



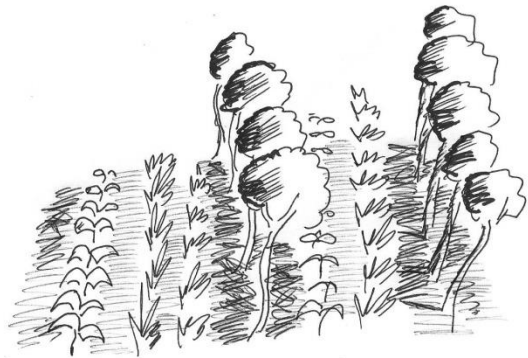
B REVEALING WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS

Stewardship of the land



Why use this Bible study?

This Bible study can help us explore our responsibility to care for the environment around us.



Good stewardship

Read Deuteronomy 6:4-5, Genesis 1:26 and Genesis 2:15. These verses all teach us something about our duty towards the land and God's creation.

Read Psalm 24:1-2. When we work in our farms and gardens, look after our animals and care for the sick, we are really working on behalf of the Lord.



Key points

God has given us the role of taking good care of creation.



Questions for discussion

- Do you think it is our responsibility to look after plants, animals and land, or will it look after itself?
- When our children or our neighbours are sick or unhealthy because they are not properly fed, who is most concerned?
- Can you think of any ways in which land has been harmed in your community? Could this have been avoided?
- What could we do to take care of the land and all that is in it?



Reflection

Ask God to show you some simple changes you could make in your life so you're caring for the environment around you and not harming it.



Notes

This Bible study is adapted from a study that was first published in Tearfund (2001) A PILLARS Guide – *Agroforestry* <http://tilz.tearfund.org/en/resources/publications/pillars/agroforestry/>

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