Stewardship of the Land

Why use this Bible study?
This Bible study can help us explore our responsibility to care for the environment around us.

Good stewardship
Read Deuteronomy 6:4-5, Genesis 1:26 and Genesis 2:15. These verses all teach us something about our duty towards the land and God’s creation.

Read Psalm 24:1-2. When we work in our farms and gardens, look after our animals and care for the sick, we are really working on behalf of the Lord.

Key points
God has given us the role of taking good care of creation.

Questions for discussion
- Do you think it is our responsibility to look after plants, animals and land, or will it look after itself?
- When our children or our neighbours are sick or unhealthy because they are not properly fed, who is most concerned?
- Can you think of any ways in which land has been harmed in your community? Could this have been avoided?
- What could we do to take care of the land and all that is in it?

Reflection
Ask God to show you some simple changes you could make in your life so you’re caring for the environment around you and not harming it.

Notes
This Bible study is adapted from a study that was first published in Tearfund (2001) A PILLARS Guide – Agroforestry http://tilz.tearfund.org/en/resources/publications/pillars/agroforestry/
### Related tools
- A2 – Raising awareness of environmental change [A2: Climate & environment-2]
- A2 – Linking climate change, environmental degradation, food, water and disasters [A2: Climate & environment-4]
- A2 – Mapping our past, present and future environments [A2: Climate & environment-6]
- A2 – Slides and ladders – helping or harming the environment? [A2: Climate & environment-3]
- B – Biodiversity (Bible study) [B: Climate & environment-1]
- B – Caring for God’s world (Bible study) [B: Climate & environment-2]
- B – Caring for our environment (Bible study) [B: Climate & environment-4]