

## RE Scripture for this week

### For Monday:

Read the scripture. Discuss with friends or family. Answer questions.

#### **Care for Others ( based on Leviticus 19:9-10)**

When harvest time comes do not cut the crops to the very edges of the fields and do not return to collect the scraps that are left.

You must not go back through your vineyard

To gather the grapes that you missed.

Leave them for poor people and strangers who are hungry.

I am your God.

Answer the following:

1. What is sharing?
2. What happens when you share something with someone?
3. What are your expectations?
4. What are theirs?
5. How is sharing done in a fair way?

### For Tuesday:

Reread scripture from Monday. Then, make a list of promises which include random acts of kindness that you will do to show you care for God's People. Remember God's people means those that we know and love and those that we do not know. Make your list thorough and include acts for both (types of people - those you know and those you don't). Example: I will make my family a hot drink each morning. I will make sure to always hold the door for the people coming through behind me when entering or leaving a shop.

### For Wednesday:

Read the scripture and story below. Create a leaflet for others as a guide to how they may learn from you and practise being a good steward. Your headings should include: Individuals, Family, School, Parish, Local Community and World. Under each heading write practical ideas of ways for each group to do to be good stewards. Remember to have an introduction explaining why you believe that Christians have concerns for the care of Creation and its people.

**Luke 12: 32-34**

"Do not be afraid, for your Father is pleased to give you the Kingdom. Sell all your belongings and give the money to the poor. Provide for yourselves purses that don't wear out, and save your riches in heaven, where they will never decrease, because no thief can get to them, and no moth can destroy them. For your heart will always be where your riches are."

### **Mining for School Fees - Story**

The boy in the picture lives in the Democratic Republic of Congo, a vast country in the centre of Africa. In his hand is a small piece of gold. Lots of people see gold as a symbol of wealth and power. It is used in everything from jewellery to food and aircraft engines to computers.

But gold has done little to reduce poverty in developing countries and is often linked to fighting. Gold mining can harm the environment and cause lots of problems for people living near mines. Sometimes the deadly chemicals that are used to get the gold out of the rock get into the water supply and people get very sick.

Children often work in the mines. A teacher from a mining area explains how this affects them: "The government has not paid teachers here for years. So I just get \$30 a month out of the school fees paid by parents. The school is for six to twelve year olds. It costs the parents one dollar per child, per month. Many children leave school and start mining because they can't afford the fees. Some of them even mine after school. Each year we have lots of children at the beginning but after a while, fewer and fewer come. The parents all want to educate their children but they are helpless."

CAFOD works to ensure poor people benefit from the natural resources of their nation and to have a say over how these resources are used. CAFOD campaigns to help make sure that big mining companies act responsibly and that ordinary people are treated well. God is concerned for anyone who is treated unfairly. At the beginning of the prophet Isaiah God makes that clear:

Learn to do good; see that justice is done,  
Help those who are oppressed,  
Give orphans their rights and defend widows.

**Isaiah 1:17**

### For Thursday:

Write a letter to a friend persuading them to be a good steward. Use scripture to explain why, as a Christian, they should be a good steward and the importance of it. To help support you, give examples and reasons including those you and others you know about (Bible and taught) do to be good stewards. Show understanding that the world is a gift to us but on 'loan' as it is for all God's Creations.

You should show:

- An understanding of the book of *Genesis* and other scripture related to stewardship. You can use last week's or any scripture to support.
- The harmony and order of the created world.
- Solidarity among all creatures.
- Being made in the image and likeness of *God*.
- The integrity and stewardship of the *Creation*.
- The Catholic Social teaching about care for others and for the integrity of creation.

**Integrity:** the quality of being honest and having strong moral principles; the state of being whole and undivided.