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Eco Echo-Song

(The earth cares for us/We care for the earth)

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Leader:

The earth cares for us:
We care for the earth:

Children:

The earth cares for us:
We care for the earth:

air to breathe,
keep air clean,

wa - ter pure,
wa - ter pure,

air to breathe,
keep air clean,

wa - ter pure,
wa - ter pure,

food to eat,
share our food,

clothes to wear
cloth - ing, too,

and
re -

food to eat,
share our food,

clothes to wear
cloth - ing, too,

shel - ter o - ver - head!
cy - cle and re - use!

The
We

and shel - ter o - ver - head!
re - cy - cle and re - use!

“Eco Echo-Song” (page 18)

Biblical Background

The first chapter of Genesis establishes the importance of caring for the earth (Genesis 1:26). To “have dominion” in this Scripture verse means to “care for,” not to rule over and exploit the earth. The task of “dominion” that God gives human beings has to do with securing the well-being of every other creature. The first chapter of Genesis also makes clear that God created the earth to care for us, to provide food and other necessities of life (Genesis 1:29).

Caring for the Earth Projects

Recycling teaches children to care for the earth. Explain to the children the importance of recycling waste products so that the earth God created can continue to come alive with beauty and to care for us. With leaders’ help, children can decorate large cardboard boxes or plastic bins to use as recycling containers for their church or homes.

Children may also care for the earth by helping to plant a small tree, flowers, or vegetables. As you are planting, talk to the children about how trees, flowers, and vegetables help to keep the soil of the earth healthy and to keep the air clean. Also, talk about ways trees, flowers, and vegetables also care for us: such as providing beauty for us to enjoy, oxygen for us to breathe, and food for us to eat.

Sharing Food and Clothing

Invite children to bring cans of food and/or lightly used clothing items to share with others who need them. Talk with them about how the sharing of clothing helps people and the earth. Discuss other ways that they can care for the earth.

“Mother-Father God Is Love” (page 20)

Biblical Background

“Mother-Father God Is Love” emphasizes a central biblical truth. Children learn that “God is love” (I John 4:8) in many ways, especially through loving relationships. God is like a loving mother who not only gives birth to her children, but also nurtures and comforts them (Isaiah 66:13). God is like a loving father who cares for his children (Psalm 103:13). Since there are children who don’t experience the love of a mother and/or father, it is important to teach that they can also know God’s love through teachers and friends.