

Helping Hand - My World - The World of Nature

Requirement

Earn the Environmentalist Adventurer Award.

1. Tell and explain the instructions God gave at Creation in regard to the environment. Read and discuss Genesis 1:26.
2. List three animals that are endangered and tell why.
3. List three birds that are endangered and tell how you can help protect birds.
4. Study endangered trees in your area. Plant or adopt a tree.
5. What dangers threaten the quality of our air? Explain how nature keeps our air fresh.
6. Tell where your town water supply comes from and what steps you can take to prevent it from being polluted.
7. Participate in one of the following community activities to help clean the environment.
 - a. Take part in Earth Day events.
 - b. With your group, help clear the rubbish from a roadside or stream.
 - c. Help collect paper, cans or other materials for recycling.

Goal of this track

To enable the children to encounter God's world with confidence and compassion.

Concept Included in This Component

God and nature, nature study, nature recreation, concern for the environment.

Objective of this component

Upon completion of the Adventurer requirements the children will:

Know: some of the special things which God's creation has to offer,

Feel: an appreciation and concern for the natural world, and

Respond: by enjoying nature and caring for it.

Award HELPS

1. Discover your responsibility to help care for God's world.
2. Draw pictures of and list endangered animals in your part of the world. Your local library will have current information.
3. Use library sources for more information. Some ways to protect birds are: do not harm with sticks, rocks, or guns; never bother or destroy nests or eggs.
4. Use library sources for more information. Learn about endangered trees and what causes them to die. When you adopt a tree, help the Adventurers plan ways to care for it.
5. Use library sources for more information. Discuss local causes of air pollution as well as those that affect worldwide temperature changes.
6. A visit to your local water works might be interesting. You might also invite someone from a local health organisation to talk to the group.
7. Encourage the Adventurers by participating with them. Be sure they understand *why* these are important activities.

Norm's Notes

This is the ultimate award for the care of nature by looking at the Environmentalist

Adventurer Award.

Point out to the children that their interest in the environment follows on from their belief in a Creator God who made all this for our benefit. A lot of "Greenie" attitudes are based on a semi-pagan "Mother Nature" concept that Christians cannot accept. As we care for nature we have to be careful that we do not pick up false concepts from those that care for nature from the wrong motives.

This award starts with the Christian basis for caring for God's handiwork. Then it continues with practical matters, try to maintain the philosophy in the practical parts.

The material here is taken from pages 14, 26 and 164 - 165 of the printed manual.