

# camp@home

Exploring God's World of Wonders! We hope the things in this packet will help you to explore, wonder, create and imagine the world as God intends us to see it!

## The Story of Creation

In the beginning there was no . And then God spoke in the darkness: "Let there be !" And there was!

"That's !" said God. "From now on, when it's dark it will be 'night' and when it's light, it will be 'day.'" That was day .

On the second day, God made the  and over it carefully hung a vast blue . "That's !" said God and day  was over.

The third day God put all the  in one place and all the  in another. God made  and  to cover the land. "That's !" said God and that was the end of day .

On the fourth day, God made the  to light the sky during the day and the  and  to add a bit of sparkle to the night. "That's !" said God and day  was over.

The next day, God turned attention to the  collecting in the oceans. "I want these waters teeming with life!" As soon as God said it, it was so. In no time, there were millions of small  and huge  swimming in the ocean. God made , too and sent them soaring through the air. "That's !" said God and day  was over.

On the sixth day, God added  to the land.

God added  to enjoy and take care of all that was created and is creating. God looked around and was happy with everything! "That's !" said God and day  was over.

After six days, the whole universe was completed.

On day  God had a nice long rest. 

# Creation: Animals

Remind yourself to give thanks to God for all creation and all that is in it! Create this lizard and clip it to your backpack or bag! This craft is a very beloved camp craft and can be done to create many various animals. We have included the instructions for the lizard, but there are many more available online as well.



## You'll need:

- scissors
- 21 one colour beads
- 27 another colour beads
- 2 beads for eyes
- cord
- key ring

**1** Attach the cord onto the key ring by making a lark's head knot by folding the lanyard in half and slipping the looped end through the split ring. You should have two equal lengths of cord.

**2** Beginning at the nose of the lizard. Using your left piece of cord go through the bead from left to right. Now, using your right piece of cord go through the bead from right to left. The beads should look like the cord is going in each side of the beads and coming out the opposite side. Pull the cord ends to slide the beads to the center. They should stack neatly on the previous beads. Make sure your beads remain centered by comparing the tail lengths and adjust as necessary.

*key ring goes here*

**3** Looking at the picture and add the rest of the rows of beads to complete the head.

**4** To make the legs, you will use the cord from each side. The right cord will make the right leg and the left cord will be used to make the left leg. Thread on two beads on for the leg and then three beads for the foot. Bring your cord back through the two leg beads. Create the other leg.

**5** Look at the picture to create the four rows that make the body.

**6** Make the two legs following the instructions in step 4.

**7** Complete the tail of your lizard and tie an overhand knot.

# Earth Play

## Prayer

This is your special prayer rock and this is what to do;  
Just put it on your pillow to stay till day is through.  
At night turn back the covers and climb into your bed.  
Then whack!  
Your special prayer rock will hit you on the head!

*...Then you will remember to pause and say a prayer.*

When your prayer is finished place your prayer rock on the floor.

It will be there in the morning to give you help once more.

When you get up the next morning and step onto the floor

Then Ouch!

Your special prayer rock will stub a toe – or four.

*...Then you will remember to pause and say a prayer.*

Put your prayer rock on your pillow when your bed is made  
And your little prayer rock will continue in your aid.

For God is always listening,  
even when you're unaware;  
to bear in love and comfort,  
all your big and little prayers.

Author Unknown: Adapted by  
Cathy Cryder for use in the UCC.



### You'll need:

- 🌐 rock
- 🌐 optional: permanent markers, acrylic paint
- 🌐 acrylic paint pen
- 🌐 newspaper for your work area

Note that acrylic paint can permanently stain clothing, so take care while working.

### What to do:

- 1 Find a rock that you like best!
- 2 Clean and dry it well
- 3 Choose a "base colour" to paint the rock and let it dry.
- 4 Decorate your rock with colourful designs and let it dry.

