

CHAPEL

3B Chapel Week 9

Slide 1: Welcome Slide

Slide 2: Invocation (*Student*)

L: We begin in the name of God. We know God as the Father,

C: Who creates and sustains all that is.

L: We know God as the Son, Jesus the Christ,

C: Who is the human and loving face of God.

L: And we know God as the Holy Spirit,

C: Who is invisible yet joins human beings together with hearts of love.

Slide 3: Welcome (*Student*)

3B and Ms Galdes would like to welcome you to our Week 9 Chapel.

Slide 4: (*Student*)

Please join us for our first song Great Big God.

Slide 5: (*Student*)

In Christian Studies we have been learning about the Creation Story in the Old Testament. God created an amazing world filled with special and unique plants and animals for us to appreciate and admire.

Slide 6: (*Student*)

While God created a beautiful world for us to enjoy we unfortunately don't always appreciate it and care after the environment like we should. We sometimes forget that ecosystems are connected and that natural systems are balanced.

Sadly some of the things we are currently doing in Australia and around the world are having horrible consequences for the health and wellbeing of animals, plants and people. The Earth is becoming sick.



Slide 7: (Student)

Trees are getting cut down. Rainforests and forests are being cut down and destroyed. Without trees the animals have no home and food. They can get sick, lost, injured and be caught and sold as pets.

Slide 8: (Student)

Litter and rubbish is polluting the environment and is harmful to animals. We need to stop littering and reduce our how much we consume.

Slide 9: (Student)

Animals all around the planet are becoming endangered and extinct due to human activity and action. Hunting, pet trades, conflict, loss of habitat, global warming and human activity are all causing problems for creatures.

Most of Australia's wildlife is found nowhere else in the world. Sadly, however, Australia is facing an extinction crisis. Australia has the worst mammal extinction rate in the world: 30 native mammals have become extinct since European settlement. To put this in a global context, 1 out of 3 mammal extinctions in the last 400 years have occurred in Australia.

Slide 10: (Student)

Water and Air Pollution: We need to stop litter and rubbish getting into waterways and the ocean. Litter and rubbish is often swallowed and accidentally eaten by marine creatures and causes them pain and suffering.

Slide 11: (Student)

The Earth is sick and we need to help get back balance. All the animals, plants and insects are important.

Slide 12: (Student)

Please watch the song Whole World in Our Hands which shows us some things we need to do to care for the Earth.



Slide 13: (Student)

What we can do: What can we do?

Slide 14: (Student)

The Earth and all the people, plants and animals on it are gifts from God. God wants us to take care of these gifts. If we don't look after our world, things will go wrong. Some animals, insects, birds and plants will disappear and some plants will die. The weather will change, the world will get hotter and there may be less rain.

We can work together and take action to help improve the health of the environment. We need to find ways of living in harmony with and caring for God's creation.

Slide 15: (Student)

We can take action to try to reduce and solve the problems or even prevent them from happening in the first place. Even doing small things, changing our own actions and behaviours can make positive changes. We want to care for the planet, but can't do everything at once. Here are a few tips to think about and things we are already doing.

One big problem is rubbish. Lots of people in our world buy stuff, use it and then throw it away. This makes lots of rubbish.

We should try to make less rubbish and help to look after our world. We need to support people to learn how to stop dumping rubbish and reduce rubbish. We can reuse, recycle, reduce and repair. At school we recycle paper. We can pick up rubbish in the school yard and participate in Clean up Australia events.

Slide 16: (Student)

We need to stop cutting down forests and trees. We need to grow more trees and plants. We plant seedlings on Tree Planting Day.

Slide 17: (Student)

We need to stop and think if what we are doing is bad or good for the environment. We can encourage people to think about how we can all share in the responsibility of caring for God's world.



We can raise awareness and be problem solvers. We can work towards inventing solutions to environmental problems. Some scientists and designers are creating new can holders that decompose in the ocean and sea turtles can eat.

Slide 18: (Student)

Butterfly garden: In the Junior School, the Butterfly and MiniBeast Garden has plants and flowers that attract and feed butterflies and native birds.

Slide 19: (Student)

We can help animals in many ways. Breeding and conservation programs, wildlife rescue and caring for native animals.

Slide 20: (Student)

Many species of butterfly are threatened or have become endangered and sadly extinct. One butterfly that became extinct was the Madeiran large white butterfly which had wings as wide as your palm. Once found in the humid forests of Mederia, this butterfly suffered over recent decades. It was considered rare when the last official sighting was made in the late 1970s. Despite research and searching in the 1980s and 1990s not a single butterfly has been found, suggesting that it has not been seen for over 20 years and is most likely extinct. Sadly loss of habitat, logging, pesticides and pollution all contributed to its extinction. Sadly action was not taken early enough to save this species.

Slide 21: (Student)

Habitat loss, hunting and poaching, toxics and other man made actions have at some point pushed many species to the brink of extinction. In some cases species have even been declared extinct in the wild. But the good news is that human intervention has also saved some species.

Strategies like protection of habitat, effective control of hunting and captive breeding programs have all played their part in these dramatic rescues. People have worked together to save the tigers in the Russian Far East, the Gray Whale, Southern White Rhinoceros, Black Rhinoceros,

Mountain Gorilla and some wild horses. Whilst in many cases there is still much to do to assure the future security of these species, many are now safely on the road to recovery.

Slide 22: Message (*Student*)

We think God wants us to be more aware of how our choices and behaviour can have impacts on the environment; both negative and positive. We can work together to preserve nature and the environment. God created a beautiful and special world and we need to take responsibility and be care givers. We need to respect and care for God's creation. We have a responsibility to be care givers and protect the Earth for future generations.

Slide 23: The Butterfly Song (*Student*)

Please join in as we sing the Butterfly Song

Slide 24: (*Student*)

Please come forward with any class prayers and please bring up any offerings.

Slide 25: King of the Jungle: (*Student*)

Please join in with our last song: King of the Jungle

Slide 26: Blessing

Have a blessed day.

Slide 27: (*Student*)

Thank you for coming to Chapel.

