



Theme: God made everything

Book: **Dear Zoo** by Rod Campbell

Theme Introduction:

The account in Genesis shows that God made everything and left it in our care. Most countries are now taking greater effort to look after God's creation. God made all the animals, no matter whether they are cute, ugly, dangerous or cuddly. All animals have a role to play in God's creation so we should be doing all we can to protect their environments.

Theme exploration:

The Bible says God created the world, and every living creature that lives in it. God made each fish, bird and every living thing, and at the end of each day He said that 'it was good'. So God didn't need to send anything back because it is all good. God wants us to take care of everything he made.

Free play suggestion:

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- Post office – In Dear Zoo, all but one of the animals, get sent back! Provide boxes that toys could be placed in, pretend stamps they can stick on and then they could deliver the box to their parents/staff etc.
- Plastic or soft toy animals in a basket with the book, so that they are encouraged to re-tell and act out the story.
- Zoo – tuff tray set up with different materials to represent sand, grass and water etc. e.g. sandpaper / fake grass / blue material / bubble wrap. Add animals to the different environments.



- I wonder what your favourite animal is.
- I wonder which animal noise you like to make the most.
- I wonder what you need to do to take care of an animal.

Craft ideas:

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- Paper chain - make a snake.
- Lion's face - make a paper plate mask.
- Play doh - create an animal.

I wonder what animal you would like the zoo to send you.



Faith in action: How can you encourage your children to do more around the reuse, repair, reduce and recycle initiatives.

Reflection on last week's faith in action, with the families.

What was last week's action?

How did that make you feel?

Why did that make a difference?



Prayer time

Thank you God for the food we eat,
thank you for the world so sweet,
thank you for the birds that sing,
thank you God for everything. Amen

Inspiration ...

Biblical Reference:

Genesis 1:25

"and there it was; wild animals of every kind, cattle of all kinds, every sort of reptile and bug. God saw that it was good".

SNACK TIME

Slices of apples and pears or any fruit in season.

SONGS

Use musical instruments

Big red tractor

Old McDonald

Sleeping bunnies

Additional resources:

A re-telling of the story on Youtube

<https://youtu.be/UywEnHKTMXk>