

The theme of learning disability week is My environment - my place, my planet

Aim: this material can be used as a basis for a church service or for a group meeting to show that God made a wonderful diverse world and we are part of it.

The accompanying PowerPoint has pictures of Ivy's travels around Scotland - you can add your own.

The 3 Bible readings affirm that God made everything, including us and he has a plan for our lives as part of creation.

A simple recycling project could be part of this service/meeting e.g. invite people to bring 1 item to donate to a charity shop or make ecobricks



Genesis 1: 1-2

Psalm 139 verses 13 and 14

Ephesians 2: 10



As an opening activity or for a children's talk it would be good to have a few unusual fruits and vegetables and/or pictures of less well-known animals for people to look at and say what they are. God made them all.



Drama.

In this drama - people can bring items forward as they are mentioned to build up the picture. Have a card saying '**It's looking great said God**' - when it is held up everyone says it.

At the very start of the world there was nothing there - nothing at all (ask people to put hands over their eyes and keep very quiet)

God said - let there be light and there was (use torch or battery candle)

"It's looking great", said God

On the second day, God made the earth and over it He carefully made a big blue sky. (use picture of sky or blue cloth)

"It's looking great", said God

The next morning God looked around and thought, "the earth needs to be a bit more planned." So, He put all the water in one place and all the dry land in another. When He had finished that, God made plants to cover the land. Dandelions and daffodils appeared. All sorts of trees and grasses began to grow. (use a plant)

"It's looking great", said God

On the fourth day, God looked around and thought, "the daylight still needs a bit more work and the night is just too dark." So, He made the sun to light the sky during the day and the moon and stars to add a bit of sparkle to the night. (use pictures of sun, moon and stars)

"It's looking great", said God

The next day God made fish and birds (use pictures or toys)

"It's looking great", said God

Next day God added animals to the land. He made lions and tigers and bears. He made rabbits and sheep and cows but He still felt something was missing. (use pictures or toys)
So, God added people to enjoy and take care of all that He had made. God looked around and was happy with all He had made. (picture of people)

"It's looking great", said God

In six days, God had made everything just right. On the seventh day God had a nice long rest and enjoyed looking at all He had made. (Mime looking over everything and smiling)

"It's looking great", said God



Talk (if you are using the PowerPoint of places around Scotland you can talk about our wonderful world that God made for us to enjoy as you show the pictures)

God made our world - every part of it.

God made us - all unique and special - we are part of the world he made.

God wants us to look after the world and each other- that was always his plan.

So, when God made you and me, he did a great job and was pleased with his work.

How could we look after God's world and each other better?
- take time to listen to people's ideas.



Prayer time: This can be done as an echo prayer with leader says a line and everyone repeating it.

Dear God,

Thank you for all that you give us;

For all the plants and animal,

For the hills, rivers and seas,

And for the food that we grow, eat and enjoy.

Help us to know our place as part of your creation,

And to look after your world and each other,

And all that you have trusted us to care for.

Amen



Possible songs

He's got the whole world in his hands

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5tkzveBcwNI>

God loves you just the way you are (Prospects)

The Father himself loves you (Prospects)

All things bright and beautiful

Our God is so big so strong and so mighty.