

Explore the Wonder of God's Creation

Consider It!

Ask the following questions of the people in your household.

Let them answer – there are no wrong answers!

When you think of the wonder of God's Creation, what do you see? Do you imagine the whole earth? Do you imagine plants and animals from exotic and different places? Do you imagine... what you see every single day?

Read About It!

Read Job 12:7-10 to the right.

If you have a Bible or the internet, read Psalm 104:10-25. (The Book of Psalms is in the center of the Bible).

Explore It!

Do one or both of these activities!

Activity 1

Pick one natural place or thing to sit and watch for 10-15 minutes. It could be the view outside your window. It could be a spot in your yard or a specific plant. It could be a family pet. And just watch. Observe. Explore. Look at the shapes and colors. What patterns do you see? What sounds do you hear? If you can safely touch it, what do you feel? What do you know about what you're observing? How could you learn more? On a piece of paper, write down or draw what you observe, what curiosities are sparked by what you find in your still exploration. Share what's on your paper with people in your house or electronically with camp friends.

Activity 2

Get a piece of string 3-5 feet long. Lay it down along an interesting piece of ground outside. With your bare eyes or with a magnifying glass, go for a "micro-hike" exploring all the tiny wonders in this small space: veins in leaves, plant pollen, insects, insect trails, different types of grass and flowers... see how much life and variety and wonder can exist in such a small space!

Think About It!

What did you encounter in your micro-explorations? Where do you see God's fingerprints in the world around you? What filled you with a sense of wonder in your observations? What does it mean for us to take care of God's Creation when we think about what we see in our micro-exploration?

Pray About It!

Dear God, help us to see the wonder of Your Creation everywhere we go. Open our eyes to see Your hand in the life of everything we see, both big and small. And guide our hearts to love and care for it all as You do. Amen.

Job 12:7-10 (NRSV)

"But ask the animals, and they will teach you; the birds of the air, and they will tell you; ask the plants of the earth, and they will teach you; and the fish of the sea will declare to you. Who among all these does not know that the hand of the Lord has done this? In God's hand is the life of every living thing and the breath of every human being."

Craft It!

Make your own binoculars using empty toilet paper rolls, markers, stickers, crayons, and some glue! Use your binoculars to help you focus your exploration. Visit the Virtual Craft Cabin at lutherlyn.com/athome for directions.

Sing It!

Sing "The Hippo Song" to celebrate God's fingerprints everywhere! Visit Campfire Fun at lutherlyn.com/athome for a sing-along video.

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