

EARTH CHANP FOR JESUS!

AUGUST 2023 KIDS ASSEMBLY TOPIC

2023 Kids Assembly Topic for August EARTH CHAMP FOR JESUS!

OBJECTIVES

At the end of the Kids Assembly, MFC Kids will be able to:

- Realize that everything God created is good including our environment
- Appreciate and give importance to our mother nature
- Thank God for all the resources that He is blessing us with

MOTIVATION

Activity: JUMP IN JUMP OUT (fun game)

Instructions:

1. Form a very big circle consisting all the kids present in the assembly. Make sure that all the kids are holding each other's hands. You may divide the kids into certain number of groups if the total attendees is enormous.

2. The speaker will show (thru a PPT) different examples about taking care of our environment & vice versa. Examples can be positive and negative actions. Speaker might show as many as he/she can.

ex. recycling plastic, littering candy wrappers, etc.

3. Jump in or hop inside the circle if the action showed is right when it comes to taking care of our environment. On the other hand, if the action is wrong, jump out or hop outside.

4. Let the kids enjoy and have fun while learning as well.



EXPANDED OUTLINE

In the beginning, God made the whole world and everything in it. He wanted to give us a beautiful home and that's how much He cares about us. He planned everything carefully before putting us here. You know, the sky with the sun and moon, and the Earth with the sea, trees, and animals? God made all of that! He made everything super amazing, and He made us, too! Just think, without these beautiful creations, things would be really different.

God created all of these because He loves us a lot, and He wanted to share His love with us through the world He made. So as MFC Kids, just like we take care of special gifts, we should take care of the world God made for us and use it wisely.



II. HEART

God is really good because He made everything with love, especially for us. Here are three important things to remember about taking care of what He created:

1. Practice Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle (3R)

Think about how we can take care of our Earth, just like we take care of our toys. Just like you take care of your toys and make sure they don't get broken, we can take care of our Earth by using less, finding new ways to use things, and turning old things into something new. That way, our planet stays happy and clean, and we can enjoy it for a long time!

Speaker may explain briefly the ff:

<u>Reduce</u>: This means using fewer things. Imagine you have a plate of cookies. If you only take one or two cookies instead of a whole bunch, you're reducing. So, we should use less plastic bags, paper, and other things that might end up as waste.

<u>Reuse</u>: Reusing is like playing with your toys over and over again. Instead of throwing something away after using it once, we can find new ways to use it. For example, if you have an empty jar, you can wash it and use it to keep your crayons or buttons.

<u>*Recycle*</u>: Recycling is like giving your old toys a new life. When we recycle, we collect things like paper, plastic, and cans. These things can be turned into new things, like making new paper from old paper or new bottles from old plastic ones.

2. Respect Our Environment

Respecting the environment is like being a good friend to nature. Remember, even small actions can make a big impact. When you show respect to the environment, you're helping to keep our planet healthy and beautiful for everyone to enjoy!

Examples:

• *Respect Animals:* Be kind to animals and their homes. Don't disturb their nests or habitats.

• <u>*Pick Up Litter:*</u> If you see trash on the ground, you can pick it up and put it in a trash bin. That way, the Earth stays clean and animals stay safe.

• <u>Save Water</u>: Turn off the faucet while brushing your teeth or taking a bath. Water is precious, and using less of it helps the environment.

3. Involve Your Family

Start a conversation with them. Let them know that you care about the environment and would like to share something important with them. Let your passion shine through. When you talk about something you care about, it can be contagious and make others interested too. Ask your loved ones for their thoughts and ideas. You can brainstorm together on ways your family can make a difference for the environment. Talk about fun and eco-friendly activities you can do together, like planting a garden, going on a nature hike, or having a waste-free picnic. Let your loved ones know that it would mean a lot to you if they joined you in your efforts to take care of the environment.



A. Kids at Play (3-4 years old)

Activity: Mother Earth Coloring Page (see Appendix A)

Materials: Coloring Materials

Instructions:

- Get your crayons or any of your coloring materials and start to put colors into the drawing page.
- Note to the facilitator: After doing the activity, before the assembly ends, call some representatives and let the kids share their work to the group.

