

Loving God's Creation: The Sun



Praise the Lord from the heavens;
praise him in the heights...
Praise him, sun and moon;
praise him, all shining stars.

PSALM 148:1,3

Sunny facts ☀️ WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THE SUN?
SHINE SOME LIGHT ON THESE FACTS BY FILLING IN THE MISSING WORDS.

beach ☀️ **star** ☀️ **eyes** ☀️ **light** ☀️ **heat**

The sun is a _____ at the center of our solar system.

The sun is so far away, it takes 8 minutes for its _____
to reach us.

The temperature on the sun's surface is 9,941° Fahrenheit.
Now that's _____!

The sun is so big that if it were a giant _____ ball,
you could fit almost a million earths inside it!

Don't look directly at the sun or you'll hurt your _____.
Scientists use special telescopes and filters to study
the sun.

Here's a "bright" idea.
Try memorizing some Bible verses.
Here are a few to try. Color in the
words to help you remember.

And [Jesus] was
transfigured before
them; his face shone like
the sun. **MATTHEW 17:2**

Jesus said, "I am the
light of the world.
Whoever follows me will
never walk in darkness
but will have the light
of life." **JOHN 8:12**

"Then the righteous
will shine like
the sun in the
kingdom of their
Father."

MATTHEW 13:43



SAINT DAYS IN JUNE

Here are some holy days and holy people
 we celebrate this month.

Anthony is the patron saint of lost things. See if you can find the June saints who are "lost" in this puzzle!
 (It's okay to ask Saint Anthony for help!)

JUNE 1

When **Justin** was on trial back in Roman days, the judge asked, "If you are killed, do you suppose you'll go to heaven?" Justin answered, "I don't suppose. I know it!"

JUNE 3

Charles Lwanga and his companions were servants of an African king. They gave their lives for their faith in Jesus.

JUNE 5

Boniface is known for bringing the gospel to Germany. Some say he also invented the Christmas tree.

JUNE 11

Barnabas was a disciple of Jesus and traveled with Paul on his missionary journeys.

JUNE 13

Most of us know him as the patron of lost objects, but **Anthony of Padua** was a powerful preacher. When no one listened to his homily, Anthony is said to have gone to a river and preached to the fish!

JUNE 21

While he was a student, **Aloysius Gonzaga** [Al-oo-ISH-us Gun-ZAG-uh] cared for plague victims, but soon became ill and died. He is the patron of young students and Christian youth.

JUNE 29

We remember **Saint Peter** and **Saint Paul** on the same day because they worked together as leaders to spread the faith.

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 Q V A J L I S W L U X L R G Z
 W G C V C Z O X J V S N S D D
 A U E S I M K C N Y X A Q B P

ALOYSIUS GONZAGA
 ANTHONY OF PADUA
 BARNABAS
 BONIFACE
 CHARLES LWANGA

IRENAEUS
 JOHN THE BAPTIST
 JUSTIN
 PAUL
 PETER

Loving God's Creation: The Earth



Praise the Lord from the earth...
Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars;
Animals wild and tame, creatures that crawl
and birds that fly... **PSALM 148:7, 9, 10**

God created the whole world,
and everything God created is
good. That means mountains,
oceans, and seashells,
elephants, pandas, and kittens.
Rocks, dirt, and sand. It even
means...bugs! (Ew!) Everything
God creates has a special
purpose.

If you can, go outside today and
look at God's creation. (Or look
out a window.) Fill up the earth
with everything you see that
God has created for you.

I am thankful for:



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Creature Creations

The Bible is full of creatures that crawl, slither, fly, and climb.
See if you can match the Bible quote with the animal picture.

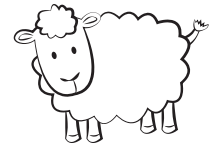
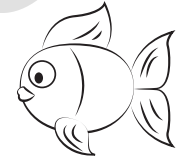
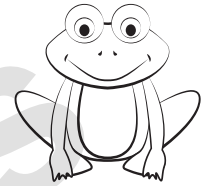
Look at the _____ in the sky; they do
not sow or reap, yet your heavenly
Father feeds them. Are not you more
important than they? **MATTHEW 6:26**

Then the _____ shall be a guest
of the _____. **ISAIAH 11:6**

Now the _____ was the most cunning
of all the wild animals that the Lord God
had made. **GENESIS 3:1**

The Nile will teem with _____.
EXODUS 8:3

Jesus said, "Cast the net over the
right side of the boat and you will find
something." So they cast it, and were
not able to pull it in because of the
number of _____. **JOHN 21:6**



Seeing God's World: Summer Travel



He guides me along right paths
for the sake of his name. **PSALM 23:3**



Is your family planning a trip this summer?

