

Ordinary Time, Proper 29



The Children's Illustrated Bible

Protect the Earth

Jesus once explained: “My kingdom is not of this world.” Discuss: What did Jesus mean when he said his kingdom was not from this world? Where was his kingdom? Who was he?

Our natural environment—with its diversity of life, its beauty, and its resources—must be kept safe for us and for children of the future. The wise use of our land and resources should be our stewardship.

My kingdom is not of this world. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify of the truth.

—*John 18:33–37 adapted*

Earth Words

Go on a nature walk outside and collect earth items in paper bags for this activity. Have them hidden around the church if weather does not permit an outside activity.

Items may include stones, rocks, seashells, leaves, nuts—whatever is available in your location. Back in the classroom, have kids spread out their collections, and discuss the wonderful creations God has made. Have them name the leaves, nuts, and shells they have collected. Discuss: There are many scriptures reminding us to care for God’s creations. Write these on a chalkboard and have kids look them up in their Bibles. Then, with permanent markers, have kids write the key words of the scripture onto the leaves, stones, and other items, creating a display of God’s wonderful creations. This may be shared as part of the worship service today.





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Draw a picture of your favorite outside place.