

*Lesson
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Stewards of God's Creation

God will sustain His creation.

Memory Verse

Psalm 8:5–6

For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honour. Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all things under his feet.

Can recycling become idolatry?

Review

Calculating Earth's Age

Total age of the earth according to
God's Word:

From Jesus to today = about 2,000 years.

From Abraham to Jesus = about 2,000 years.

From Adam to Abraham = about 2,000 years.

The earth is about 6,000 years old!

Calculating Earth's Age

Total age of the earth according to the
big bang model:

The universe is 13,750,000,000 years old.

The earth is 4,540,000,000 years old.

Compared to 6,000 years old.

These numbers are quite a bit different!

Genesis 1:26–27

26 And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

Genesis 1:28–29

28 And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

29 And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat.

Genesis 1:30–31

30 And to every beast of the earth, and to every fowl of the air, and to every thing that creepeth upon the earth, wherein there is life, I have given every green herb for meat: and it was so.

31 And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day.

Genesis 2:15

15 And the Lord God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it.

Genesis 2:19–20

19 And out of the ground the Lord God formed every beast of the field, and every fowl of the air; and brought them unto Adam to see what he would call them: and whatsoever Adam called every living creature, that was the name thereof.

20 And Adam gave names to all cattle, and to the fowl of the air, and to every beast of the field; but for Adam there was not found an help meet for him.

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- ❖ How did you respond to scenario 1 with the man praying to the creatures? Which Bible verse did you choose?
- ❖ Scenario 2 deals with recycling and worshipping Mother Earth. What biblical truth could you use to frame the conversation?

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- ❖ Scenario 3 is on the other end of the spectrum—neglecting to take proper care of the creation. What biblical truth could you apply to this situation?
- ❖ Scenario 4 is on the right side of the spectrum, as well. How would you respond . . . without getting yourself kicked out of the boat?

Genesis 8:20–21

20 And Noah builded an altar unto the Lord; and took of every clean beast, and of every clean fowl, and offered burnt offerings on the altar.

21 And the Lord smelled a sweet savour; and the Lord said in his heart, I will not again curse the ground any more for man's sake; for the imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth; neither will I again smite any more every thing living, as I have done.

Genesis 8:22

22 While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease.

Genesis 9:1–9:3

1 And God blessed Noah and his sons, and said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth.

2 And the fear of you and the dread of you shall be upon every beast of the earth, and upon every fowl of the air, upon all that moveth upon the earth, and upon all the fishes of the sea; into your hand are they delivered.

3 Every moving thing that liveth shall be meat for you; even as the green herb have I given you all things.

God's Word in the Real World

There seems to be an increase in the number of people who are interested in honoring Mother Nature as some sort of deity. How can we reach out to these people with the hope of Christ?

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Christians are often seen as anti-environmentalists. Why is this the case, and how can we make the biblical case for using the earth's resources for our benefit?

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Many evangelical Christians have taken up the green movement as a major cause that the church should embrace. What are the dangers of becoming too involved as a church in environmental causes?

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As we encounter people who have genuine fears about the threats of global warming, how can we use Scripture to share the truth of the matter with them?

God's Word in the Real World

The media is constantly presenting messages that promote worship of the creation rather than the Creator. How do we guard ourselves against those false influences?