



Harvest and Creation Pause Day

“Every good and perfect gift is from God.” James 1:17

We are learning to appreciate and show gratitude for Creation and all that God provides for us. We are learning to engage spiritually with nature and with God’s provision for us.

Collective Worship

- ‘What a Wonderful World’ song by Louis Armstrong as children enter.
- Read Matthew 6 from Jesus Storybook Bible about God’s provision for us.
- Discuss ways and things that God provides for us and how we can show appreciation, linked to our value of Dignity.
- Sing a Harvest service song.

In Classes

- Use the Bible verse, *“Every good and perfect gift is from God.” James 1:17* to begin class discussion time and introduce activities (see next page for ideas).
- Classes take turns to visit playground Prayer Space and Garden/Forest School Area/Wildflower Meadow to take a sensory walk, take photos, draw, observe, pray or write about how nature inspires them, record the things they are thankful for, etc.
- Each class prepare their contribution for the Harvest Service (eg prayers, poems, artwork, etc).
- Create work/take photos of activities for church display (eg observational drawings, descriptions, children’s photos, photos of cooking or being outside, prayers, etc).
- Launch classroom and playground Prayer Spaces.

Collective Worship

- ‘What a Wonderful World’ song by Louis Armstrong as children enter.
- Re-read Matthew 6 from Jesus Storybook Bible about God’s provision for us?
- Children share activities they’ve done during the day and what they thought, felt, prayed or learnt as they went through the day.
- Sing a Harvest service song.
- Prayer.

Harvest Service Songs:

(To the tune of Frere Jacques)

Every good thing (every good thing)

Comes from God (comes from God).

Thank you for the harvest (thank you for the harvest).

Thank you, God (thank you, God).

x3 (Yr1 + 2 sing separate parts the second time through, everyone sing it all the first and third times)

Thank you Lord for this new day (x3)

Right where we are.

Thank you Lord for this our school (x3)

Right where we are.

Thank you Lord for food to eat (x3)

Right where we are.

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Take photos of nature.

Bird Feeders



Seed Art
for Kids!



Plant bulbs for spring (link to value of Hope).



Write prayers for Harvest service.



Observational drawing for church display.

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Cards to go in CAP hampers.



Prayer Space prayer writing.



Introduce Prayer Spaces.

LOOK AT THE LILIES

Jesus tells his listeners to not be worried about the future - where they will get their next meal or what clothes to wear (Matthew 6). He asks us to "look at the lilies" which do not worry or work and yet are so beautiful and well cared for by the earth.

ACTIVITY
Spend a moment looking at the flowers and make a quick sketch on the paper provided. Which parts of the flower can you identify? Can you see petals, leaves and stem? If you've learned about them in school you might even spot parts like the anther, sepal and style. Which part of the flower can you not see?

Jesus ends his speech with this line: "So don't be anxious about tomorrow, God will take care of your tomorrow too. Live one day at a time." (Matthew 6:34)

Close your eyes and think about anything you're worried about. Give those things to God and ask him to give you peace.

Maybe next time you see a beautiful flower you can remember to give God your worries.

Reflective observational drawing.

PRAYER LEAVES

The leaves of trees are like solar power panels for the tree - the flat surface catches the sunlight, and with this energy the leaf is able to break down the carbon dioxide in the air and together with water from the ground and the rain, make a kind of sugar - food for the tree to live.

Just like leaves need the sunlight, so we need God. Let the leaf remind you to turn to God for all your needs.

ACTIVITY
Pick up a leaf and write a need on it - either for yourself, the world or someone you know. Hang it on a branch and ask God to hear your prayer.

Perhaps next time you see a leaf you can remember to ask God for the things you need.

Prayer Space activity.



Learn Harvest service songs.



Cooking with seasonal produce.





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• JAMES 1:17 •

Harvest and Creation Prayers

The Bible says,

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What would you like to say to God about the lovely things we have in our beautiful world?