

RO⁴CK

Autumn 2020



Hi Everyone,

Welcome to RO4CK Autumn 2020, our 2nd booklet to help you spend time with God this Autumn.

In this booklet I'll try and explain anything that might be new to you but please send me a message if you have any questions.

Now let's start our adventure.

Love,

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RO⁴CK – Reaching Out 4 Christ's Kingdom

Introduction

Building on our Summer plan we're going to use SOAP but as it's Autumn time our theme is going to be different. First a reminder of our SOAP way of reading the Bible:

S – Scripture. You should begin with writing the Scripture passage under the heading 'S.' You will then carefully read the passage of Scripture.

O – Observe. Next, spend time reading through the passage. Under the heading, 'O' for observe, write anything that stands out to you. You can also ask questions in this part, such as what actions are happening here, why, what does that tell me about the people of the time, what does this passage tell me about Jesus.

If you don't have a Bible contact Ruth or your Minister and one will be got to you. Or check out <https://www.bible.com/kids/> or search YouVersion on your tablet / phone.

A – Apply. Under the heading 'A,' write how you can specifically apply this passage to yourself. It may be something that you can do, or it might be something you can pray about. Answering the question – what can I do today to be more like Jesus or Jesus' followers in this scripture.

P – Pray. Spend time in prayer. At the end of your quiet time, spend time praying. I encourage you to write down prayer requests as well as answers to prayer.

In the Church calendar this is known as Creation Time, and usually around this time of year we celebrate Harvest Thanksgivings in our Churches. So that's our theme for this book. Each day there are songs recommended, these and more can be found on the RO4CK YouTube channel <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMEKcSr5xctqY3STsCj98-g/featured>. All the links mentioned are on our YouTube page.

To find the passage you start with what book of the Bible it is in, so 1 Corinthians – is that Old (first part) or New (second part) Testament? New! Start at the back of the Bible and flick through the pages to find it. If you look at the top corner of the page you will usually see the books name that you are at. Once you have found the book then the first number is the chapter, so 13. After the : come the verse numbers, so 1-13. That means you are looking for verses 1 and reading all the way to verse 13.

A **Passage** is a group of verses which you are reading. For example, 1 Corinthians 13:1-13 is the passage in the book of Corinthians that you are reading.

God Created the Earth

As we dive into the Bible the first thing we're told about is how God made the earth. Of the 1,189 chapters in the Bible it takes 1 to tell us about how God made the world but that doesn't mean it's not important. What's important is the why ... God made all this and you because of love!

Have you ever looked at a blank page and imagined what your picture might look like, then taken your paint pots and brush to make your imagination come alive? That's what God did, He looked at a blank page – there was nothing – and spoke the world into being. His word and breath were like your paint pots making a beautiful picture. The difference is that His picture is alive and changes, grows, dies and is reborn every day.



Here's a little video to tell us the story

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=teu7BCZTgDs&list=PLZ8y8Q2FTVKMeC0sGOuBBEb2y9WrzM1vV&index=1&t=8s>

S Genesis 1 and 2:1-3

O Why is it important for us to have a day of rest just like God did on the seventh day?

A We're told at the end of each day God saw what He did was good, when you look at the world today what is a good thing that you see?

P Heavenly Father, thank You for creating this wonderful world that we live in. Help us to see the good You made and help us to stop turning it bad in the things we do. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

CRAFT:

Seed Paper:

Newspaper or Toilet Roll

Water

Wildflowers Seeds

Food Colouring (optional)

