

#CREATIONCARE SCAVENGER HUNT

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WELCOME TO THE #CREATIONCARE SCAVENGER HUNT.

We know that God continues to speak to and through creation in marvelous and magnificent ways. As created beings and stewards of God's good creation we have the responsibility of taking notice of where God shows up in our lives and in the world about us. We invite you to take notice of the things around you as you search. **Take photos, leave footprints.**

PSALM 104:1-14 BENEDIC, ANIMA MEA

Bless the Lord, O my soul; O Lord my God, how excellent is your greatness! You are clothed with majesty and splendor. You wrap yourself with light as with a cloak and spread out the heavens like a curtain. You lay the beams of your chambers in the waters above; you make the clouds your chariot; you ride on the wings of the wind. You make the winds your messengers and flames of fire your servants. You have set the earth upon its foundations, so that it never shall move at any time. You covered it with the deep as with a mantle; the waters stood higher than the mountains. At your rebuke they fled; at the voice of your thunder they hastened away. They went up into the hills and down to the valleys beneath, to the places you had appointed for them. You set the limits that they should not pass; they shall not again cover the earth. You send the springs into the valleys; they flow between the mountains. All the beasts of the field drink their fill from them, and the wild asses quench their thirst. Beside them the birds of the air make their nests and sing among the branches. You water the mountains from your dwelling on high; the earth is fully satisfied by the fruit of your works. You make grass grow for flocks and herds and plants to serve human beings that they may bring forth food from the earth.

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Read psalm 104	A bee (don't touch)
Tree	Something to be
Bush	recycled
Anthill	Listen for birdsong
Feather	Find something
Moss	beautiful
Water lily	Pine needles
Fish	Green shoot
Acorn	Tree stump
Bell	Stained glass tree
Boat dock	Something big
Yellow flower	Something wind
A bug that flies	blown
A bug that crawls	Something hopeful
A bug that hops	Something odd
Milkweed pods	Something very small
Turtle	Something very large
Spider web	Something bumpy
Animal footprint	Something fuzzy
Natural cross	Something sticky
A bench	Something brown
Maple leaf	Something dead
Green leaf with spots	Something alive
Pinecone	Something colorful
Metal rooster	Something that
Rough rock	smells good
Rock with moss	Something to share
Bird on wing	Something to care
Bird on branch	Something to
A bird's nest	preserve
Clouds	A treasure
Stained glass dove	Rain barrel
-	Maple leaf

Please text your 3 favorite photos for our online picture gallery to: **510-306-1476**

WHAT DIFFERENCE CAN I MAKE?

Here are some things you can do to help care for creation:

- REDUCE WASTE: Reduce the amount of waste you send to landfills by reusing bags, buying local, and composting.
- REDUCE YOUR CARBON FOOTPRINT: Use energy efficiently, save water, and offset your electricity and gas.
- SUPPORT SUSTAINABLE PRACTICES: Support energy efficiency standards and encourage sustainable use of natural resources.
- SUPPORT YOUR COMMUNITY: Buy local food to support your community and avoid costly transportation and packaging.
- GET INVOLVED: Volunteer at a local environmental organization or organize a campaign to clean up public green spaces.
- CONTACT YOUR REPRESENTATIVES: Call, email, or write to your state representatives to share your concerns about creation care.
- BE MINDFUL OF YOUR CONSUMPTION: Consider the environmental impact of your purchases and avoid singleuse items.
- BE RESOURCEFUL: Put on your "planet goggles" to see
 waste as useful and new as rare
- CARE FOR THE POOR: Care for the poor, vulnerable, and those living on the margins of society.
- PLANT A GARDEN: Pollinators and other beneficial insects need habitat to help them thrive which means we all thrive.

