

**Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer 2009**  
**Seeing with New Eyes: God's Creation**  
**Children's Devotion**

Gather girls and boys around you. Show them these objects: a jar of dirt, a twig from a tree, and a small stone.

Ask: *What is alike about these three things?* Affirm children's responses. Say: *Dirt, sticks, and rocks are all part of God's wonderful creation. Can you name other things God made?* Let children respond.

Open your Bible to Psalm 24:1. Say: *The Bible tells us that God made everything in the world. Read the verse aloud: The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it. The world and all its people belong to him.*

Say: *God wants us to take care of the wonderful world that he has made. Do you have any ideas for how we can take care of the earth?* Affirm children's responses. Mention that boys and girls can turn off lights and water when they are not using them (if these are available in your area). They can leave nature the way they find it and not destroy it by littering. They can ride bikes instead of riding in cars or buses. If possible, briefly share ways your church is caring for the environment.

Show boys and girls a baby doll (or a real baby). Say: *There's one more very important thing that God made. What is it? That's right—people! The Bible says that all the people in the world belong to God.*

Ask: *Who can name a country or city in the world where people live?* Let children share the names of several different places.

Say: *Did you know that God created every single person in each of these places, and loves all of them? God created every person in our town too. But sometimes we forget that God created everyone. We might ignore a child who looks different from us. We might be mean to our brother or sister.*

Ask: *Who can think of a way we can treat other people as God wants us to treat them?* Affirm children's responses.

Say: *God created all the beautiful nature we see in the world. God created every person in the world. And God created each of you! Today, thousands of women around the world are praying. Let's pray with them about God's creation.*

Pray: *Thank you, God, for making trees and oceans and birds and many more beautiful things. Thank you for making every person in the entire world. Help us take care of your creation and treat it the way you want us to. Amen.*