

# Avenues Breakfast Table Menu

9.30am - 11.00am

Chapter One - Awe and Wonder

We Make the Road by Walking – Brian McLaren

## Opening Activity

Solve a creation jigsaw puzzle

*(Print off images to card and cut each card into 5-7 pieces.*

*Arrange these around the space for people to solve as they're eating breakfast or still arriving")*

*Play "Beautiful Collision" by Bic Runga*

*Play "It's a Beautiful Day" U2*

*Encourage people to move around the room reading the completed jigsaws before the call to worship.*

## Call to worship

*I sit beside the fire and think*

*of all that I have seen,*

*of meadow-flowers and butterflies*

*in summers that have been;*

*Of yellow leaves and gossamer*

*in autumns that there were,*

*with morning mist and silver sun*

*and wind upon my hair.*

We come this morning to acknowledge that God is the creator of all things.

Let's prepare our hearts to worship him.

*Words in italics by J.R.R. Tolkien. I Sit Beside the Fire and Think is a song by Bilbo Baggins, which he sang the evening before the Fellowship of the Ring set out upon their quest. The song is a contemplative piece, sung by a now-aging hobbit recalling past events that ends in anticipation of hearing returning friends. (explanation from <http://tolkiengateway.net/>)*

## Setting the scene Video clip:

The Road goes ever on - The Walking Song The Lord of the Rings Musical

## Opening Prayer – Based on Psalm 19

Half the group reads the words in bold and the other half of the group reads the words in italics.

### **The heavens keep telling**

**the wonders of God,**

**and the skies declare**

**what he has done.**

*Each day informs*

*the following day;*

*each night announces*

*to the next.*

### **They don't speak a word,**

**and there is never**

**the sound of a voice.**

*Yet their message reaches*

*all the earth,*

*and it travels*

*around the world.*

**In the heavens a tent**

**is set up for the sun.**

**It rises like a bridegroom**

**and gets ready like a hero**

**eager to run a race.**

*It travels all the way*

*across the sky.*

*Nothing hides from its heat.*

**The Law of the Lord is perfect;**

**it gives us new life.**

**His teachings last forever,**

**and they give wisdom**

**to ordinary people.**

By your teachings, Lord,

I am warned;

by obeying them,

I am greatly rewarded.

None of us know our faults.

Forgive me when I sin

without knowing it.

**Let my words and my thoughts**

**be pleasing to you, Lord,**

**because you are my mighty rock and my protector.**

(Altogether) Amen

*Verses from Contemporary English Version (CEV)*

## Drawing on tables

What are your favourite things in creation? What's your favourite animal? Why are these your favourite things?

*(Based on Engage, Number 1 in Chapter One, We Make the Road by Walking)*

*Play "What a beautiful day" from score of 'You've Got Mail'*

## Bible Reading Activity

Picture Puzzle Bible Reading Matthew 6:25-34

*Play "Jehovah" by Amy Grant*

## Video Clip

Untame Lion – A video clip from You Tube with scenes from 'The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe' movie and a vocal track by Michelle Tumes

## Storytime in the Big Chair

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## Discovery Spot – Thought Cards

Work in pairs or small groups. Pick up a card with a word on it (intrigued, provoked... etc) and tell the person next to you one thing that you thought or an idea you had from the Storytime in the Big Chair?

*(Based on Engage, Number 1 in Chapter One, We Make the Road by Walking)*

*Play "Sunrise" by Norah Jones*

## Responsive Prayer

Move around the map and place flower on places on the world map where you've either seen or experienced

the beauty and wonder and awe of God's creation or somewhere you'd like to go to see and experience something you've only seen in pictures.

Say out loud "And it is good!" (Based on Engage, Number 3 in Chapter One, We Make the Road by Walking)  
Play "The heavens shall declare" by Geoff Bullock

### Discovery Spot – Share a story

Share a story with the whole group when you have been in awe and wonder at something in creation.

(Based on Engage, Number 2 in Chapter One, We Make the Road by Walking)

### Intercession – Beginnings

Take a seed as a sample of 'beginnings' and new hope. Place it on a troubled spot in the world and pray for new hope and for the seedlings of change in that place and in the hearts and lives of people that can make a difference. (Play video clip from Wall-E while this is happening with song, "Down to Earth" by Peter Gabriel.)

### Video Clip

Down to Earth – A video clip from You Tube with scenes from 'Wall-E' movie and the vocal track by Peter Gabriel.

### Benediction

O! Wanderers in the shadowed land  
despair not!

For though dark they stand,  
all woods there be  
must end at last,  
and see the open sun go past:  
the setting sun, the rising sun,  
the day's end, or the day begun.

*O! Wanderers in the shadowed land is a song sung by Frodo Baggins when walking through the Old Forest. Its purpose was to encourage the other hobbits to continue on. (explanation from <http://tolkiengateway.net/>)*

### Take Home Response

Take home a sunflower seed and plant it in a pot and watch it grow over the next few weeks.

During this week take the time to Activate and Meditate from Chapter One – Awe & Wonder.

### Video Clip as packing up

"Let it Go"

## Preparation

### Table Boxes

Paper pads and crayons

Thought cards

Bunch of flowers/Scissors

Pumpkin seeds

Small packets of seeds to take home

### Video clips from....

The Road goes ever on – Walking Song from Lord of the Rings Musical

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lr3dxhzojfc>

Untame Lion – Clips from The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe – Song by Michelle Tumes

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JVy2AZ55GBc>

Wall-E – Down to Earth by Peter Gabriel

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=REK3jTFoFtl>

Let it Go – Official video from Disney - Idina Menzel

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=moSFlvxnbgk>

### Music playlist

"Beautiful Collision" by Bic Runga

"It's a Beautiful Day" U2

"What a beautiful day" from score of 'You've Got Mail'

"Jehovah" by Amy Grant

"Sunrise" by Norah Jones

"The heavens shall declare" by Geoff Bullock

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### Bible Readings

Matthew word puzzle

Words from CEV

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