


CREATION VALUE GRID

Contributions made by our families will be highlighted in pink bold font

Belief in God as creator is not merely a belief about how everything began; it is the perspective from which we are to view all life including our own. It means that we place the highest value on this earth and see life as God's gift. Pre-technological societies lived in close dependence on the earth with a profound respect for the environment. With technological mastery has come a different attitude: one that sees the earth as there to be plundered and exploited. Now we are reaping the whirlwind: with climate change, crises over access to water and food, destruction of habitat and the rapid extinction of species. It is not clear whether the earth can still renew itself or whether the damage has gone too far. It is also not clear that there is the will to stop, to restore this 'blue planet', our only fragile home.

In Genesis, God gives humans certain rights over his creation. With these rights, come responsibilities. We are stewards. A steward manages an estate on the owner's behalf. We have been given the earth to look after by God and to hold it in trust for future generations. If the earth is to sustain our children and succeeding generations, this clearly places limits on how we treat the earth.

	<p>Creatures respected Resources protected Earth tended Atmosphere cleansed Trees planted Injustice ended Oceans teeming Nations at peace</p>	
Key life question	How can I change myself to protect the world?	
Definition for children	God has created everything that we need on this earth and we have a responsibility to maintain and sustain it for the future.	
Value slogan	Love where you live	
Value symbol	Pebble	
Key bible verse	"God saw all that he had made, and it was very good." Genesis 1:31	
Key bible story	The Creation Story Genesis 1: 1-30	
Prayer	Thank you God, for this world, Your creation, Rolled into a sphere, packaged in sunshine, Gift-wrapped in love, given to us, Thank you. Amen	
Other prayers	Harvest prayers Earth Day prayers The Canticle of the Creatures (Brother Sun & Sister Moon) - St Francis of Assisi Do All The Good That You Can (John Wesley)	
Inspirational people who personify this value	Religious	Secular
	Noah From Saul to Paul St Francis of Assisi	Charles Darwin Einstein Brian Cox Leonardo Da Vinci David Attenborough
Hymns, songs & music	All Things Bright & Beautiful Autumn Days What A Wonderful World (Louis Armstrong) A Love Song To The Earth (see video) He's Got The Whole World In His Hands Awaken The Dawn – Delirious Where Do the Children Play - Cat Stevens	