

# SEASON OF CREATION



# RESOURCE PACK





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1 SEPTEMBER - 4 OCTOBER

## ICEBREAKER



- Where is your favourite place in nature?
- In a forest? By the beach? On a river or a lake? In the mountains?
- What do you like about this place?
- How can places like this teach us something about God as Creator?



**THE SEASON OF CREATION RUNS FROM 1 SEPTEMBER TO 4 OCTOBER (THE FEAST OF ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI). WATCH THE POPE'S MESSAGE:**



## LOOK & LISTEN:



Watch the following video to accompany Hillsong's hugely popular song "So Will I" (100x Billion)



What lines / phrases stand out in particular for you?

What images did you enjoy the most / find the most striking?

## RESEARCH:

Look up the following scripture references. Choose one to write out and reflect on quietly for a few minutes. What does it say to you about God's creative power / the world around us / our responsibility?

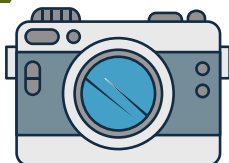
- John 1:3
- Job 12:7-10
- Psalms 95:4-5
- Genesis 1:14-18
- Proverbs 22:2
- Matthew 10:29
- Colossians 1:17
- Psalms 19:1

## REFLECT:

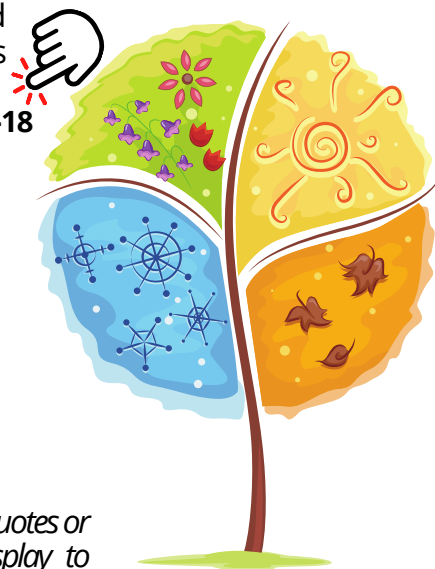
**Read the following quote from St Hildegard of Bingen:**

*"Glance at the sun. See the moon and the stars. Gaze at the beauty of earth's greenings. Now, think. What delight God gives to humankind with all these things. All nature is at the disposal of humankind. We are to work with it. For without we cannot survive."*

## GET CREATIVE:



Choose a line from "So will I", one of the scripture quotes or St Hildegard's quote and create a poster / display to illustrate it. You can draw / paint / use technology / photography / images from newspapers or magazines....



## GET PRACTICAL:

- Check out the practical actions suggested for the season of creation on [www.catholicbishops.ie](http://www.catholicbishops.ie)
- Which one could you / your family / your class / your school / your group take on to mark the season of creation?



**Listen to the Voice of creation**  
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**GET PRACTICAL:**

**WHAT CAN MY SCHOOL / GROUP DO TO CARE FOR THE ENVIRONMENT / THOSE AROUND US?**

**WHAT CAN MY FAMILY DO TO CARE FOR THE ENVIRONMENT / THOSE AROUND US?**

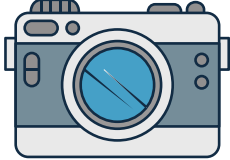
**LOOK AT THE PRACTICAL SUGGESTIONS OFFERED ON [WWW.CATHOLICBISHOPS.IE](http://WWW.CATHOLICBISHOPS.IE) SEASON OF CREATION RESOURCE PAGE**

**WHAT CAN I PERSONALLY DO TO CARE FOR THE ENVIRONMENT / THOSE AROUND ME?**



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## GET CREATIVE:



**CHOOSE A LINE FROM "SO WILL I", ONE OF THE SCRIPTURE QUOTES OR ST HILDEGARD'S QUOTE AND CHOOSE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING OPTIONS TO CREATE A RESPONSE OR ILLUSTRATION:**

- **CREATE A POSTER / DISPLAY (DRAW / PAINT / USE TECHNOLOGY / PHOTOGRAPHY / IMAGES FROM NEWSPAPERS OR MAGAZINES)**
- **WRITE A POEM / SONG**
- **COMPOSE A PRAYER**
- **WRITE A SPEECH**



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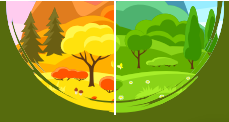
## BURNING BUSH



**READ THE ACCOUNT OF MOSES AND THE BURNING BUSH IN EXODUS 3:1-10**

- Create a prayer space inspired by the idea of a burning bush.
  - You could use LED lights / paper flames / streamers / fairy lights / plants / branches etc.
- This image can be a focus for your time of prayer.
- Alternatively, use the image below to write your prayer intentions on, trusting that God hears your prayers, just as He did the Israelites.





