



The Pope and Our Planet

LEARNING INTENTION: To understand that the Head of the Catholic Church on Earth cares for the planet.

Tasmanian GNfL curriculum for TEACHERS- RE Years 5 and 6 / Year 5 and 6 / Knowledge and Understanding / TCREK027×

Content Description - The Church is empowered by the Holy Spirit to be a sign of life, hope, reconciliation and service to the world.

Sustainability -

Elaborations - examining the structures of the Church identifying the implications for servant leadership and how Pope Francis models this for us.

RE Years 5 and 6 / Year 5 and 6 / Discernment and Making Connections / Act: responding and participating / TCRED013×

Content Description - Share responsibility, personally and collectively, to strategise some options and commitments seeking improved outcomes in local, global or universal contexts, and, where possible, take some form of action

Science / Year 6 / Science as a Human Endeavour / Use and influence of science / ACSHE100×

Content Description - Scientific knowledge is used to solve problems and inform personal and community decisions **Elaborations -** considering how personal and community choices influence our use of sustainable sources of energy

FOR The Students to complete (from MJR Book)

1. Fill in Page 62 (Pope Francis Tweets) – search for other famous Pope Francis tweets or communications about needing to take care of our planet. Google Pope Francis ‘A Prayer for our Earth’ or Pope Francis Earth Day
2. Cut out the drawing below, colour and glue in to your RE book – over two pages. Research the internet and find eight things that the Pope has to say about saving our planet. Place the 8 arrows around the Pope and summarise these things with a large heading and then 2 sentences about it eg CLEAN WATER –Pope Francis calls for everyone to have access to clean water. In his 2015 earth day speech, he was upset that we are polluting our waterways just to make money.
3. On page 64 write out four of your favourite creations or places on Earth – describe them in 2-3 sentences eg The mountains near my home – I love to see the different colours on the mountain as the seasons change. I especially love to listen to the many birds and animals that live on the mountain. I love to bush walk on the mountain to smell and feel nature.
4. What do you think Jesus would say about how humans are currently taking care of our planet? Cut out the hard question and fill it in.

Scripture:

Numbers 35: 34

You shall not defile the land in which you live, in the midst of which I dwell, for I the LORD dwell in the midst of the people of Israel.”



Hard question

What do you think Jesus would say about how humans are currently taking care of our planet?