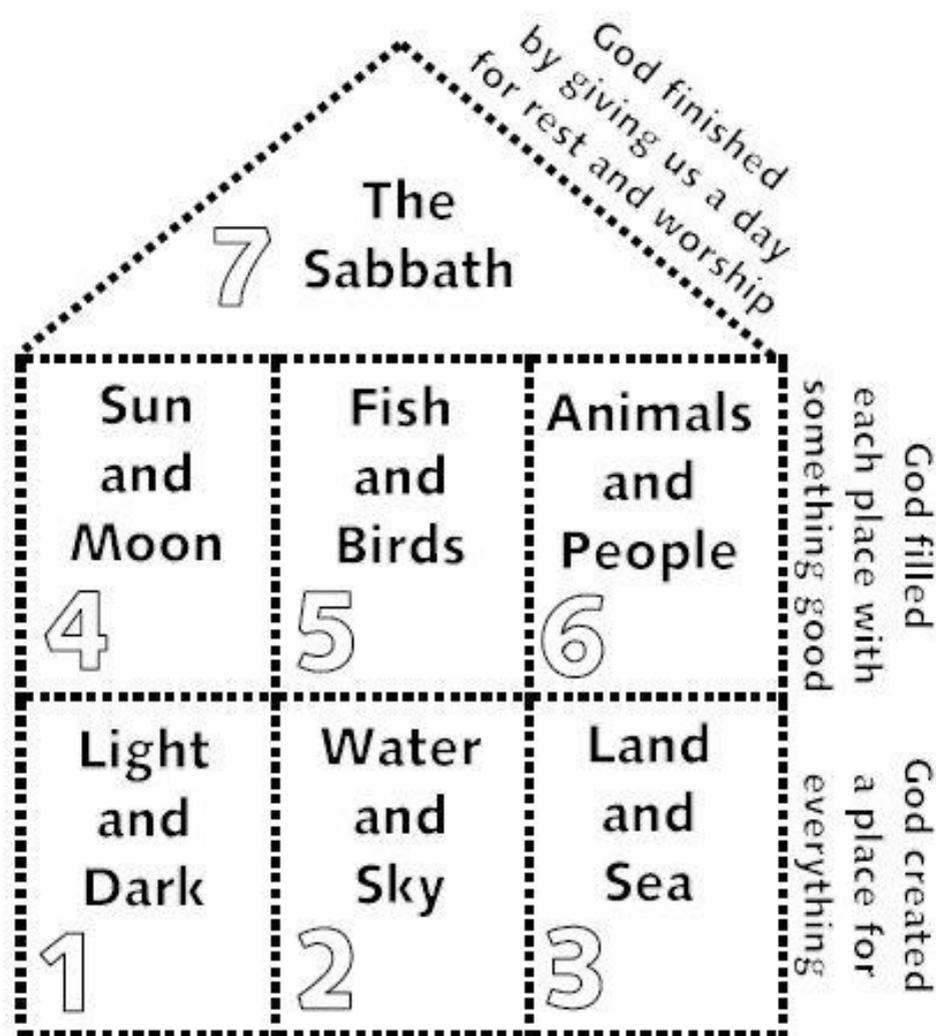
Check out here for the instructions

Autumn is a great time to plant seeds but with the cold weather you might need to leave them inside on a nice sunny windowsill to get started.

Song for the day

King of the Jungle

God Created a Beautiful Home for Us!



Every Living Thing is Part of God's Creation

Purpose means the reason for which something exists, is done or was created.

When we read in Genesis we were told of everything God made and it's important for us to remember that every living thing was made by God and everything has a purpose ... including spiders!!!

The Psalms, which is a book of poems & songs, speaks often about God's creation. Today we're going to look at Psalm 104 which is printed on the next page from The Message version. As a bonus craft try some journalling by colouring in the picture

behind the text while you're thinking about all that God made.

What are you good at? What do you like to do? When we read the Bible there are lots of stories of people who God called to do a job, many who said 'I couldn't do that' but what they forgot was that God had made them for that purpose. Can you name anyone in the Bible who reacted like that?

Moses – said he couldn't speak well

Jonah – said he was the wrong person to send because he thought the Ninevites deserved to be punished

Anyone else?

S Psalm 104

O What things can you find that God made with a purpose?

A God made you with a purpose too, do you know what that is? While you're thinking about that listen to and watch this video https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8lpq5c_EcDU&list=PLZ8y8Q2FTVKOa48Y7bus_SNuZoG68E4D9&index=1

P Lord, thank you for making every living thing that we see every day and all the things we don't. Thank you for making me with a purpose, help me to discover what that is and live it every day. Amen

CRAFT:

Take some card and colours. Start by writing 'God made me' and add something you're good at or like doing. Then draw a picture of how you can use that every day to worship God.

