

## ENVIRONMENT SUNDAY RESOURCE FOR CHILDREN

- A.** Opening hymn 135 (Together in Song) All things bright and beaut  
*A Powerpoint will be provided to go with the fresh Australian words.*
- B** Children come up as usual to the front.  
Children plus some parents hold up 11 large cards with the 11 letters that make up the two words:
- THE CREATION**
- C.** WORDS and QUESTIONS.
1. Let's rearrange 4 of the letters. We need the **C**, the **A**, the **R** and the first **E**.  
Turn the other cards around so we can't see their letters but only the 4 needed to make CARE.  
What word do these letters give us? CARE  
God wants us to care for the creation. In the Bible we read of one way to take care of the environment. In the time of the Bible people ate a few types of wild birds such as quail and doves. But they should not be too greedy if they found a nest of birds.  
Get a good reader to read the small card on which is written Deuteronomy 22:6 about caring for birds or eggs that people might eat.  
"As you walk along the road, you might see a bird's nest in a tree or on the ground. If the mother bird is in the nest with either her eggs or her baby birds, you are allowed to take the baby birds or the eggs, but NOT the mother bird. Let her go free." (cevs)  
In other words, they had to be responsible and look after the ecology.  
[As part of the preparation, this Bible verse will be written out on a piece of green paper, perhaps pasted onto a large gum leaf. The 4 pieces of gum leaves or paper with Bible sentences could be kept ready in an earth-coloured bowl.]
2. Let's find just the 3 letters to make the word **AIR**.  
We need air to breathe.  
Give to another good reader a piece of coloured paper on which is printed:  
"God gives life, breath and everything else to all people. Acts 17 verse 25."
3. **RAIN** is something we need so much. We need just 4 letters to make this.  
In the Bible we read how God sends us rain that we depend on.  
[The Lord our God] fills the sky with clouds and sends rain to the earth.  
so that the hills will be green with grass." Psalm 147:8
4. Ask the question, "What is an important word that we could make from these 11 letters? It starts with an E. Answer: **EARTH**.  
Rearrange the 5 letters needed to get the word Earth.  
Get a good reader to read out Genesis 1:1 "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth."
- D.** Prepare also 4 strips of card with each of the above 4 words printed on them.  
Hold up these 4 strips of card to display these words.  
Care  
Air  
Rain  
Earth  
What word do we get from the first letter of each? ...CARE again.
- E.** Children's song 175 Did you ever see a kookaburra laugh? ...God made them all – v. 1 and 2.

# World Environment Day



World Environment Day, commemorated each year on **5 June**, is one of the principal vehicles through which the United Nations stimulates worldwide awareness of the environment and enhances political attention and action.

Recognising that climate change is becoming the defining issue of our era, UNEP is asking countries, companies and communities to focus on greenhouse gas emissions and how to reduce them. The World Environment Day will highlight resources and initiatives that promote low carbon economies and life-styles, such as improved energy efficiency, alternative energy sources, forest conservation and eco-friendly consumption.

The day's agenda is to give a human face to environmental issues; empower people to become active agents of sustainable and equitable development; promote an understanding that communities are pivotal to changing attitudes towards environmental issues; and advocate partnership, which will ensure all nations and peoples enjoy a safer and more prosperous future

**When:** 05 June 2009

**Time:** All day!

**Where:** Worldwide!

***Welcome! We worship this Sunday with the land. We celebrate with the grasses, the soils, the vines and the creatures of the land.  
We celebrate with the land represented by a terracotta Earth bowl filled with red soil.***