

Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate Sprouts Lesson

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1st – 2nd Grades

Helping The Green Patriarch, Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Take Care of God's Creation

Objectives

By the end of this session students will be able to:

- Give examples of God's creation on earth
- Understand how HAH encourages us to live in harmony with creation.
- Articulate why Ecumenical Bartholomew is called "The Green Patriarch"
- Identify ways to help Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew care for God's creation at home, church and on earth.

Resources & Materials

- ☐ Access to a laptop and to WIFI for video viewing
- ☐ Video: [The Gospel Project: The Creation](#)
- ☐ Photographs of HAH interacting with God's creation
- ☐ Crayons, Colored Pencils
- ☐ Graphic Organizer: [Helping HAH Take Care of God's Creation](#)

Word Wall

God's creation	Responsibility
Care	The Green Patriarch

Pacing Guide for Class

2–5 Minutes

Students arrive to class

Group prayer

Reintroduce students to our Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew (show photos)

Review Word Wall Definitions

10 Minutes

Watch the 3.05 minute video

[The Gospel Project: The Creation](#)

Show and discuss the icon of the Creation



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Show the photographs of HAH interacting with God's creation

- Explain that HAH is called “The Green Patriarch” because he encourages us to take care of God’s creation on earth.
- Clarify that the color green reminds us of nature
- It’s our responsibility to care for nature/God’s creation
 - Take action
 - Doing something to care for God’s creation
 - Understand the impact of our choices
 - Not showing care is sinful and doesn’t show love for God’s creation
 - Caring for God’s creation is showing love for God.

5–8 Minutes

Facilitate a class discussion

- In the Bible, [Genesis 1:26](#) says that God put us in charge of the earth and that we’re to take care of it. **Read aloud** [Genesis 2:15](#). Taking care of God’s creation is a responsibility, but doing so also means we can live in a clean, safe place.
- Since we love God, we must take care of His creation.
- What good choices can we make to take care of/be responsible for God’s creation?
 - At home, school and on Earth

Chart student responses on white board or chart paper

8–10 Minutes

Students complete the Graphic Organizer (drawing or writing)

Graphic Organizer: [Helping HAH Take Care of God's Creation](#)

5 Minutes

Gallery Walk

Students walk around to see their classmates’ drawings

2 Minutes

Exit Ticket:

Share 2 ways you will help Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew care for God’s creation

Teacher Resources

Provision materials to ensure you have all you need ahead of class.

Word Wall Defined

God's Creation

*Everything on Earth
was created by God.*

Responsibility

*Taking action and
understanding the
impact of our choices.*

Care

*To pay attention
to something.*

The Green Patriarch

*Ecumenical Patriarch
Bartholomew loves God's
creation and wants us to help
him care for the earth.*

Graphic Organizer

Download and print for your students:

Graphic Organizer: [Helping HAH Take Care of God's Creation](#)

Video Link for this lesson

[The Gospel Project: The Creation](#)

Video Links for Further Knowledge Building

[The Green Patriarch: Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew](#)

<https://www.goarch.org/society/greening-the-parish>

- “Greening the Parish” provides resource material for fulfilling our vocation as stewards of creation and working towards greening our parishes.

[Praxis: Green Christianity Fall 2009](#)

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