

Season of Creation 2025 Suggested activity for Children's Liturgy

Welcome to the Season of Creation!

This September, the Diocese of Salford's Environment Team invites you to join them in praying for our common home with this ready-made activity for your children's liturgy groups.

Items needed:

Smartphone (for music)
Leaves
Paper
Wax crayons

Activity Timeline - Full session time: 35 minutes

Gather (allow 5 minutes):

As the children enter play 'Cauliflowers Fluffy'

Scan the QR Code to play Cauliflowers Fluffy on YouTube



Make the sign of the cross.

Prompt: What fruit and vegetation did you hear in the song? What are your favourite fruits and vegetables?



Word (allow 10 minutes):

During September, it is the Season of Creation. At this time of year, we give thanks to God for all the gifts of creation. We think about what our favourite parts of creation are, flowers, plants, trees, animals, waterfalls, grassy fields, woodland... Take ideas from the children about their favourites. Listen to the words of scripture:

You can either read the scripture of the Sunday you choose to do this Season of Creation liturgy in OR Genesis 1: 1-31

Sunday 7th September 2025: Luke 14: 25-33

Sunday 14th September 2025: John 3: 13-17

Sunday 21st September 2025: Luke 16: 1-13

Sunday 28th September 2025: Luke 16: 19-31

Response (allow 15 minutes):

f possible, depending on your parish's grounds, you may want to go outside:

Look at the leaves around the parish grounds. Collect any fallen leaves that call out to you. Go up to trees that you have in your grounds and placed the piece of paper over the trunk, rub the paper with a wax crayon and see the trunk of the tree come through as a print in the wax.

Once you have gathered enough leaves and had enough rubbings of tree trunks, take the leaves back to your liturgy room. Place a piece of paper on top of the collected leaves and rub them with a wax crayon to create colourful leaf imprints.

If going outside is not possible or you do not have access to leaves at your parish:

Prior to the centre, collect some leaves for the children to use. Allow the children to choose which leaf they like. Place a piece of paper on top of the collected leaves and rub them with a wax crayon to create colourful leaf imprints.

Once you have your leaf rubbings:

On the other side of the piece of paper, write a prayer for creation, giving thanks for your favourite part of creation or draw your favourite part of creation.



Mission/Witness (allow 5 minutes):

You may want to lead these prayers yourself or invite the children to read one each.

Let us pray together:

Lord, as we start the season of Creation, hear the prayers we speak now.

We pray for the world: Let everyone in the world be touched by the beauty of creation.

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer

We pray for Pope Francis, Bishop John and Fr ______: As they lead us in prayer during the season of creation, help them to be leading lights on how to support the environment and rejoice in God's creation.

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer

We pray for everyone here at the parish of ______: May everyone in our parish be able to enjoy the beauty of creation.

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer

We pray for the sick and those who are heaven: May the Holy Spirit give them and their families comfort at this time.

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer

Mary...

Ask the children if there is anyone or anything they would like to pray for and invite them to come forward and say their prayer out loud.

We join our prayers with those of Mary, Jesus' mother and our mother too as we say together, Hail

End with the Sign of the Cross.

