While we’re hunkered down at home, we can spend some time talking about caring for the earth during Earth Care Month. So many people have felt closest to God in nature. Caring for the earth is a way to feel connected to our Creator and respect the beautiful creation all around us. Try some of these things this April: 

* Take a bag with you every time you go on a walk or to the park to fill with litter and trash. Keep a running total of how many bags of trash you’ve picked up.
* Learn about the native plants and animals in your town and region. See if you can identify any of them. Plant some in your yard, if possible.
* Find ways to reduce the amount of water you use as a family or reduce your energy use. Put one person in charge of reminding other members of the family when lights are left on or water is wasted.
* Replace a disposable product in your home with something that’s reusable, whether it’s straws, shopping bags, or paper towels. Include the whole family on the decision.

Memory Verse  
  
God saw everything that God had made, and indeed, it was very good. Genesis 1:31a (NRSV)  
  
Faith Practice Spotlight: Beauty   
  
In order to focus on the beauty all around, practice taking mental pictures of something beautiful in your environment. Set a time (when you’re at a park or outside together) and encourage each other to take a mental picture. Share your mental images on the way home.

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