

Living the Lesson - October - Creation

Due by October 31st

Number of Catechesis Hours: 3

Genesis 1:26-27

“Then God said: Let us make human beings in our image, after our likeness. Let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, the tame animals, all the wild animals, and all the creatures that crawl on the earth. God created mankind in his image; in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.”

Psalm 139: 13-14

“You formed my inmost being; you knit me in my mother’s womb. I praise you, because I am wonderfully made; wonderful are your works!”

Catholic Social Teaching tells us to care for God’s creation. “We show our respect for the Creator by our [stewardship of creation](#). Care for the earth is not just an Earth Day slogan, it is a requirement of our faith. We are called to protect people and the planet, living our faith in relationship with all of God's creation.”

During October classes, students will explore the wonders of our Creator and His creation. We invite your family to seek God's presence throughout the month and share your experiences together. You can submit your completed activities to Amanda Darcangelo, Faith Formation Administrative Assistant, at adarcangelo@syrdio.org. Please include a photo of your family participating in the activity along with a brief description of your experience.

Here are some family activity ideas:

- **Pray:** Set aside a regular time each day or week to pray as a family, expressing gratitude for the gifts of creation and praying for its care.
- **Read Psalm 139 together.** Reflect on the moments of wonder and awe you’ve experienced in God’s presence, especially in the lives of your children. Consider these questions: What are two things you learned about God and people today? How does God reveal Himself in our daily lives? How can we become more aware of God’s presence?
- **Celebrate St. Francis of Assisi:** Mark his feast day on October 4th, honoring the patron saint of Animals, Merchants, and Ecology.
- **Enjoy Nature:** Spend more time outdoors, take walks, and observe the beauty of creation. Explore the outdoors with a fun scavenger hunt, discovering God’s creation together. You can [look at some great clues](#), use [scripture](#), or try these [variety of scavenger hunt ideas](#).
- **Reduce, Reuse, Recycle:** Practice recycling and re-purposing items to care for the environment.
- **Care for the Poor and Vulnerable:** Donate gently used toys, books, and clothes to those in need, and support parish ministries that help the less fortunate.