

*Suggestions for Honoring God's Creation*

# EARTH DAY



*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, NRSV*

- **Preach** on creation care. Take advantage of Earth Day 2012 falling on a Sunday and encourage your pastor to include creation care hymns and scriptures in your Earth Day service.  
<http://www.creationcareforpastors.com/sermons/>
- **Teach** a creation care Sunday school class or small group study. Suggested books: *Serve God, Save the Planet* (single best tool for changing hearts) and *Go Green, Save Green* (thousands of faith-based practical tips).
- **Host** an Earth Day gathering or discussion group at your house. The Blessed Earth film series makes it easy!  
<http://www.blessedearthfilms.org/welcome/>
- **Plant** a tree, garden, shrub, or flower bed—at home, church, or in your community. Make it a habit to plant at least one tree every year on Earth Day.
- **Engage** teens and youth groups with the April 2012 edition of *It's Easy Being Green*.
- **Read** a book about creation care and learn more about the many aspects of environmental stewardship. For suggestions, check out our recommended books at <http://www.blessedearth.org/category/books/> or consider Nancy Sleeth's April 2012, *Almost Amish: one woman's quest for a slower, simpler, more sustainable life*.
- **Switch** to green energy--many utility providers now offer renewable options.
- **Spring clean** and donate anything you haven't worn, used, opened, or looked it in the past year to your local thrift store.
- **Sign up** for an environmental e-newsletter. Blessed Earth's monthly [newsletter](#) is a great place to start.
- **Rest** on the Sabbath and keep it holy, starting this week!
- **Get outside** and take a walk, play in the park, swing in a hammock, pack a picnic—get to know God by spending time in his creation.



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