

A Prayer to Say Together:

Prayer by Tracy Potter, UCC



Great growing God, the more we learn about you, the bigger you get. Help us remember how much room we have to grow and help us imagine all the amazing things we might do.

Amen.

Activity Page Instructions:

Today's activity page is about the ways we grow. Think about what you are learning, and ways you are growing. Write or draw some of these things on the leaves, or just decorate them in ways that make you think of growing. You are invited to work together as a family to complete it, or print additional copies at:

www.generalsynod.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/Draft-Day-4.pdf

Mural Instructions: We encourage you to combine this activity with the last 3 weeks activities to create a mural. If you are creating a mural from sessions 1-4 activities, cut out the leaves from this week's activity and add them to the roots of your tree (logo).

To make a mural, get a poster board that you can add them all to or pick a wall or bulletin board you can post to.

Don't forget to share your creativity online with #RootedInLove!

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General Synod Children's Devotion

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General Synod 33 was July 11th through 18th. This is the fourth children's Devotion out of a series of 10 from that special week.

Welcome

Welcome to our special time with God and each other. Today, we're going to talk about the different ways that we might grow. Just like the rest of the things that God made, we don't stay the same. We are always changing and always growing. So, here we grow!

Verse of the Day



God said, "Let the waters under the sky come together into one place so that the dry land can appear." And that's what happened. 10 God named the dry land Earth, and he named the gathered waters Seas. God saw how good it was. 11 God said, "Let the earth grow plant life: plants yielding seeds and fruit trees bearing fruit with seeds inside it, each according to its kind throughout the earth." And that's what happened. 12 The earth produced plant life: plants yielding seeds, each according to its kind, and trees bearing fruit with seeds inside it, each according to its kind. God saw how good it was.

(Genesis 1:9-12, CEB)

Today's Reflection

By Callie Yates

⚡ Watch the video version instead which includes special music at <https://player.vimeo.com/video/564681203> ⚡



God divided the dry land from the waters.
God made the solid ground and oceans deep.
God made wet, dry, and everything in between;
swamps and deserts, tundra and jungles;
from rivers and streams to forests and fields,
such different places that grow unique things.
Then God filled them up in amazing ways.
Birds and fish, pets and predators,
big and small, flyers and creepers.
All kinds of creatures filled God's amazing spaces.

I wonder where in the world you would like to explore.

I wonder what creatures you might like to see.

I wonder how the creatures of the earth thank God.

I wonder what it would sound like if the whole creation could sing.

Praising God Together

The song "Creation Sings" adapted and sang by Bryan Sirchio, UCC.



Refrain:

Creation sings God's praise.
This whole world shouts God's name.
Every living thing in its own special way
is living and breathing to say:
Let's sing our Creator's praise!

The plants give God praise just by growing.
The beauty of flowers and trees.
The clear air we breathe.
The pollen and bees.
It all works so perfectly.

Sing Refrain 1X

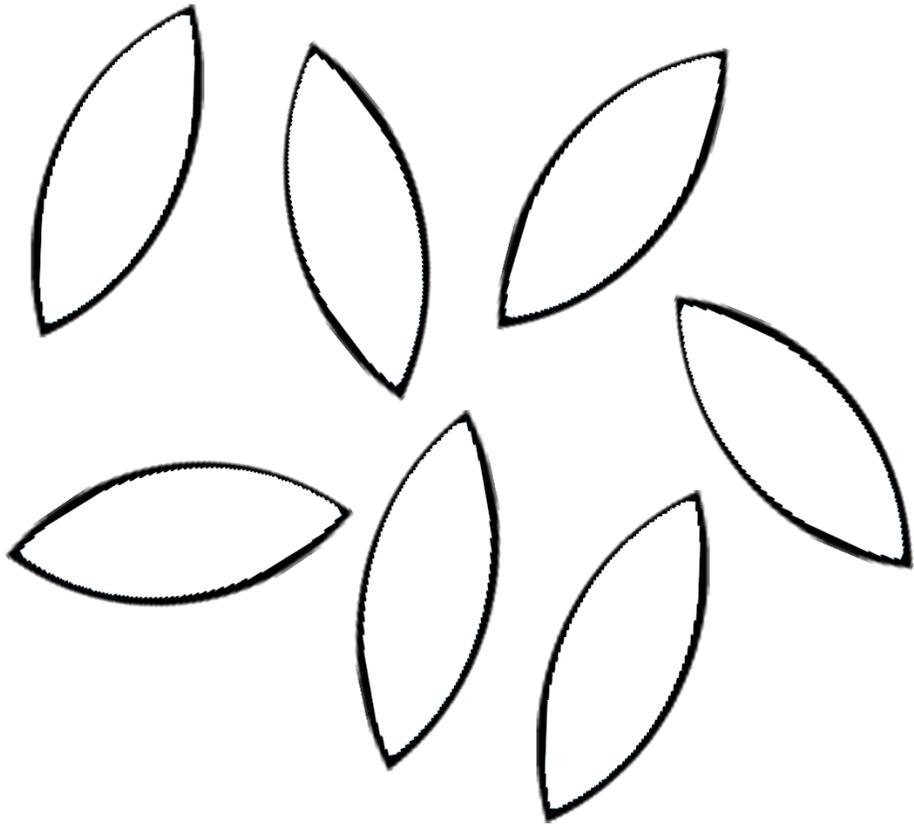
The animals, birds and the sea life.
The moon and the waves and the wind.
The stars in the sky.
The way they can guide a lost person home again.

Sing Refrain 1X

Creation is like God's own garden.
We people are God's gardeners.
Let's care for this earth for all that we're worth
And love this whole universe.

Sing Refrain 1X

Let's sing our Creator's praise!
Let's sing our Creator's praise!



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