

Date: 10/05/20		
Theme:	<p>All things bright and beautiful</p> <p>With less traffic around and more time at home, many people are much more aware of Spring this year, so it seems a good time to celebrate the natural world.</p>	
Preparation:	<p>Read the lesson plan below.</p> <p>The lesson is based around the hymn, 'All things bright and beautiful'. See https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FT_oDqOEGpc (which has the words on the screen)</p> <p>Or https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QDf6T8_uKeE (which shows favourite animals of a school class)</p> <p>If you have a printer, print the hymn lyrics at the end of the lesson plan. If not, you can use the first video clip and pause it at each verse.</p> <p>The activity is a scavenger hunt or picture exercise to make a collage. Decide which you'd like to do.</p> <p>Get a large piece of paper (flipchart page, old wallpaper, stick together several pages of A4, paint a piece of newspaper....) and write 'All things bright and beautiful, the Lord God made them all' at the top.</p>	
Opening prayer:	<p>Lord, please help us to listen and learn so we think more about our beautiful world around us and thank you for the amazing things in it.</p> <p>Amen</p>	
Introduction	<p>Ask the following questions and discuss. Include your own answers.</p> <p>What's your favourite animal?</p> <p>What's your favourite bird?</p> <p>What's your favourite flower?</p> <p>In our session, we're going to think about the amazing world around us and give thanks to God for it.</p>	
Story:	<p>Today we're going to listen to a song rather than a story.</p> <p>Play the video clip.</p> <p>Have you heard this song before? Discuss.</p> <p>Depending on the age of the child(ren), discuss the words of the poem. Pull out some of the things mentioned to show</p>	

	<p>the variety of nature in the world. And focus on the line 'The Lord God made them all'.</p> <p>(For older children, you could talk about conservation, the environment and our responsibility to protect the variety of flora and fauna.)</p>
<p>Activity:</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Scavenger hunt You could go for a walk or hunt in your garden and see what you can find e.g. bird's feather, flower, leaf... At home, stick what you've gathered onto paper to make your collage. You could supplement them with drawings. You could also record birds' singing on your phone and try to identify these. 2. Picture collage If you don't want to go outside (or it's raining), you could look on the internet for some picture and, if you have a printer, print these to make your collage. <p>When you're finished, play the video clip again and sing along!</p> <p>If you'd like to take a picture of your collage, please send it to jwilks@jwa-consultancy.co.uk and we'll add them to the newsletter for others to see.</p>
<p>Closing prayer:</p>	<p>Lord, Thank you for all the bright and beautiful things we have seen today. Thanks for all the other birds, plants, animals, rivers, mountains and other parts of nature in the wider world. Help us to look after them and remember that you made them all. Amen</p>

All Things Bright and Beautiful

*All things bright and beautiful,
All creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful,
The Lord God made them all.*

Each little flower that opens,
Each little bird that sings,
He made their glowing colours,
He made their tiny wings.

*All things bright and beautiful,
All creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful,
The Lord God made them all*

The purple-headed mountain,
The river running by,
The sunset and the morning,
That brightens up the sky;

*All things bright and beautiful,
All creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful,
The Lord God made them all*

The cold wind in the winter,
The pleasant summer sun,
The ripe fruits in the garden,
He made them every one;

*All things bright and beautiful,
All creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful,
The Lord God made them all*

The tall trees in the greenwood,
The meadows for our play,
The rushes by the water,
To gather every day;

*All things bright and beautiful,
All creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful,
The Lord God made them all*

He gave us eyes to see them,
And lips that we might tell
How great is God Almighty,
Who has made all things well.

*All things bright and beautiful,
All creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful,
The Lord God made them all.*