

Year 6

Stewardship of God's world

BIG QUESTION: How can we see God in creation?

The Bible tells us in Genesis that everything God has made is good and people are very good. Sadly creation is being spoilt by people not understanding the true meaning of being good stewards. Selfishness and greed have taken over from appreciation of beauty, respect and sharing. Taking care of creation by being responsible stewards also means making sure that everyone has enough to live on and that the world's resources are shared justly. People are not just part of the eco system but are the most important part of God's creation and therefore must be respected as being the first consideration in all decisions about what governments do to the environment.



Task: Research your local area. Has it changed much over the past 100 years? Have these changes been for the better or the worse?

Key Vocabulary

Climate change

stewardship

creation

ecology

responsibility

Laudato Si

ABC

Geography Task: When considering the changes in the area where you live, take into account the following:

- Climate change
- Deforestation
- Pollution
- Waste disposal
- Human population growth

What impact are poor and unjust decisions having on your area and the environment?

What do you think can be done to improve the care for the environment in your area?

Research what Pope Francis says in Laudato Si

Art/Computing Task: Illustrate your findings with a presentation either through art work or ICT.



Design Task: Design a new logo for Laudato Si.

Creative writing Task: Write a prayer, a hymn or a rap for the environment.

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BIG QUESTION: How can I be a steward of creation?

Focus: Enough for everybody's need, but not for everybody's greed

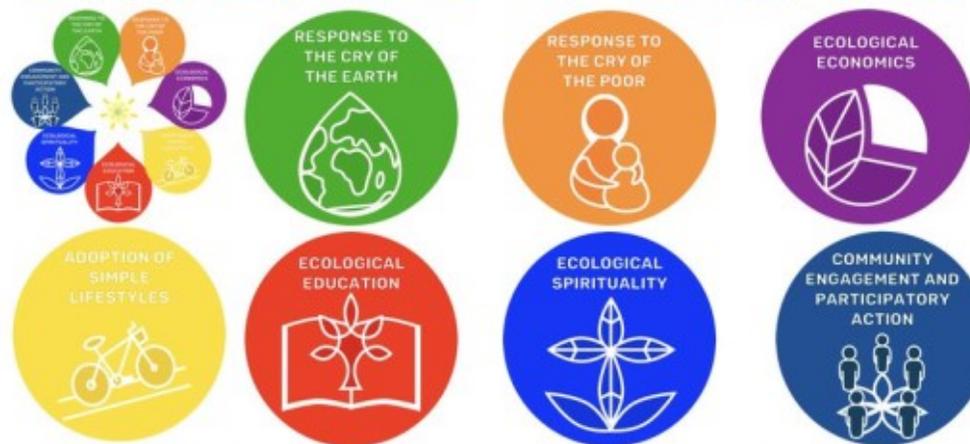
The environment is God's gift to everyone, and in our use of it we have a responsibility towards the poor, towards future generations and towards humanity as a whole. Our duties towards the environment are linked to our duties towards the human person, considered in himself and in relation to others. It would be wrong to uphold one set of duties while trampling the other." **Charity in Truth (Paragraph 48, 51)**

The term stewardship means that we know that all life on earth is sacred and holy and we are responsible and accountable for it. Respect for the dignity of life extends not just to every human being on earth but to the universe in its entirety. All God's creation is sacred and reflects something of who God is. Caring for the earth is part of what it is to be a Christian. **Task: Imagine that Pope Francis is coming to our school. Prepare a speech to welcome him**

The Laudato Si Goals

- *Response to the cry of the earth
- *Response to the cry of the poor
- *Ecological Economics
- *Adoption of Simple Lifestyles
- *Ecological Education
- *Ecological Spirituality

LAUDATO SI' GOALS



In the spirit of integral ecology, hope for the Earth and the Poor.

To what extent do you think that Pope Francis' encyclical Laudato Si Care for our common home reached the goals it set out to do in 2015?

What changes can you make at home to be a better steward of God's creation?