

## **Craft a Season of Creation Caring for our Common Home Mural**

Everyone on the planet has a role to play in caring for creation. Every day each of us has a chance to care for our beautiful planet. Sometimes we forget that we can make change happen.

Below you will find a list of ways that you, your classmates and family can care for creation. Every time you do one of these things, it is good to stop and take note. So, Jesuit Missions is suggesting a way of doing this.

Create a Caring for Creation wall art in your classroom or in a main area of your school. Below you will find some line drawings that will give you an idea of how to start. Then each time that someone in your class does one of the things on the list, add a leaf, a flower, or an animal, something to represent what you have done. Within a short time, if everyone works together you will have produced a beautiful mural to remind everyone how important it is to care for creation. Around the edge of your mural add photos of you as you care for our common home.

<b>Things you can do to care for our common home</b>
<b>Recycle</b>
<b>Turn off lights and appliances when not in use.</b>
<b>Make your shower a 4-minute shower to save water</b>
<b>Eat less meat or try going vegan for a week</b>
<b>Whatever your age, write a letter or email to your MP explaining why it is important to care for creation...and send it! Share what you are doing!</b>
<b>Go for a walk outdoors. Count how many plants and animals you see</b>
<b>Write to your local supermarkets and shops asking them to reduce single use plastic</b>
<b>Build a bug hotel in your garden</b>
<b>Plant a window container with insect friendly flowers</b>
<b>Plant a wildlife mini meadow</b>
<b>Plant a veg garden – even in a pot. Don't have space, then plant up</b>
<b>Learn one new thing about creation every day</b>
<b>Pray for our common home</b>

## Creating your Mural

**Step 1** - Project the tree image onto a wall. Draw the tree to get started making your Caring for Creation mural.

**Step 2** - Decide what YOU are going to do to care for creation. This is the Important part!

**Step 3** - Each time you do something to care for our common home choose one of the images below, colour it in, and write one word to describe what you have done. Include your name, too, Now attach this to the mural. Try to do at least one thing a week. Even better – try to do one thing each day.

**Step 4** - Take photos of you, your family, your class caring for our common home. Place these photos around the outside of your mural.

**Next steps** - What are some of the other things that you can do to care for our creation? Add these to the list!





