



# RE Task

WC: 27<sup>th</sup> April

First watch the following video about Pope Francis' letter to the world;

<https://youtu.be/KOgF2Kgel6k>

In 2015, Pope Francis wrote a letter called Laudato Si'. It was addressed to everyone on the planet, asking everyone to protect our common home... the Earth. To celebrate the 5 year anniversary of this letter, there will be a special week at the end of May.

Why not try out some of the projects below over the week?

## Tasks to try...

### Creative writing

When you have reflected on Laudato Si', why not write a poem, prayer or reflection? Use the pictures for some ideas – scroll.

### Research project

Use the guide below (KS2 or parents to support younger children) to reflect on Pope Francis' message and start your own Laudato Si' project. You could use the internet to research.

### In the kitchen...

One way to live wisely is to eat more plant based food. This week, why not research and try out some new recipes?

Find some ideas here; <https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Kidz-Zone/Global-recipes> – you could also create your own plant based recipe book.

Pope Francis asks us in Laudato Si' to thank God before and after every meal.

Before you eat together, you could write you own grace using the plate template in this pack.



# Background Information

Laudato Si' is an encyclical written by Pope Francis, it was published on the 18 June 2015. Encyclicals are open letters written by the Pope. Laudato Si' discusses the damage being inflicted on the Earth by humans and calls on 'every person living on this planet' to make urgent changes to our lifestyles and how we consume energy in order to protect the planet. It deals with many environmental issues including pollution; climate change; water; loss of biodiversity and decline in the quality of human life. In his letter Pope Francis implores us to work together to create a better world for future generations and asks us to make the necessary changes in our lives in order to take care of, respect and value our 'common home'. The aim of the animation video is to help explain and communicate the message of Pope Francis's encyclical Laudato Si' to children, and to inspire them to take action.

## Introducing the animation

- Play the animation in full then think about these key questions together:
  - o What is the Pope asking us to do in his letter?
  - o *What do you think Pope Francis means by 'common home'?*
  - o How does the Pope say we have treated the Earth?
  - o What has happened to the Earth because of this?
- Play the animation for a second time, stopping to ask critical questions:
  - o *Why do you think Pope Francis wrote this letter?*
  - o Who is suffering because of our actions?
  - o How can we play our part to look after our 'common home'?
  - o What kind of world do we want to leave for future generations?

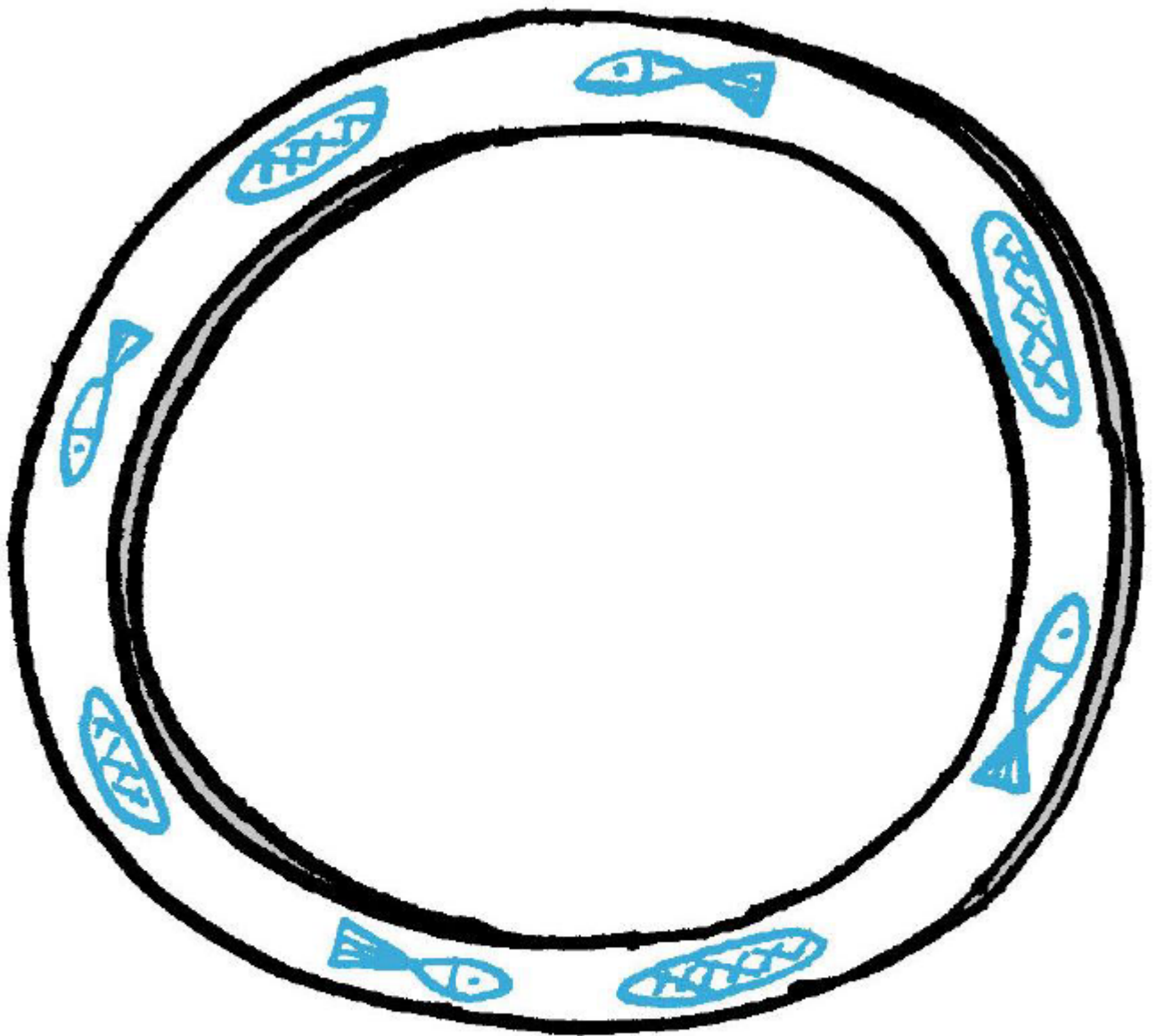
# How do you look after God's world?

**Laudato Si'**

**CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME**



Create a grace/prayer for before meals...



Write a grace for a world where everyone has enough to eat

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