

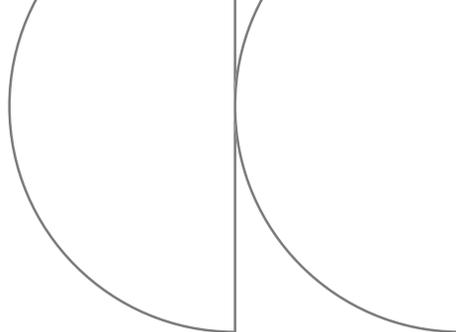
# DAY 6

God blessed them and said to them, “Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds of the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground.”

**Genesis 1:28 NIV**

God designed the world for us to play an important role in creation, and according to this passage in Genesis, our role is to rule over it. But what does that mean exactly? God is the ultimate ruler, the perfect picture of a perfect leadership. So, if we want to know how to rule, God is the best example. When it comes to our role in creation, we are to rule like God rules us—By loving and taking care of the world God’s put us in. Maybe this looks like serving on a clean-up day in your community, or volunteering at an animal shelter.

**Today, think about how you can rule by taking care of creation this week.**



# DAY 7

The earth is the Lord’s, and everything in it. The world and all its people belong to him. For he laid the earth’s foundation on the seas and built it on the ocean depths.

**Psalms 24:1-2 NLT**

It’s important to memorize this verse so we are able to begin understanding God’s creation and it’s role in our everyday lives. When driving down the road or going on a walk, it’ll begin to sink in how much God loves us.

**Suggestions to help you memorize this verse:**

- 1. Listen to it on the Dwell App or the YouVersion Bible App.**
- 2. Go on a walk and repeat it over and over.**
- 3. Ask someone to go on a walk with you and talk about the verse as you memorize together.**

# DAILY DEVOTIONAL

FOR AN  
**everyday faith.**

**I HAVE QUESTIONS: CARING FOR CREATION**

**HIGH SCHOOL**

# DAY 1

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.  
**Genesis 1:1 NLT**

Have you ever wondered what God was thinking when creating the heavens and the Earth? What made God decide that grass would be green, and the sky would be blue? How did God choose what to create first? There are so many things to be in awe of when it comes to the places and things God created.

**Think about your favorite part of creation and ask God to speak to you through it today. Ask God how you can be a good steward of creation during your time on Earth. Lastly, thank God for creating a beautiful place for us to live.**

# DAY 2

And the LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it.

**Genesis 2:15 NIV**

There can be something relaxing about stepping onto and smelling fresh-cut grass. Something so simple can make us feel calm or happy, and bring back memories of summer with friends. But those memories wouldn’t be brought to mind if it weren’t for the person who took care of the grass in the first place. From watering, to cutting and fertilizing, someone made sure to look after the grass. Someone taking the time to look after that little piece of land contributed to memories you now carry with you.

**Today, think about how you can contribute to taking care of something. Maybe that’s helping pick up litter, watering plants, or finding something to clean. And think how your small contribution can make a big difference.**

## DAY 3

Long ago you laid the foundation of the earth and made the heavens with your hands.

**Psalm 102:25 NLT**

Have you ever created something you were really proud of? Maybe it was a piece of art, a song you wrote, or even a school project. No matter what it was, you were proud of it because of the care, time, and energy you put into it. That is what made it worth admiring. In the same way, God made the Earth, and all that is in it. And thinking about how carefully God created the world we live in by hand should inspire us to protect it and care for it.

**This week, look for ways to admire and protect what God has created. Maybe that means just paying attention to the sunset, or using a reusable water bottle. Then spend some time thanking God for what God has created.**

## DAY 4

**So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.**

**Genesis 1:27 NIV**

When you look in the mirror in the morning, who do you see? Do you see someone who forgot to floss last night and has total bed head, or do you see someone made in the image of God? What if we started each morning by seeing ourselves the way God sees us? God created us in God's image, and called us "good." This means that each of us has a unique reflection of God in us, and everyone around us does too!

**Tomorrow morning when you look in the mirror, thank God for loving you so deeply, and putting the image of God in you.**

## DAY 5

**The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands.**

**Psalm 19:1 NIV**

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God's work is all around us. Have you ever seen a sunset so beautiful you had to take a picture? Or have you taken a vacation somewhere with sights like no other? When I read this verse, that's what I think of—the work of God in the world around us that catches your attention.

I saw a stunning sunset earlier last week and sat there enjoying it for a while. While sitting there, I was reminded that God is continuing to work even through the hardest season of my life. I was put at ease, and was given God's peace just by taking in one of God's creations.

God's work can be seen in millions of ways, but God specifically crafts works of art here on Earth for us to experience and admire.

**This week try to find ways that God is working in your own life. Maybe you'll see a beautiful sunset, try to count the stars in the sky, or be happy to see your**

**loved ones. Remember some of the ways God has moved and worked in your life, and reflect on the ways God has been faithful and kind through both the good and the bad.**

