

Care of Creation

Pray that people everywhere may take care of the world and all the creatures God created.



Can you imagine living in a world where everybody was messy? What would it be like if everyone threw all their garbage on the ground instead of in the garbage can? What would happen if everybody put harmful things in the air and the ocean?

This month Pope Benedict wants us to remember that we are all responsible for taking care of Earth. We share this world with billions of other people. God created Earth to be your home, my home, and our children's home. The Pope says that if we litter, pollute, or harm the Earth, we are stealing from our neighbors and our future children, who all have a right to live on a healthy planet.

People have invented a lot of things that make our lives easier. We have cars and airplanes, so we go long distances quickly. We have computers to help us work and have fun. We shouldn't forget that all these inventions take a lot of energy to run. Cars and airplanes use oil. Other inventions need to burn wood. Things like oil, wood, and water are called natural resources. That means they are part of the earth. If we use natural resources faster than Earth can make them, we hurt the world and all the people and animals living on it.

There are many things you can do to help care for Earth, our home. You can recycle. Help plant trees. Turn off the lights when you leave the room. Turn off the water when you're brushing your teeth. Don't litter. Pack your lunch in reusable containers. But most importantly – pray that all of us, especially the President and other people who make laws, will find ways to help protect God's creation.

Think about it!

- Why is it so important to protect God's creation?
- What things can you do to help care for the planet?
- How can you help others understand why we need to respect Earth?

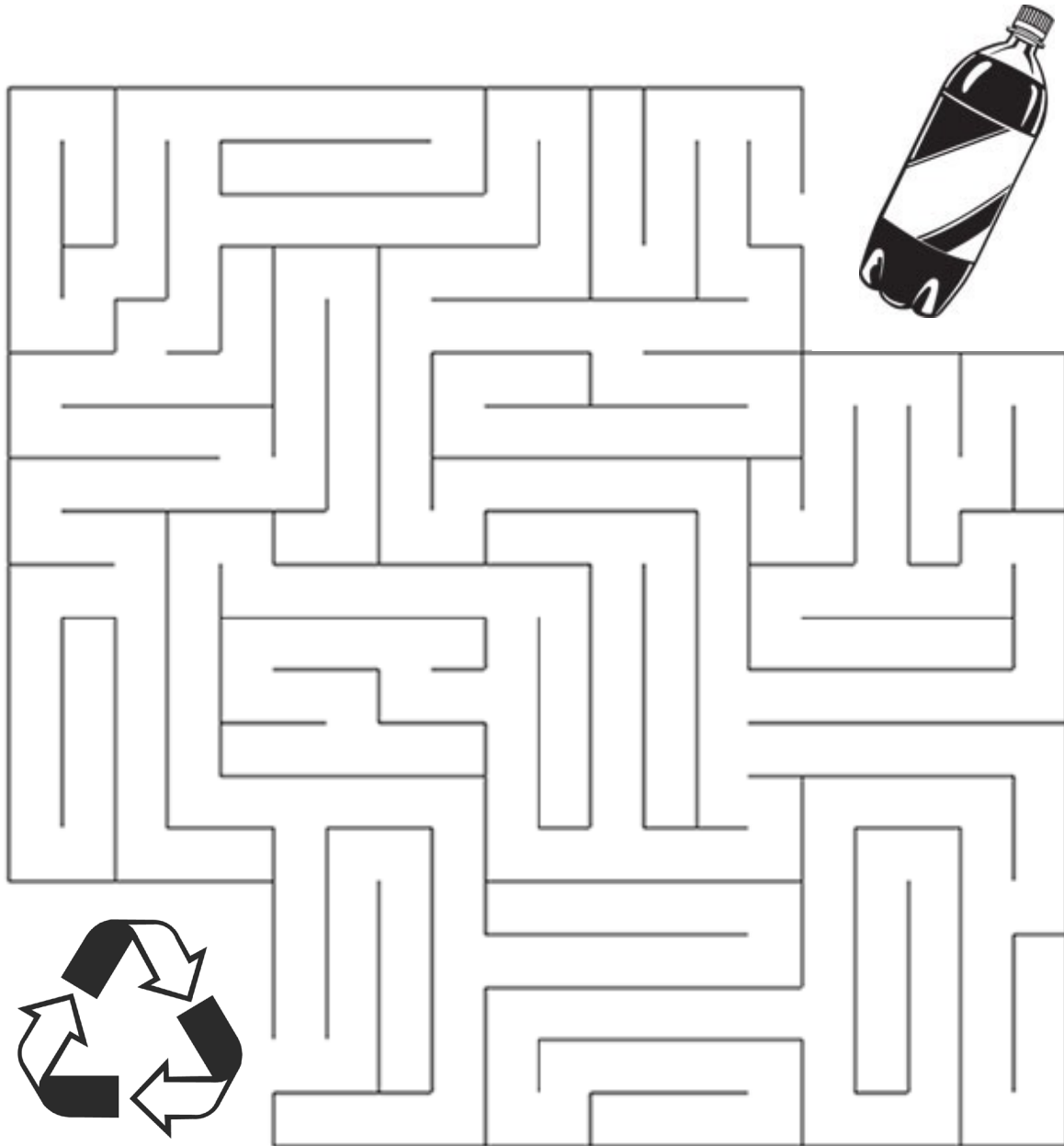
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Part of caring for God's creation means recycling. Help save the earth! Find the right path to recycle the bottle.



Great job! Did you know that recycling one plastic bottle saves enough energy to run a light bulb for six hours?