Song for the day

You're Everywhere

Our Creator's Compassion

Everything I am will praise and bless the Lord! O Lord, my God, your greatness takes my breath away, overwhelming me by your majesty, beauty, and splendour! You wrap yourself with a shimmering, glistening light. You wear sunshine like a garment of glory. You stretch out the starry skies like a tapestry. You build your balconies with light beams and ride as King in a chariot you made from clouds. You fly upon the wings of the wind. You make your messengers into winds of the Spirit and all your ministers become flames of fire. You, our Creator, formed the earth, and you hold it all together so it will never fall apart. You poured the ocean depths over the planet, submerging mountains beneath. Yet at the sound of your thunder-shout the waters all fled away, filling the deep with seas. The mountains rose and valleys sank to the levels you decreed for them. Then you set a boundary line for the seas and commanded them not to trespass. You sent springs cascading through the valleys, flowing freely between the mountains and hills. You provide drink for every living thing; men and beasts have their thirst quenched because of you. The birds build nests near the tranquil streams, chirping their joyous songs from the branches above. From your kindness you send the rain to water the mountains from the upper rooms of your palace. Your goodness brings forth fruit for all to enjoy. Your compassion brings the earth's harvest, feeding the hungry. You cause the grass to grow for livestock, along with the fruit, grains, and vegetables to feed mankind. You provide sweet wine to gladden hearts. You give us daily bread to sustain life, giving us glowing health for our bodies. The trees of the Lord drink until they're satisfied. Lebanon's lofty trees stand tall right where you planted them. Within their branches you provide for birds a place to build their nests; even herons find a home in the cypress trees. You make the high mountains a home for wild goats and the rocky crag where the rock badgers burrow. You made the moon to mark the months and the sun to measure the days. You turn off the light and it becomes night, and all the beasts of the forest come out to prowl. The mighty lions roar for their dinner, but it's you, God, who feeds them all. At sunrise they slink back to their dens to crouch down in the shadows. Then man goes out to his labour and toil, working from dawn to dusk. O Lord, what an amazing variety of all you have created! Wild and wonderful is this world you have made, while wisdom was there at your side. This world is full of so many creatures, yet each belongs to you! And then there is the sea! So vast! So wide and deep — swarming with countless forms of sea life, both small and great. Trading ships glide through the high seas. And look! There are the massive whales bounding upon the waves. All the creatures wait expectantly for you to give them their food as you determine. You come near and they all gather around, feasting from your open hands, and each is satisfied from your abundant supply. But if you were to withhold from them and turn away, they all would panic. And when you choose to take away their breath, each one dies and returns to the dust. When you release your Spirit-wind, life is created, ready to replenish life upon the earth. May God's glorious splendour endure forever! May the Lord take joy and pleasure in all that he has made. For the earth's overseer has the power to make it tremble; just a touch of his finger and volcanoes erupt as the earth shakes and melts. I will sing my song to the Lord as long as I live! Every day I will sing my praises to God. May you be pleased with every sweet thought I have about you, for you are the source of my joy and gladness. Now, let all the sinners be swept from the earth. But I will keep on praising you, my Lord, with all that is within me. My joyous, blissful shouts of "Hallelujah" are all because of you!

God Asks Us to Take Care of the Earth

God gave each of us the responsibility to take care of what He made. It's a big responsibility, isn't it?

Have a listen to Douglas in today's video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vdMlxCdIY-c&list=PLZ8y8Q2FTVKOPW707s9hJPE3PhekNpoj9&index=1>. What does this tell you about the responsibility that God has given each of us? Poor Douglas felt sad when his dog Rosco destroyed the flower, how do you think God feels when we don't take care of what He made.

Do you have a pet? We have a dog, Pumba, and a rabbit, Myles. They take a lot of minding. Being responsible for them is a big job. They have to be fed, walked (well Pumba does), beds cleaned out and petted. And that's just 2 animals!!! God has asked us to take care of all that He made ... everything from Ants to Zebras, Weeds to Trees, Friends to Strangers.

