

# 2010 VLM Bible Study

## Week at a Glance: Keeping the Earth

For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God. Romans 8:19

Day	Title	Daily Bible Text	Catechism Connection	Focus Points	Additional Bible References
1	<b>Keeping the Earth</b> Made in God's image.	Genesis 1:26 – 2:1 Key verse: 26	The First Article of the Apostles' Creed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We are made in God's image.</li> <li>We care for earth as God cares for us.</li> <li>Our dominion is a sacred trust and humbling responsibility.</li> <li>We keep the earth out of gratitude, humility, awe, and wonder.</li> </ul>	Psalm 8:1, 3-9 Job 38:1-7 Matthew 6:25-33
2	<b>Keeping the Covenant</b> God's covenant is with all creation.	Genesis 9:8-17 Key verses: 9-10	The Fifth Commandment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>God's covenant is with humans and all creatures.</li> <li>Humans are to serve, keep and protect all of creation.</li> <li>When we break the covenant, the earth suffers with us.</li> <li>We are called to proclaim good news to the whole creation.</li> </ul>	Genesis 2:4b-8, 15 Isaiah 24:4-5 Mark 16:15
3	<b>Keeping Life Abundant</b> Abiding in the vine.	John 15:1-8 Key verse: 5	The Second and The Third Petition of the Lord's Prayer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>When we abide in Christ we will bring forth fruit, for the healing of the world.</li> <li>Jesus, the Bread of life, nourishes/sustains us.</li> <li>The abundant life is not based on how much stuff we have.</li> <li>Creation welcomes us when we are filled with love, mercy, peace and justice.</li> </ul>	John 10:10b John 6:31-35 John 7:37-39a Isaiah 55:10-12
4	<b>Keeping the Song Alive</b> Joining the hymn of all creation.	Psalm 19:1-4 Key verses: 3-4	The Third Article of the Apostles' Creed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All of creation sings praises to God/Jesus.</li> <li>It is like a song, a voice that flows through all of creation.</li> <li>The hymn of creation arises out of the proper functioning/integrity of a healthy creation.</li> <li>The Spirit helps us to hear/join the song.</li> </ul>	Psalm 148 Psalm 104:10-30 Psalm 96:11-13 Revelation 5:13-14
5	<b>Keeping Creation</b> Finding our voice.	Luke 19:36-40 Key verses: 39-40	The Sacrament of Holy Baptism	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What and who cries out to Jesus today?</li> <li>God's people are called to uphold justice and reconciliation, for all members of creation.</li> <li>Creation waits, with eager longing, for us.</li> </ul>	Amos 5:21-24 2 Corinthians 5:17-19 Romans 8:18-26