

Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate

Sprouts Lesson

Protecting the Future of Faith®

Pre-Kindergarten - Kindergarten grades

Getting to Know Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, The Green Patriarch: 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 Patriarch Bartholomew encourages us to live in harmony with creation.

Resources

- ☐ Access to a laptop and to WIFI for video viewing
- ☐ Video: [The Gospel Project: The Creation](#)
- ☐ Photographs of HAH interacting with God's creation
- ☐ The Green Patriarch coloring sheet

Word Wall

God's creation Care
The Green Patriarch



Things you will need:

- Pinecones- as large as you can find (one per student)
- Sturdy cotton string
- Scissors
- Suet/shortening
- 2 plates or trays
- Birdseed
- Quart-size plastic zip bags

Directions to make birdfeeder:

1. Wrap the string around the top of the pinecone, tight enough so that it can resist weathering.
2. Put a fair amount of shortening over the pinecone and in-between the crevices.
3. Pour birdseed onto plate or tray.
4. Roll it in some birdseed until it is well covered. Now you have a natural hanging bird feeder!
5. Hang it from a tree or wherever you like (home or church grounds) and watch the birds enjoy your thoughtful gift.
6. To save time and sticky hands, prepare steps 1 and 2 ahead of class.

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

10–12 Minutes

Watch the 3.05 minute video

[The Gospel Project: The Creation](#)

Show and discuss the icon of the Creation

Show the photographs of HAH interacting with God's creation & facilitate class discussion:

- 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.
- Our Ecumenical Patriarch loves and cares about God’s creation; it is very important to him and we want to help him.
- Everyone must take care of nature/God’s creation
 - Take action
 - doing something to care for God’s creation
 - today we will help the winter birds have food

5–8 Minutes

Explain that as a class we will help care for the birds that don’t have as much to eat in winter. We will also color a coloring sheet: “The Green Patriarch”

Students will color “The Green Patriarch” coloring sheet while you take a few students at time to make the bird feeder.

15 Minutes

Students make a pinecone bird feeder to hang at home or around the church.

Take pictures of students making and hanging bird feeders and upload to archons.org website and your church’s webpage

5 Minutes

Gallery Walk

- Students walk around to see their classmates' birdfeeders
- Hang birdfeeders around church grounds

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.*

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.*

"The Green Patriarch" Coloring Sheet

Download and print for your students:

[The Green Patriarch Coloring Sheet](#)

Video Link for this lesson

[The Gospel Project: The Creation](#)

Video Links for Further Knowledge Building

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

[Praxis: Green Christianity Fall 2009](#)



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