keeping responsibility is a command. The writer of Genesis says "And God saw everything that he had made, and it was very good" (1:31). Then God gives to people a daunting task when He calls us to be stewards, caretakers, or gardeners of all of creation (Genesis 1:28). God created the world and he gives us the opportunity to "manage" it on his behalf.



Check out all the great Kids Corner resources that you can share and explore together with your family—all about caring for God's world.

Signs of Life Scavenger Hunt Together as a family, look out of your window, or go for a spring or summer nature hunt outside! As you go through the scavenger hunt activities, read Psalm 100, all about praising God for the life he has given us.

Kids in Action videos

<u>Horses</u> Kids in Action spends a day on a farm that's a sanctuary for rescued and retired horses. Hosts Jessica and Malachi demonstrate how they care for horses here and talk about how these horses care for them too.

<u>CN Tower Climb for World Wildlife Fund</u> Kids In Action host Maya meets Mikayla climbs up one of the tallest buildings in the world to raise funds to help nature and wildlife thrive.

<u>Sorting Our Garbage</u> Kids in Action host Simone interviews a bunch of kids who decided that the best place to start to care for God's creation was at their school, and the best thing to do was to sort their garbage.

God's Blessing in the Barn Cross country runner Dally raises livestock on his family's farm in Gallup, New Mexico. What does it take to showcase livestock in 4 H competitions at the county, state, and national levels?

**Devotions and Parent Blogs** 

Wow! Creation Which of God's creations amaze you most?

Care for God's World Think of things you can do to take care of God's world.

Your Smallest and Biggest Teachers Take time today to find something new in nature.

Wonderful Creation, from Lions to Leviathans All parts of creation give glory to God.

Earth Day: God's Gift of Trees God takes care of the land and all things that grow.

We need to think back to Eden and learn how to care for all things with respect: the environment, water, animals, plants, farmland, and all resources. Earth-keeping also calls for us to teach our children to sort out our wants from our needs, so that we can share God's created planet with other people living in other areas

of the world and share it with those yet to be born. By doing this, we respond to God's command to be his servants.

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