

SPRING DAY

Text: Genesis 6 - 8

WELCOME

Nature treasure hunt: Walk around outside (if possible). If you see a flower, do a “happy dance”, if you see a tree, freeze, and if you hear an animal, shout “who who”.

WORSHIP

Take a moment and become aware of all your senses: Feel the sun shining, the wind blowing. Hear birds chirping, dogs barking, insects buzzing. Smell the flowers. (Bring flowers along if you need to). Look at all the changes that have happened between autumn and now. What happened?

WORD

Genesis 6:9 - 8:22

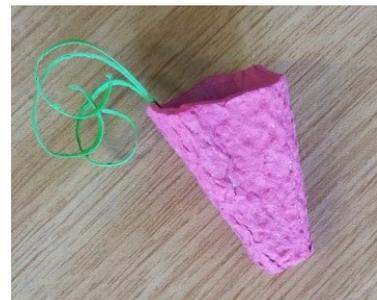
God did not only save the people, but he also saved the animals! He made us as people the caretakers of the world, which means we must take good care of it! Nature has always been a part of history, and we read about it in the Bible. After the flood, Noah sent a dove out, and it brought back part of a tree!

How can we be good caretakers of nature? We could, for instance, find good ways to save even more water. Think of a few ways we could do it. We could also be good caretakers by picking up and recycling rubbish, or taking care of plants. We can also be good caretakers of animals and make sure they are all healthy and happy, and safe from abuse.

WORKING AND PLAYING TIME

Materials:

- ⊗ Buttons
- ⊗ Cupcake holders of egg cartons cut out to form individual holders
- ⊗ Real leaves, or leaves cut out of paper or cardboard
- ⊗ Paper on which to work
- ⊗ Glue
- ⊗ Pipe cleaners
- ⊗ Ribbon, wool, or string



If you use egg cartons, paint them beforehand and let them dry.



Start making the flowers on sheets of paper.

First stick down the stems (wool or pipe cleaners) but do not stick down the bottom part.

Afterwards, stick the flower part, using cupcake holders or egg cartons.

Paste the buttons inside the flowers, and add leaves and/or petals.

Lastly, tie a ribbon (or a piece of wool) around the last part of the stems, after which you can paste down the bottom parts of the stems.



Message:

Pray for nature:

Flowers: mountains, birds, and insects flying around

Leaves: plants, trees, and animals

Stems: animals, fish and plants in the sea, and animals that live underground

Ribbon: We as people are caretakers who must protect and care for nature.