

READING:

Ask the animals what they think let them teach you!

Read Job 12:7-12



What did you notice about this reading?

It seems a bit weird to be talking to animals about what we need to know about living, but they often have great things to teach us. Science often takes inspiration from animals and how they work to create more efficient and effective ways to do things.

Jesus even encouraged us to look to the creatures of the earth for how to live a life that honours God. In Matthew 6:19-34 he talks about being content with what we have, not getting caught up with the latest fashion and needing a new thing all the time, look at the birds they are free, if God cares for them how much more will God care for you!

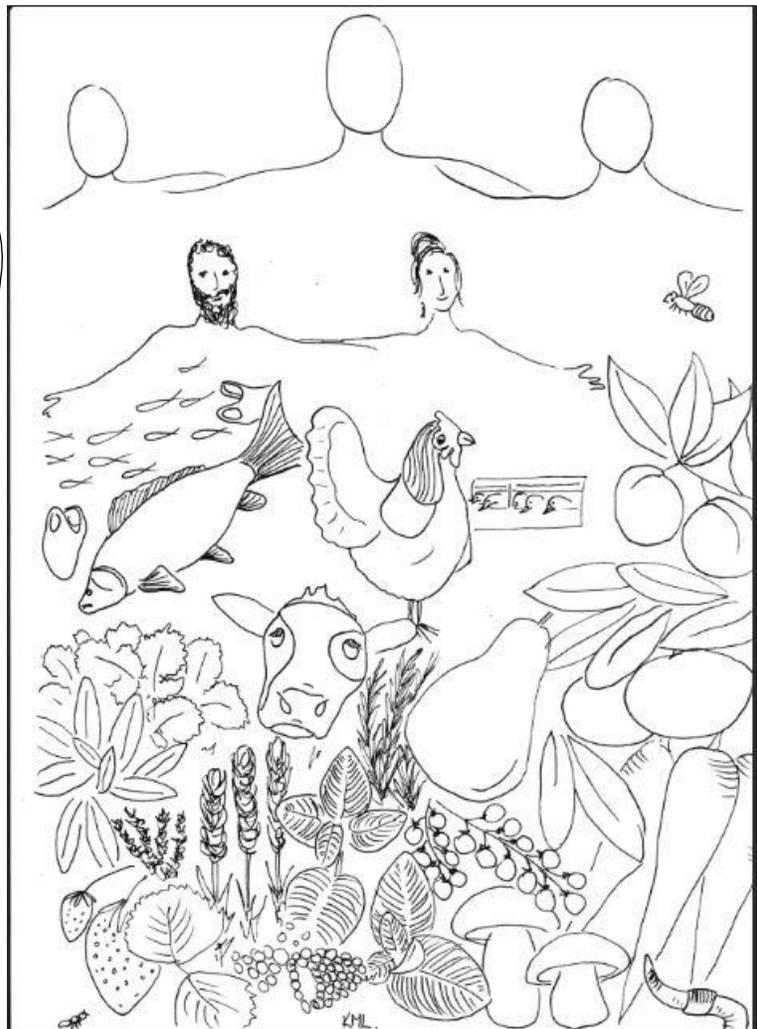
It can be really hard to make these choices, there is a lot of pressure, from our society and friends, sometimes in ways we do not even notice. I think Jesus gives us a clue in how to deal with this, it is about being content and grateful for what we have.

God cares for the whole of creation not just us as human beings, and asks us to care for all of creation as well. The doodle today was designed to help us think about what the ideal of our world could be but also reflect on how we have not done that.

How is God calling you to care for this world?

10 things you can do to save the planet!

1. Check your electricity use, do you remember to switch off items when you are not using them?
2. How are you going at recycling plastics and paper? How could you reduce your use?
3. Check your shower use, set a song challenge can you get yourself washed by the time your favourite song is finished?
4. Make some bags to take shopping. (fold up ones are great because they pack into a handbag or pocket!)
5. Plant a tree
6. Grow your own veggies
7. Use the library to borrow books
8. Compost your scraps
9. Put on a jumper and socks, or snuggle up under a blanket, rather than turning on the heater.
10. Go for a walk, or ride your bike rather than playing a computer game!



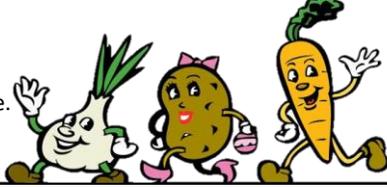
PRAYER:

Creator God,

You have given us this beautiful planet to live on and blessed us with all we need. Help us to be content and grateful for what we have, show us how we can care for your world better, give us the courage to stand up and speak for this world.

Recipe: Karen's Veggie Soup

- 1 Onion
- 2 cloves of garlic
- Oil
- Whatever veggies you have, for example
- Potatoes /Sweet potatoes
- Pumpkin
- Zucchini / Carrot
- Mushrooms /Capsicum
- Cauliflower / broccoli
- Salt and Pepper to taste.



Method:

1. Chop the onion and garlic. Peel potatoes and pumpkin. Chop all the veggies.
2. Heat a large saucepan over high heat add a dash of oil, cook the onion and garlic.
3. When the onion has gone see through, add the rest of the chopped veggies, cover with water.
4. Bring to the boil and simmer (turn down the heat to a mid temp.) until all the veggies are soft.
5. Add salt and pepper to taste. You can either leave it chunky or whiz it up to be smooth.

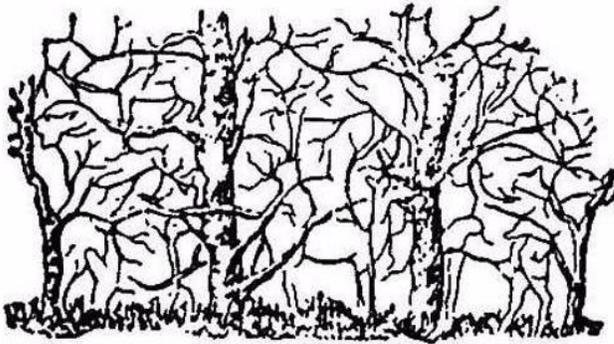
Mother's Day

As we remember to care for the Earth this week, don't forget to also take time to celebrate Mother's Day! Thank you to all the Mum's and guardians for all that they do!

♥ In honour of Mother's Day, here is a fun photo challenge starting this Mother's Day until the end of the month of May! Remember that even though today we specifically celebrate Mother's Day, that doesn't mean we can't show love and appreciation to our mums and guardians during all the days after Mother's Day! 😊

MOTHER'S DAY PHOTO CHALLENGE!

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| 1. family pic | 2. breakfast |
| 3. todays outfit | 4. fave book |
| 5. smile | 6. fave part of the day |
| 7. fave snack | 8. guilty pleasure |
| 9. then and now pics | 10. fave quote |
| 11. lock screen/background | 12. something new |
| 13. chilling | 14. current obsession |
| 15. fave colour | 16. baby pic |
| 17. portrait | 18. grateful |
| 19. something special | 20. travel |
| 21. Love | |



How many animals in this picture can you find?



Challenge!

Challenge 1: Each day think about a particular animal, what wisdom does this animal teach us about living? What would it say about its experience of being on the planet?

Challenge 2: Do an environmental audit of your home, how could you improve on caring for the planet. Negotiate 1 new habit as a family you could improve on.

Challenge 3: As you go for your walk this week, wear gloves and pick up the rubbish you find.



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