



# Franciscan Action Network

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## Care for Creation Jeopardy Questions and Answers

(Courtesy of Immaculate Conception Church in Durham, NC)

### *The Bible*

#### **100 Points**

- Name a parable or Bible story that shows how nature was used in Christ's teachings.  
*There are many! Jesus used nature to preach about his compassion and mercy – mustard seeds, yeast, dying fig trees, vines, sheep, grains of wheat, sycamore trees, cedars, “birds of the air, fish of the sea, water into wine...”*

#### **200 Points**

- What did God think and feel after creating all kinds of creatures? (Genesis 1:25) **“God saw that it was good.”**

#### **300 Points**

- What, according to the Bible, was the reason why God placed Adam in the Garden of Eden? (Genesis 2:15)  
*God put Adam in the garden to “tend and keep it.” The Hebrew word for “keep” was “shamar.” It meant to guard and protect it, as in the ancient biblical blessing, “May the Lord, bless you and keep you.” The command that God gave to Adam to watch over and protect the garden of God’s creation is also directed to each one of us. We are called to live sustainable lives so that the earth would flourish and come, more and more, to reflect God’s own goodness, truth and beauty.*

#### **400 Points**

- Which book of the Bible has songs that praise God for the beauty of God’s creation?  
*The book of Psalms – Especially Psalm 104 speaks about God’s loving concern for the world and all its creatures.*

### *Earth Care Facts*

#### **100 Points**

- What is the main source of energy for our homes?  
*Coal. It is also the source that contributes the most to global climate change.*

#### **200 Points**

- What is a “greenhouse gas”?  
*A gas produced as the result of burning coal, oil, natural gas and forests. It leads to a warming of the earth’s atmosphere.*

#### **300 Points**

- By recycling an aluminum can, you will save enough energy to power a television for - one, three, or ten hours?  
*Three.*

**400 Points**

- How long does it take for plastic bottles to decompose?  
*On the average, 500 years.*

***Our Faith Tradition***

**100 Points**

- Who said this: “The Earth is speaking to us and we must listen if we want to survive”?  
(Noah, President G.W. Bush, President Barak Obama, or Pope Benedict XVI)  
*Pope Benedict XVI*

**200 Points**

- Name the saint that had a great love for God’s creation and who is called the “Patron Saint of Ecology”?  
*St. Francis*

**300 Points**

- What was the place that Jesus would often go to spend time with His heavenly Father?  
*The wilderness*

**400 Points**

- We as Christians believe that: a) God loves only people; b) God doesn’t care what we humans do to the Earth; c) God loves people and the rest of creation and calls us to live in harmony and peace with the Earth.  
*The answer is “C”. Though God has a special love for human beings created in the image and likeness of God, God’s love and care extends to all the earth and its creatures. God invites us to do everything we can to bring about harmony and peace between human beings and the rest of Earth’s community of fellow creatures.*

***What Can I Do?***

**100 Points**

- What is one simple way to reduce the number of plastic bottles you throw away?  
*Possible answer: don’t buy bottled water; drink tap water or filtered water if necessary. Carry your own water bottle and continue to re-fill it.*

**200 Points**

- Name two ways your family can use less gasoline in your vehicle.  
*Possible answers: walk, ride a bike, take public transportation, carpool, use a more fuel efficient car, keep tires inflated, combine trips.*

**300 Points**

- Name something that you can do to reduce the amount of Styrofoam that you use (because Styrofoam lasts forever.)?  
*One possible answer: do not purchase take-out food from restaurants that serve in Styrofoam containers.*

**400 Points**

- What are three actions that you can take to conserve natural resources and save money?  
*Possible answers may include: use compact fluorescent light bulbs, wash clothes in*

*cold water instead of hot, take shorter showers, turn off the lights, lower the thermostat in your house at night, unplug electronics when not in use, etc.*

### **Take a Chance**

#### **100 Points**

- What is a fossil fuel?

*Coal, oil or natural gas – carbon energy from decayed plant material deposited there millions of years ago.*

#### **200 Points**

- What does the word “biodiversity” mean?

*“Bio” means living and “diversity” means variation or different kinds. We use this term to talk about preserving different species that are at risk of extinction: birds, plants and animals. God created them all and has called us to preserve their diversity. Remember the story from the Bible about Noah and the ark that was used to save all kinds of creatures during the great flood?*

#### **300 Points**

- Why is it that one of the most effective things people can do to help save water and energy is to eat less meat products and more grains, fruits and vegetables?

*Because to raise an animal for meat production, grain must be grown to feed the animal over several months to years. Typically it takes between 5 to 20 times more fossil fuels and water to produce a pound of meat than it does to produce a pound of grain. If everyone in the US consistently ate one day a week without meat, it would be the equivalent energy savings of removing 8 million SUV’s from the road. Every second per day, one football field of tropical rainforest is destroyed to produce 257 hamburgers. For every pound of beef that I don’t eat, I would save anywhere from 2,500 to 5,000 gallons of water – which is more water than I would by not showering at all for six months!*

#### **400 Points**

- How many gallons of water does a typical five minute shower use? (5, 10 or 25 gallons)  
*25 gallons or 5 gallons per minute.*

#### **Final Jeopardy**

- The US has 6% of the world’s population. What percentage of the world’s fossil fuels—coal, oil and gas—do we use as Americans?

*25%. If everyone on the earth used the same amount of energy per person as the average American, we would need 5 “earths” to sustain our lifestyle.*