



ELCA Youth Core Leadership Team

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Candletime Online (Invite youth to get a candle to light during the prayers)

Game Earth Day Charades is a game of pantomines: you have to “act out” a word, activity, or phrase without speaking. Participants try to guess what the word or activity is. Send a private message through zoom to one person. Ask them to act it out something related to earth day. And then the rest of the group guesses online. The person who gets it correct, gets to choose an action of their own or one that you privately send them. Earth Day Charade Ideas – Butterfly, mowing the lawn, raking leaves, picking up trash, planting a garden, recycling, climbing a tree, thunderstorm, cloud, getting stung by a bee, picking a flower, finding a 4 leaf clover.

Share your name and something from God’s creation you especially noticed today.

Read Each year, more than 1 billion people celebrate Earth Day events and bring awareness to caring for the environment. What began as a protest against pollution, has now become a movement for protecting the Earth. For us ELCA Lutherans, Earth Day is a reminder that God values all of the things created and wants us to take time to appreciate our planet, protect it, and praise the One who created it. Earth Day was founded on April 22, 1970 and this year marks its 50th year. Today we’re going to see how well you know the planet you live on. When we are done tonight you can visit the ELCA’s social statement on Caring for Creation at www.elca.org. And if this is something you are truly passionate about, there is a discussion guide you can lead on the social statement with a group at your congregation.

I’m going to ask you several trivia questions. If you think the answer is TRUE, hold out your fist and give it a thumbs-up. If you think the answer is FALSE, hold out your fist and give a thumbs-down.

1. True or False: The Earth moves around the sun at approximately 67,000 miles per hour. (TRUE)
2. True or False: The Earth is 193 million miles from the sun. (FALSE - it’s only 93 million.)
3. True or False: The world’s longest mountain range is actually underwater. (TRUE)

4. True or False: The lowest recorded temperature on Earth was minus 128.6 degrees Fahrenheit in Antarctica. (TRUE)

5. True or False: The highest reported temperature was 138 degrees Fahrenheit in the country of Brazil. (FALSE - it was in Libya.)

6. True or False: Earth is the only planet not named after a Roman god. (TRUE)

7. True or False: 80% of the Earth's surface is covered with water. (FALSE - 70%)

8. True or False: The highest point on Earth is Mount Kilimanjaro. (FALSE - Mount Everest)

9. True or False: It takes about 15 minutes for light from the sun to reach the Earth. (FALSE - it's closer to 8 minutes.)

10. True or False: The Amazon rainforest is home to nearly one third of the Earth's land species. (TRUE)

11. True or False: You would weigh more if you lived at the North Pole than you did if you lived at the Equator. (TRUE - a person who weighs 150.8 lbs at the North Pole would only weigh 150 lbs at the Equator because of the gravitation pull at the Earth's poles.)

12. True or False: Lightning strikes somewhere on the Earth 5.2 million times per day. (FALSE - it's actually 8.6 million times.)

13. True or False: The first photo from the Earth taken from space was in 1958. (FALSE - 1968)

14. True or False: The Nile River, the longest on Earth, is 4,160 miles in length. (TRUE)

15. True or False: The Earth is round. (FALSE - it's actually flattened at the poles!)

Say Some of those questions were really hard. If you knew all the answers way to go! Sometimes we take for granted how special our planet is and all that it provides.

Ask What else do we take for granted or advantage of?

Say The earth might the greatest Gift God ever gave us and yet it is taken most advantage of.

Ask True or False, do you give God thanks for the planet we live on everyday?

Read Genesis 1-31 Ask different youth to read 3 or 4 verses at a time. Pause after each reading to discuss what was important in those verses.

Talk It's our job to be good stewards of what God has given us. What things do you and your family do as good stewards of God's creation? What is one new activity you have wanted to start yourself or with your family?

Light a candle as a symbol that Christ's light shines around you and hears your prayers.

Take a moment to **pause** in silence. Feel God's presence with you and the beauty in creation around you.

Ask What prayers do you have for God about his creation? Who is on your heart to pray for?

Pray Ask everyone to share one petition.

Bless one another by marking the sign of the cross on your hand and raising it towards your camera.