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## PLAYLISTS

**WATCH AND LISTEN TO THE FOLLOWING HYMNS INSPIRED BY GOD'S CREATION**

- Hillsong: "So Will I" (100x Billion)
- Stuart Townend: Creation sings
- Fernando Ortega: Creation Song
- Hillsong: What a Beautiful Name
- Hillsong/Lauren Daigle: How Great Thou Art
- Cody Carnes: Christ Be Magnified
- Paul Baloche: God of Wonders
- Keith & Kristyn Getty, Matt Boswell, and Matt Papa: Psalm 150 (Praise The Lord)
- Reawaken Hymns: All Creatures of our God and King
- Chris Tomlin: Indescribable
- 6 Hour 4K Beautiful places Aerial Views
- The Breathtaking Beauty of Nature | HD



- **HOW ABOUT CREATING YOUR OWN VIDEO USING PHOTOS YOU TAKE OF THE NATURAL WORLD AND CREATION?**
- **YOU COULD ALSO SHARE ONE OF THESE VIDEOS TO YOUR SOCIAL MEDIA FEED DURING THE SEASON OF CREATION TO HELP OTHERS APPRECIATE WHAT WE OFTEN TAKE FOR GRANTED AROUND US?**

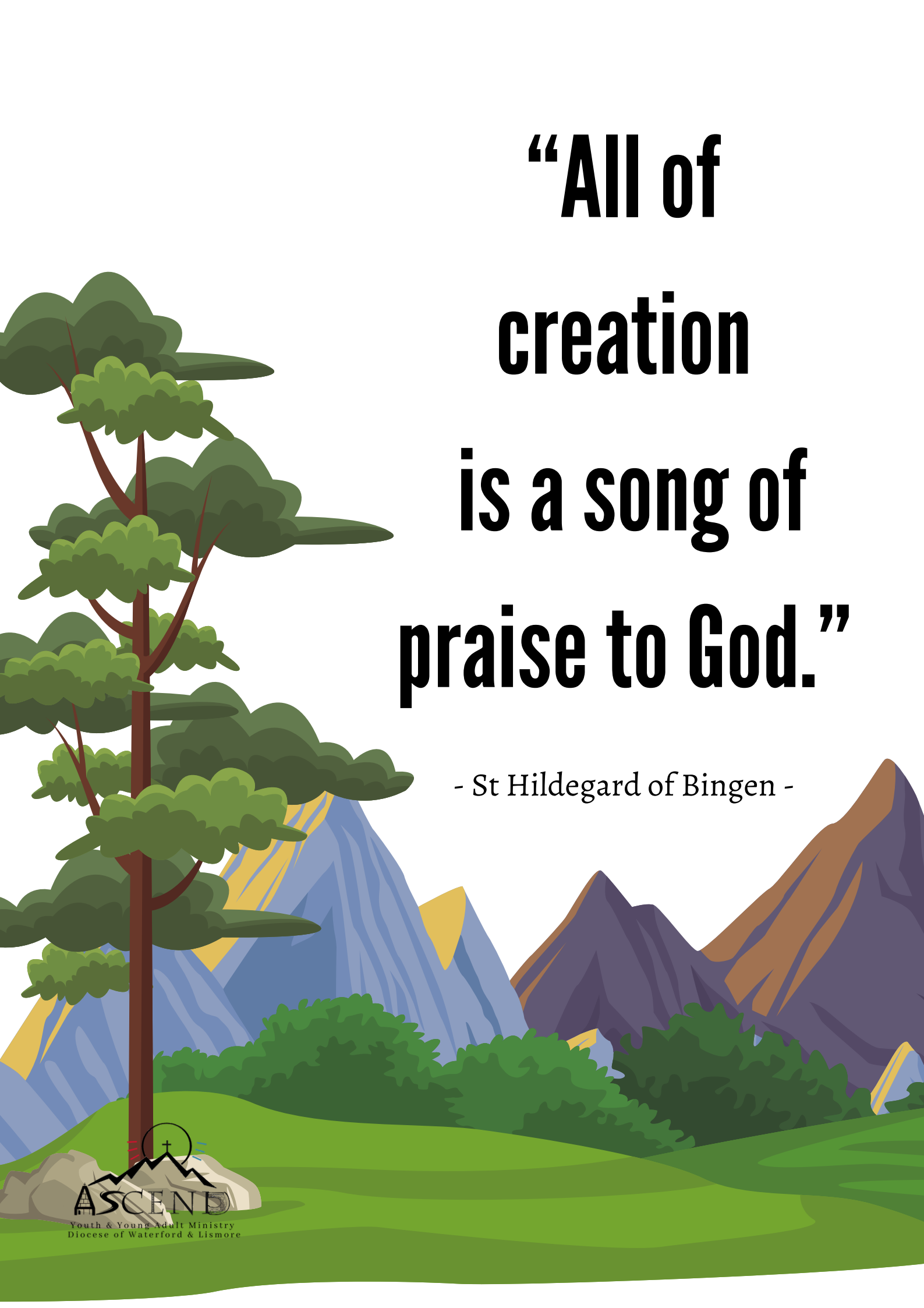


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For without we cannot survive."**





**“All of  
creation  
is a song of  
praise to God.”**

- St Hildegard of Bingen -





*“Every  
creature is a  
glittering,  
glistening  
mirror of  
Divinity.”*



*“There is the  
music of Heaven  
in all things.”*



*“We need to strengthen the conviction that we are one single human family.”*

Pope Francis:  
Laudato Si

*“Living our vocation to be protectors of God’s handiwork is essential to a life of virtues: it is not an optional or a secondary aspect of our Christian experience.”*



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