B. First Steps (5-7 years old), Footsteps (8-10 years old) and Step Up (10-12 years old)
Activity: Caring for Creation Tree

Sample Output:



Materials:

- Construction Paper (Black, Brown, Green)
- Glue
- Pencils or Colored Pens

Instructions:

- 1. Make sure that each kid has black, brown and green construction papers.
- 2. Let them use the black construction paper as background color.
- 3. Ask the kids to trace an outline of their hand on brown construction paper, cut out the outline and lay it aside. This will make the trunk of the tree.
- 4. Ask the kids to draw and cut out different sized hearts on green construction paper. This will make the leaves of the tree.
- 5. Let them glue their hand outline at the center of the bottom page to create the tree trunk.
- 6. Ask them to write "I care for the environment by......" on the of the tree, and ways they care for the environment on the leaves of the tree.

IV. TAKE AWAY

We found out that God made the whole wide universe, and everything He made is like His special belongings. He really cares about all His creations. Imagine when we look at nature, like the plants, animals, and skies, it's like seeing how awesome God is. We learn that God loves us a lot and He wants us to be good friends to our wonderful home, the Earth, by taking good care of it.

CONVICTION Hello Coordinators and Heart Champs!

Kindly instruct our MFC Kids members attending the assembly to write this conviction statement on their 2023 Conviction Statement Card after finishing their activity. The card will be their attendance tracker as they attend our Kids Assemblies every month.

AUGUST:

I WILL TAKE CARE OF GOD'S CREATION!

RECITATION OF MFC KIDS PROMISE

- 1. I will imitate Jesus.
- I will pray to God and read the Bible every day.
- I will make Jesus my role model by obeying rules and doing good in school.

2. I will be a good family member.

- I will be a good son/daughter to my parents by obeying and respecting them.
- I will be a good sister/brother to my siblings through sharing and supporting them.

3. I will be an active member of MFC Kids

- I will always attend and participate in all MFC Kids activities.
- I will share my time, talents, and treasures with others, especially with my brothers and sisters in MFC Kids
- I will love, respect and be loyal to my MFC Kids family.

- 4. I will tell others about Jesus.
- I will love my brothers and sisters, relatives, and friends by doing good deeds every day that will reflect God's love.
 I will serve in our Parish Church.
- I will love the poor by sharing what I have with them

Appendix A (Kids at Play)



Dear Parents/Guardians,

Thank you for letting your kids attend our Kids Assembly this month and for being one with us in believing that they are *never too young to know Christ.* We honor your love and passion in making your child/ren closer to the Lord.

Our topic this month is about taking care of the environment. We want the kids to appreciate and give importance to our mother nature by being earth champions! With these, we want to encourage you to help them in living out the take away points that they learned during the assembly by doing activities together so they can value our environment even more.

1. Explore Outdoors: Spend time outdoors exploring parks, gardens, or nature trails. Take nature walks, observe plants, insects, and animals. This helps kids learn about the beauty and diversity of the natural world. You may also create a list of things to find in nature, such as a pinecone, a butterfly, or a smooth rock. Kids can search for these items while exploring outdoors.

2. Family Nature Time: Spend quality family time outdoors, like having a picnic, playing games, or having a simple nature adventure. This helps create positive memories connected to nature. You may also set up a bird feeder or bird bath in your yard or balcony. Kids can observe and identify different bird species, fostering a love for wildlife.

3. Plant a Garden: Planting flowers, vegetables, or herbs is a great way to connect with nature. Kids can watch their plants grow and understand the importance of nurturing living things. You may also organize a family or community clean-up day to pick up litter in a local park or beach. This teaches kids the importance of keeping the environment clean.

After doing the activities, we encourage you to post these on your social media accounts so that you can inspire other parents and families to journey with their kids. Thank you much and we hope to be with your kid/s next month!

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