



## JUNIOR CHURCH AT HOME - St Mary's and St. Peter's Junior Church Spring 2020

### Caring for God's Creation

The Sun, Moon and Stars and Seasons - God created the pattern of night and day, seasons and years.

The material is taken from Live Lent materials, a 40 Day Challenge, the Church of England's Lent Campaign  
[www.churchofengland.org/livelent](http://www.churchofengland.org/livelent)

Just imagine what it would be like if there was no night and day and no seasons. Initially we might think it would be great, but staying up late wouldn't be exciting if there wasn't a bed time, and how would you know when to have Christmas? God created a pattern of seasons and day and night to help us

### Read together

Genesis 1 vs 14 to 19

*'And God said "Let there be lights in the sky to separate the day from the night and let them serve to mark the seasons and days and years."*

Or you can watch a clip of Genesis from The Jesus StoryBook Bible

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5SEMa0kvrol>

Psalms 104 vs 1-4 and 19 – 23

*'You have made the moon to mark the seasons; the sun knows it's time for setting...'*



The Bible says that God is in charge of time. Not just day and night, seasons and years but also the personal seasons in our lives – jobs, marriage, family, moving house etc. We are asked to use our time wisely—working hard, enjoying his creation and making sure we rest well, just like God did on the seventh day. Time and patterns of light and darkness, warmth and cold, rain and dry help us to make sense of a life that is constantly changing. Rituals, patterns and seasons can help us to draw closer to God. This is why the Church has a calendar of festivals like Easter, and seasons like Lent. Thankfully we know that God is the same throughout time and keeps his promises forever.

### Talk together

Why do you think God created day and night/seasons etc?

What stays the same each season and what changes? (*ie the pattern of day and night/ or seasons following on is always the same, the sun still comes up in winter or summer, stars are always there even if we can't see them*)

How does it make you feel to think that God never changes, is always there and keeps his promises for ever.

## Listen together

Vivaldi wrote a piece of music called the 'The Four Season'. Listen to short extract of music from the Four Seasons. Can you guess which season it is?

*The Four Seasons (Italian: Le quattro stagioni) is a group of four violin concerti by Italian composer Antonio Vivaldi, each of which gives musical expression to the seasons of the year. They were written around 1716–1717 and published in 1725 in Amsterdam,*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GRxofEmo3HA>

## Make together



### A Hanging Sun, moon and stars or mobile

#### **You will need:**

Copy of sun, moon stars template (attached below)

Coloured pens or paint

Stickers, gems or glitter to decorate (optional)

String / Scissors /Hole punch

Sticks or wooden rods if going to make into a mobile

Colour and or decorate the sun, moon and stars and then cut them out. You may want to colour and cut 2 of each and stick together back to back to make a 2-sided shape. Punch a hole in each shape and then hang on string. If making a mobile – tie 2 sticks together in a cross shape using string and hang sun moon and stars from the centre and four stick ends.

Also attached is a colouring sheet for children



## Prayer together



Heavenly Father,

Help us to know your loving presence with us through day and night and in every season of our lives.

Amen