- S** Genesis 2:15-20
- O** Why do you think God gave us this responsibility?
- A** What is one thing today that you can do to take better care of the earth?
- P** Father God, You have given me a big responsibility and I know that I can do more to take care of the earth with Your help. Thank you for trusting me and helping me. Amen

THINK ABOUT –
what does
responsibility look
like? Feel like?
What kinds of
things do you
need to take more
responsibility for
each day?

Song for the day

Love the Lord

CRAFT: Make a little book about how you can be responsible each day. Colour it in and put it on your bedside locker so that you're reminded each day of what you can do to take care of God's earth.

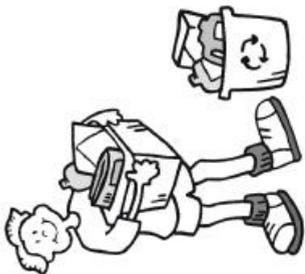
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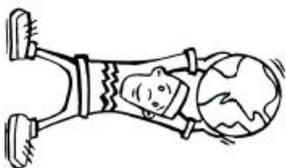
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recycle.



I can
clean.

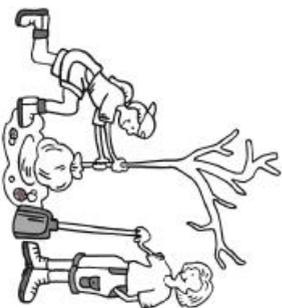


I can care



About God's
Creation!

I can
plant.



I can
love.



God Uses the Earth to Teach Us

It might seem a bit strange but when you look around God is actually teaching you. Go out into your garden or stand on your balcony and look around. What do you see? Do you see some flowers? What might they teach you? Flowers start as seeds which are usually quite small, planted in the dark ground. At some point they sprout above the ground. This takes time as well as water and food. But they don't give up.

Some plants even spread their roots underground and little plants pop up all over the place. They move from where they are planted and grow in new places. Did you know that's what God wants us to do? He has planted us right where we are, and He wants us to grow in His love and share His love in new places.

What else can you see? What does it tell you about God?

S Leviticus 25 (it's near the beginning of the Old Testament, find out more about Leviticus at

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I2ALBUtJymg&list=PLZ8y8Q2FTVKNNQR-FdVS3uGgDyYJOP5WH&index=1>

O What do you think God was trying to explain to Moses?

A How do you have a rest day?