# Green and Growing Things

Here is little journal to take with you out into nature. It is a place to record your findings, draw flowers, insects, trees, or clouds. What do you notice?

What questions do you have?

Our appreciation of this beautiful earth grows when we observe the smallest of details of the natural world. Even the smallest of bugs are amazing.

Nature  
Journal

## Journal Prompts

- Find something that smells good perhaps a flower. What do you notice about its smell, shape, colour, do you know the name of it?
- Find a comfy spot on the grass and look up. What do you see? Are there clouds? What are the shapes of the clouds, their colour?
- Cloud come in all shapes and different colours this can help us create stories. What images do you see in the clouds? Can you draw the image? Can you start to tell a story or draw one in your journal?
- Do you see any birds? What is the colour of the bird, what kinds of noises do they make, and are they loud or quiet? How else can you describe their sounds?
- Find some trees in your neighborhood or a nearby park. How tall are they and what do their branches look like? Do they have a certain smell? Do you like the smell?
- Find a creature that crawls maybe a bug or a slug. What do you notice about it? What is their colour? Do you know the name of the creature? Do you know what it eats for food?



## Light Activity

God spoke, "Lights! Come out! Shine in Heaven's sky!"

God made the sun, moon, and stars and placed them in the sky to light up Earth. Use the special pencil and scratch art note paper to draw these lights. Give thanks for the light, it is good!



## Owl Postcard

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Before you colour the owl artwork find out what kind of owl this is, where it usually lives, and what it eats. As you color the owl decide on who you will give this to as a gift: a family member, or a walk with an adult to a neighbour's mailbox, or is there someone special you can mail it to?

## Watercolour Cards

Your nature journal may inspire you to create a watercolour image or two that will be perfect for framing or giving to someone to brighten their day.

### You'll need:

- washable markers
- watercolour diffusing paper
- paint brush
- card



Use the felts to draw using bold strokes) the image.



Brush water onto your drawing to blend the colours.

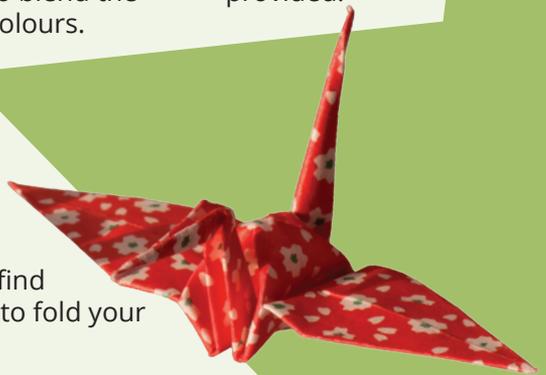


Glue your image onto the card provided.

## Origami Creature

In your packet you will find instructions and paper to fold your own origami creature.

Creation is filled with such a variety of creatures. Creatures that fly, swim, squirm, crawl, and walk. You may have a favourite creature, you may have ones you do not like but all are important in Creation. As you fold the paper into a creature you are invited to give thanks for the creature. Make a list of the things you like best about the creature. Can you name different kinds?



Which fish is the most famous at the beach? *The starfish*

# God's Eyes

## You'll need:

- ◆ scissors
- ◆ yarn, at least two colours
- ◆ popsicle or other sticks



Ask any adult who went to camp or Sunday School when they were your age and they might remember making a God's Eyes! When the early Spaniards came to Mexico they encountered the Huichol (wet-chol) people who lived in the Sierra Madre mountains of Mexico. The Huichol Indians who lived in the mountains made God's eyes (or Ojos de Dios) to watch over them. They were woven onto crisscrossing sticks, joining in the center. The center eye represented the sun and stood for the power of seeing and understanding things we normally cannot see. The ends of the sticks represent the basic elements—earth, water, wind, and fire.



