

Gather

[Call to worship based on Psalm 130](#)
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Ask everyone to imagine being given something precious and fragile to look after. Talk in small groups about what kind of things they would do to keep it safe?

Show images of beautiful parts of our world and then images of the world that has been spoilt (you might want to include photos of places in your neighbourhood). Encourage reflection on what can make our world less beautiful. You might want to share some statistics from less.plastic.org.uk

Divide the congregation into teams and give them two minutes to come up with Bible stories that feature animals or fish. Each team gets a point for a story no other team has thought of

Use Psalm 130 as a lament (see the interactive version below) , perhaps showing the powerpoint used earlier of God's amazing creation

Encourage the congregation to gather in all age groups to discuss the following...

Psalm 24:1 says 'The earth and everything in it belong to the Lord. The world and all its people belong to him.'

If the earth belonged to you who would you give it to, to look after and why?

Respond

Engage

Genesis 1:20-23

There is a wonderful creation poem based on Genesis 1 in the [Book of Books](#)

In this week's Bible verses we hear how God 's earth becomes full of fish and birds.

When we see pictures of birds covered in oil, or turtles dying, strangled by plastic it is easy to become overwhelmed and think that things cannot change. In today's reading from Ezekiel 37 ,God sends a message of hope with a picture of a valley of dry bones becoming alive again because of the power of His Spirit. This hope is echoed in Paul's writing to the Romans. As friends of Jesus, God

fills us with his Spirit which connects us deeply with him, and transforms us into people who do things that give him joy (Romans 8:6-11). If we allow God's Spirit to work through us not only can we be agents of love and peace, we can also fulfill God's first requirement of humanity: that it looks after the gift of his creation (Genesis 1:29-30)

#LIVE LENT

CARE for GOD'S CREATION



CREATURES OF SEA AND SKY

Share this week's daily challenges from #Livelent booklet.

For more ideas and biblical verses regarding reducing plastic look at the Church [of England's Lent Challenge from last year](#)

Wednesday's challenge is to read about Jesus's amazing catch of fish. There is a great video about this on the [RE:Quest website](#). It is also referred to in the Lion Storyteller's Bible—Goodbye at Last.

Send

Lament based on Psalm 130 International Children's Bible (ICB)

Lord, when we look around your earth we realise that we are in great trouble. So we call out to you for help.

Lord, hear our voices. Listen to our prayers for help.

**Lord, if you punished people for all their sins, no one would be left.
But we are grateful that you forgive us.**

Lord, hear our voices. Listen to our prayers for help.

We wait for the Lord to help us, trusting his word.

We wait for the Lord to help us, more than night watchmen wait for the dawn,

Lord, hear our voices. Listen to our prayers for help.

People of _____, let's put our hope in the Lord because he is loving and able to save.

He will save _____ from all our sins and help us to make this world a better place.

Lord, hear our voices. Listen to our prayers for help.