

Chapter 1 ***God's World***

How varied are your works, Lord! In wisdom you have made them all. *Psalms 104:24*

To the Parents:

In chapter 1 your child learned the following:

- To describe how nature reflects the goodness and love of the Creator
- To give examples of how he or she depends on God and others
- To suggest practical ways that he or she can work with others to make a better world for everyone

Our Scriptures proclaim two stories about creation in the Book of Genesis. The first account shows the power and creativity of God our Creator. It reflects God's love and care for all of creation. It helps us remember that all living things, including ourselves, depend on God for our very existence. As God's highest and final creation, human beings are charged to cultivate and care for the earth as good stewards.

The second creation account proclaims harmony and interdependence. The description of Eden is a picture of perfect harmony. The balance of nature is a reflection of the harmony between God and the man and woman he created. The image the biblical writer uses is that God came to walk with them in the cool breeze just before sunset (based on *Genesis 3:8*).

The call to that harmonious relationship with God and others is ours today. God loves you and wants to walk with you.

With Your Child:

1. Imagine a world in which all creatures live in harmony and peace as God intended. List some features of your world and talk about them.
2. Talk about the ways that members of your family depend on one another. Then make a list of other people on whom your family depends. Find a way to show your gratitude to these people.
3. Together read the story of Saint Martin of Porres on the Review and Explore page.