**Creating a God's Eye can be a very reflective and meditative process.**

## What to do:

1. Start with a small amount (about the length of your arm) of yarn colour to create the eye. Evenly cross two sticks and use your yarn to secure them. This is the trickiest part of the whole craft so be patient and persistent. If sticks are wiggling around after you have done the next step a few times they will be secure.
2. Bring the yarn to the left side of your first stick, wrap it around the back of the stick and turn your God's Eye 45 degrees and repeat.
3. Using a reef knot join on another colour of yarn and continue. You can change yarn colours as often as you like.



# Discovering God's World

Create an Earth Wheel  
with your creativity and prayers.

## You'll need:

- felt pens and/or pencil crayons
- scissors
- images for collaging
- printed card with two circles
- brad connector

## What to do:

- 1 Decorate the days of the week with words, drawings, and pictures from magazines, to best describe your prayer for the day based on these questions:

day **one**  
What is safe and protected in the dark of night?

day **two**  
What are some of the ways you use water that you are thankful for?

day **three**  
As you draw a tree or a flower, think of all the different things that needed to happen for it to live. Draw a list of what is needed for plants to grow, like water.

day **four**  
Draw and write about what worries you about the world's oceans, sky and all of the creatures. What actions could we take to fix the issues? Know that God is always with you and will take your worry, so you don't have to. God loves that you would love the world enough to make the changes you can make.

day **five**  
Think about time. Draw and write ways that you are grateful that you can spend your time and give thanks to God for the possibilities!

day **six**  
As you draw your favourite animal, give thanks for God's creativity that made this beautiful creature a part of the world we live in!

day **seven**  
Draw or write what rest look like to you? Rest in the knowing that God loves you with every breath that you take - at work, at play and at rest!

- 2 Cut out the circles, along the line. On the circle that says "In the beginning, God created..." cut along the V line, to make a pie shaped opening.
- 3 Connect them together with the brad, you will be able to move the top layer so that the pie shaped opening is open onto the day of the week you want to focus on.
- 3 Share (if you wish) it with someone in your home or on your next video visit with friends or family!

# Things to do in the Rain

**Be a Biologist!** Go for a nature walk in your yard, neighbourhood, or local trail. What insects or other rain-loving creatures do you see?

**Be a meteorologist!** Observe the weather: how would you describe the rain? Is there much wind? Does the wind affect the rain? Build a rain measuring system and estimate how much will fall today.

**Be an Artist!** Before heading outside, do a drawing using watercolours or washable markers. Try different materials, using paper towels, scrap paper. Take your artwork into the rain! Set a timer for 10 minutes then check to see how the rain has affected your piece. What did you observe?

**Be a Musician!** With an adult's permission, gather some materials: metal bowls, tinfoil pans, sticks, spoons, cups, etc. Listen to the sound of the raindrops on different materials and decide which sound you like the best. Fill your cups and bowls with water at different levels, tap on them with sticks, see how the sound changes depending on the level of water.

**Be an Engineer!** Find where water is safely flowing like in your backyard or visit the park with an adult. Gather together your construction materials – mud, sticks, leaves, rocks, etc.. Decide if you would like to redirect the water, restrict its flow, or stop it entirely! Get to work, test your techniques and show off your engineering skills! When you are finished, please dismantle!

Adapted from Speech and Hearing BC, Facebook post.

## Sharing Messages of Love and Light

### You'll need:

- ♥ paper
- ♥ bowl
- ♥ 1 tsp. water
- ♥ table lamp
- ♥ lemon juice
- ♥ cotton swabs

In the Bible, light plays a very important role in many stories. God reveals many things to us about our relationship with Creation, through Jesus and the Spirit through Light. The Love and Light of God is present in us, around us and we spread that light when we love and care for others.

1. In a bowl mix the lemon juice and water.
2. Dip the cotton swab into the mixture and write a message onto the white paper.
3. Wait for the juice to dry so that it becomes completely invisible
4. To read your secret message, heat the paper by holding it close to a light bulb and the message will slowly start to appear before their eyes!