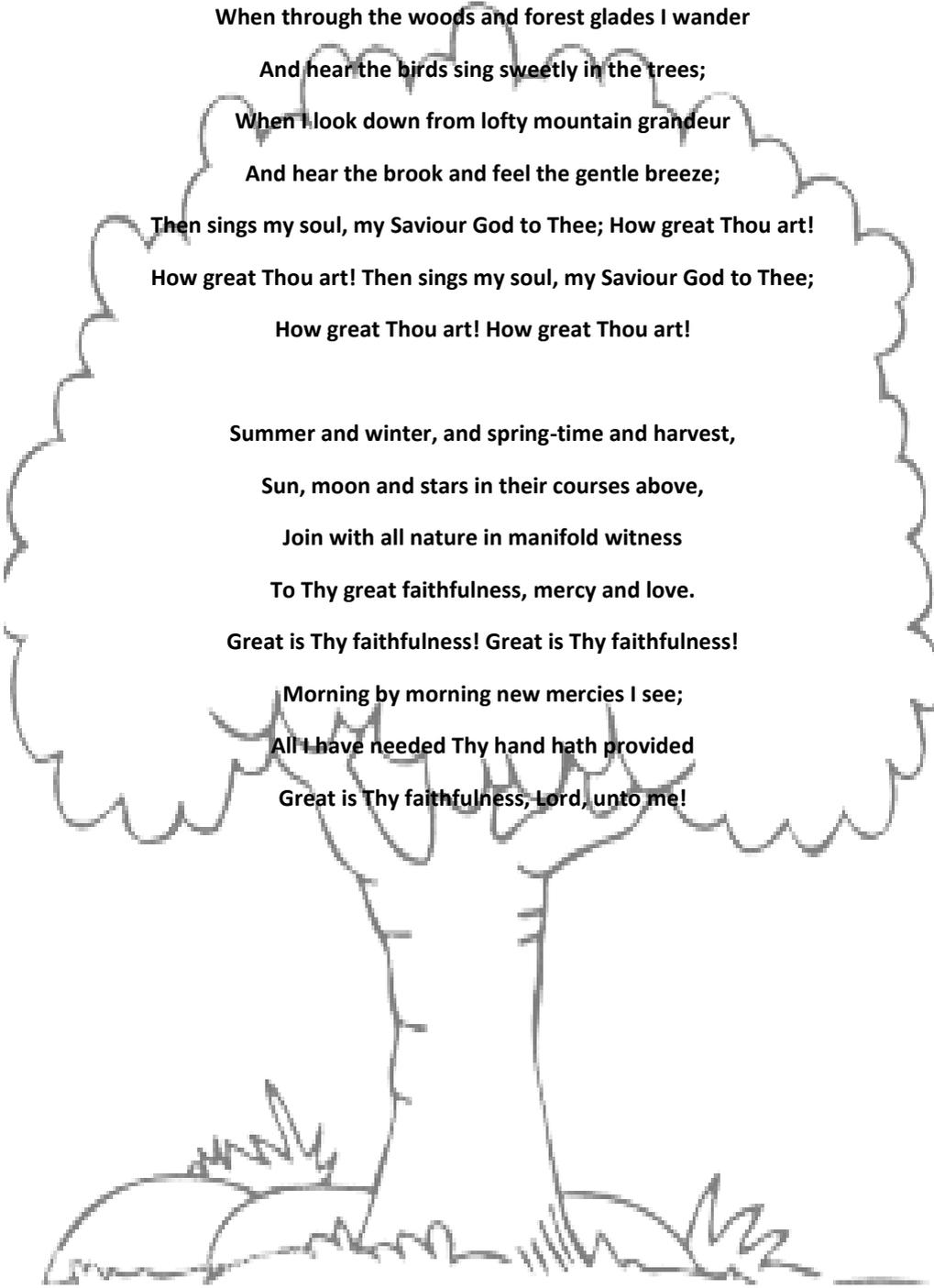
P Heavenly Father, thank you for teaching us through all the things you made around us. Help us to make sure we take time to rest and recharge so that we don't run out of energy in doing Your work. Amen

ACTIVITY: Today go out for a walk and gather or take some photos of things that God has made that teach you something. When you get home stick them into your notebook and write down what you've learned.

The next page has a couple of verses from an old hymn, it will help give you ideas of what to look and listen for.

Song for the day

Great is Thy Faithfulness



When through the woods and forest glades I wander

And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;

When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur

And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze;

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to Thee; How great Thou art!

How great Thou art! Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to Thee;

How great Thou art! How great Thou art!

Summer and winter, and spring-time and harvest,

Sun, moon and stars in their courses above,

Join with all nature in manifold witness

To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!

Morning by morning new mercies I see;

All I have needed Thy hand hath provided

Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

God Asks Us to Take Care of Each Other

Did you know that when you were born you need lots of taking care of? You couldn't feed yourself, go to the toilet, or move about on your own. Just like those important needs God asks us to take care of each other.

If someone isn't feeling well, we like to bring them presents like flowers to help them feel better and show them we care.

Check out the VeggieTales video on today's playlist to find out more about loving one another. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b_YJiSgUC3I&list=PLZ8y8Q2FTVKOEQyxOMmpRA0VJzZdQ_AyST&index=2&t=358s

Sometimes we don't feel like taking care of anyone because we don't even hear 'thank you' but that doesn't mean we shouldn't take care of them. When we do the things that God asks us to do we do them for God's glory not for our own.

S Matthew 22:34-40

O Why do you think Jesus said this was an important commandment?

A How can you show the people you see everyday that you care for them?

P Dear God, thank you for loving me. Help me to show the people I see every day that I care about them. Amen.

Song for the day

Let's Take Care of Each Other

CRAFT:

You'll need an egg carton, some sticks from the woods or garden, Sellotape, glass jar.

Cut the egg box into the sections. Colour them in. Stick them on the tops of the sticks and put the sticks into the jar.

Give the bunch of flowers to someone you care about.

Cut out the flower. On each petal draw or write how you show love. Keep it somewhere you'll see it often to remind you about caring for others.

