

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION GRADE 7 LOCKDOWN PROGRAMME WEEK 7



Let us Pray:



Lord I pray for everyone needing to feel your presence today.
May you wrap Your loving arms around them to heal any illness
or heartbreak they may be suffering from.
Thank You Lord for showing them that
You will never leave them nor forsake them.
Cover them with Your precious blood and
comfort them with Your peace which surpasses all understanding.

In Jesus name,

AMEN!



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LESSON 22: Caring for the Earth

1. Read Genesis 1:26–31

1. God made humankind **in his image** and likeness and commanded us to **take care of the world**. Man has caused many problems for the earth and its creatures.
2. Over time, pollution, deforestation, environmental destruction, poaching, mass extinction, global warming has increased due to man's activities.
3. We have not taken very good care of the earth.
4. Seen below are some pictures of how pollution has affected two areas in India.
5. The first picture was taken before the lockdown period and second picture was taken after the lockdown period.
6. Listen to the reflection and read the poem that follows.



REFLECTION ON
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India Gate War Memorial in New Delhi



Less smog in Jakarta



I AM RESPONSIBLE

I am a citizen of the universe.
I am a steward of its health.
I am responsible for its welfare
And creator of its wealth.
That wealth is not counted in money
But measured in different ways:
How green is the grass? How clear is the sky?
How many smog-ridden days?

Is water clean or polluted?
Is it safe for cattle to drink?
Has the soil been washed away out to sea?
Are we making people think
What it means to be a good steward
Through preserving each piece of our earth?
'Cause if we aren't careful in what we do now
Mother earth will no longer give birth.

(T. Rowland)



A PLANETARY SOCIETY

Young people across the continents are starting up projects of hope and joy, of peace and solidarity. With their educators, they are learning how to look, to discover, to think, to choose; to protect a spring or fountain, a flower, a bird; to clean up a seashore, a town square, a town hall, a church; to re-read the history of their country, there to discover its artistic treasures, traditional crafts, local folklore; to hear the call of the pioneers, the heroes, the scientists and holy builders of the world.

They are learning to lay out, decorate, deck with flowers, and to film the environment; to collect,

record, act out stories and legends, to respect and promote the dignity of each individual; to sing to peace, sharing their joy and their faith.

Together they carry out new projects for living that are the hope for the future of planet Earth.



SHE WENT OUT ON A LIMB

Julia Hill, nicknamed “Butterfly”, lived for 738 days in a giant 1000-year old redwood tree in America to protest against the destruction of ancient forests by loggers. She lived on a two-by-three-metre platform with a solar-powered phone to stay in touch with the world. Friends brought her food every few days, and she climbed the tree for exercise. Much of the time she spent on the phone with the media trying to get her message heard. She came down to earth only when a lumber company agreed to preserve the tree she nicknamed “Luna”.

When asked what advice she had for young people who want to make a difference, she replied: “Everyone is an activist, whether we realise it or not. It’s up to us to decide if we will take positive actions. You can make a difference by just offering whatever you do best.”

(The above story, and many others like it can be found in the special Earth Day edition of TIME magazine - April/May 2000)

TASKS TO BE COMPLETED

1. Describe the difference in the two sets of pictures given, from new Delhi and Jakarta.
2. How has the lockdown period had affected the animals in different places in the world?
3. Write a poem entitled *Save the Planet!*
4. Think about the school and the problem we have with litter. How do you think this problem can be overcome?
5. Draw a poster, using a page in your book. The title of the poster should be... **Care for our Earth**