



SCRIPTURE AND CITIZENSHIP

WE ARE KEEPERS

We are Keepers - of the gift of Creation. It is entrusted to us for our own use and care, and that of generations to come.



I have come that they may have life and have it to the full.

John 10:10

The right to life cannot be separated from our care for Creation: life can only flourish with fresh air, clean water and good food. Our care of Creation is an expression of our praise and thanksgiving to God and of our care and respect for each other, of our good citizenship.

When we heed the call to 'live simply' we encourage our children to think about:

- how we use our resources wisely and fairly
- the consequences of our choices for others
- the impact of climate change and biotechnology, pollution and over-fishing and deforestation.

When we pay attention to what and how much we consume, to fair trade, how and how far we travel, how much we re-use and recycle, we model both individual and collective responsibility.

- As Catholics how do we understand citizenship?
- How do we encourage our children to be good citizens?
- What can the Bible teach us about citizenship?



ACTION POINTS FOR FAMILIES

Read this Bible story:

The widow of Zarephath (1 Kings 17:8-16)

Think about the amount of water and energy you use each week. See if you can reduce your use of both so that other people can share our common natural resources.

Say the 'Our Father' prayer.