There are lots of fun and interesting Catholic places to visit in the U.S. and Canada. Ask your parents about making them part of your trip! Put a check mark near the sites you'd like to see.*

WEST

Stay in a family cabin and visit the beautiful stone church at the **Shrine of St. Therese**, Juneau, Alaska. www.shrineofsainttherese.org

Visit any of California's **21 historic missions**. www.missionscalifornia.com

Get breakfast or lunch at **Homegirl Café** in downtown Los Angeles. www.homeboyindustries.org

Learn Bible stories from the famous murals at **St. Benedict's Painted Church**, on the Big Island of Hawaii. www.thepaintedchurch.org

Visit a cave carved into a 110-foot cliff with a replica

of Michelangelo's Pietà, at the **National Sanctuary of Our Sorrowful Mother** in Portland, Oregon. www.thegrotto.org

SOUTHWEST

Visit the "**White Dove of the Desert**" historic Spanish mission, near Tucson, Arizona. www.sanxaviermission.org

Pray at the miraculous "el pocito" dirt pit at **El Santuario de Chimayo**, New Mexico. www.holychimayo.us

Visit a replica of the Lourdes Shrine at **Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto**, San Antonio, Texas. www.oblatemissions.org

MOUNTAIN STATES

Climb the stairway of prayer at the **Mother Cabrini shrine**, in Golden, Colorado. www.mothercabrinishrine.org

See the gargoyles and stained glass at **St. John's Cathedral** in Boise, Idaho. www.boisecathedral.org

MIDWEST

See how **Therese the Little Flower** lived, at the National Shrine of St. Therese in Darien, Illinois. www.saint-therese.org

See one of the largest outdoor shrines in North America, the **National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows**, Belleville, Illinois. www.snows.org

Take pictures of the grotto, Basilica, Golden Dome, and of course, "Touchdown Jesus" at the **University of Notre Dame**, South Bend, Indiana. www.nd.edu

See hundreds of precious stones and scenes from Jesus' life at the "miracle

in stone," the **Grotto of the Redemption**, in West Bend, Iowa. www.westbendgrotto.com

Visit Michigan's best known shrine, the **Cross in the Woods**. www.crossinthewoods.com

Take a guided tour of the **National Shrine of the Apostle Paul**, a historical landmark in St. Paul, Minnesota. www.cathedralsaintpaul.org

Pray at the Altar of Answered Prayers at the **Shrine of St. Joseph**, in St. Louis, Missouri. www.shrineofstjoseph.org

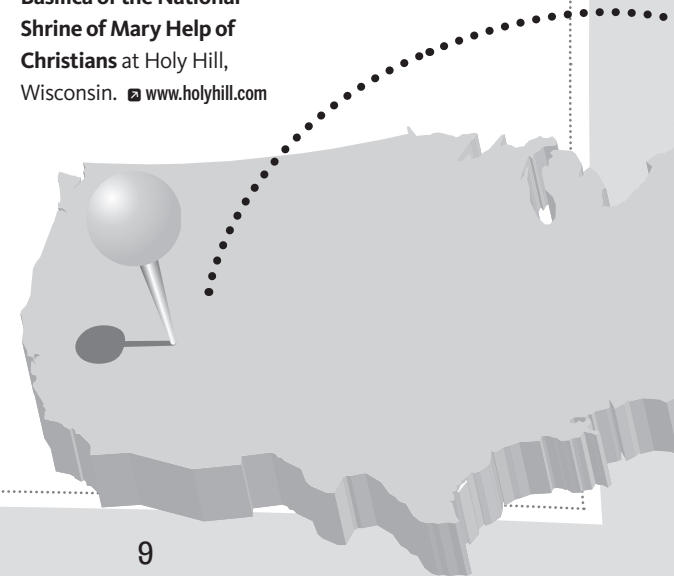
Hike on the Ice Age National Scenic Trail and climb to the top of the **Basilica of the National Shrine of Mary Help of Christians** at Holy Hill, Wisconsin. www.holyhill.com

SOUTHEAST

Watch a TV show taping at **EWTN** and visit the **Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament** in Irondale, Alabama. www.ewtn.com

Learn about the Benedictine life at **St. Scholastica Monastery** in Fort Smith, Arkansas. www.stscho.org

Visit an outdoor chapel, a 2,000-seat church, and an 8-foot tall marble statue of Mary at the **National Shrine of Mary Queen of the Universe**, in Orlando, Florida. www.maryqueenoftheuniverse.org



*You can visit most of the Catholic places on this map for free, but many appreciate donations.