

Faith Summary

Pope John Paul II wrote an encyclical that calls us to remember that all of creation is a gift from God and that we have a responsibility to use the gifts of the earth in ways that honor God. By increasing our solidarity with people all over the world, we can work to bring about environmental and social justice.

Word I Learned

encyclical

Ways of Being Like Jesus

Jesus saw the goodness in God's creation.
Respect the natural world and recognize the presence of God in every living thing.



Prayer

Creator God, thank you for this marvelous world you have made. Show me how to care for it with love and wisdom, now and for the future.



With My Family

Activity Go on a short field trip with your family—to a park, a national forest, a river, or a lake. Find a private area where you can stand together and pray that people will care for the plants and animals that live there.

Faith on the Go Ask one another: *What is one thing we can do in our family to show that we are using our God-given dominion to care for our world?*

Family Prayer *Creator of all things, teach us to be responsible stewards of the people and environments you have given us.*