

Year 3

Stewardship of God's world

BIG QUESTION: How are all things connected?



Conservation—means protecting our natural resources for the future generations' well being and looking after the environment.

Environment—is our world in we and all life needs to thrive.

Stewardship—means looking after God's gift of the world so that it will be a better place for the next generation to live in.

Less economically developed countries – LECDs refers to countries that are not as developed as others.

Christians believe that they will be held responsible by God for how they have tried to protect the environment. Therefore it is important to work with groups who work for the conservation of the worlds resources.

Key Vocabulary

conservation

environment

stewardship

ecology



Task: Have a look at what Scripture says about God's creation.

- **Genesis 1:1-28** Creation Story
- **Genesis 9:8-17** God's Covenant with Noah and all creation
- **Psalm 8** The Majesty of God
- **Psalm 65** Thanksgiving for God's blessings
- **Psalm 104** Praise of God the Creator
- **Psalm 148** Hymn of all creation to the Almighty Creator
- **Daniel 3:52-90** Praise of God's Creation

What do you notice about what they say about creation?

Make a list of all your thoughts. Which text do you like the best?

Can you say why?

Task: Create your own prayer of praise and thanksgiving.



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BIG QUESTION: What are our responsibilities as Christians regarding creation?



As Christians we must take care of creation by being responsible stewards. This means that we also have to make sure that everyone has enough to live on and that the world's resources are shared justly and fairly. People are not just part of the eco system, but they are the most important part of God's creation and therefore must be respected as being the first consideration in all decisions about what governments do to the environment.

Task: Consider these questions: How can we leave the earth in a better condition than we found it?

How can we share the earth's resources more fairly and justly with people?

Music Task

Research both hymns and pop music to find as many examples as you can of songs about God's creation



Art Task: Can you make an artwork about one of the problems our environment is facing? Climate change, deforestation, pollution, waste disposal or human population growth.

Creative Writing Task: Compose a class charter under the heading **We are a green school**. What steps do we need to take to be 'greener' in school?

PE Task: Say a silent prayer for God's creation while you are out for a walk. As you walk, appreciate the beauty of God's creation

