A filmed assembly:

We love being outdoors! I wonder why?

The Story of Creation

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| Rationale | During 2020 when we were faced with Covid 19 and lockdown, many pupils and staff enjoyed being outdoors and experienced pleasure and a sense of fulfilment from that. This assembly explores this, and considers the Christian belief that God made the world and that being outside gives us a sense of connection to God. |
| Title | We love being outdoors! I wonder why? |
| Aim | To consider the HWB reasons why it’s good for us to be outside and to consider the Christian belief that part of our enjoyment of being outside is linked to a connection with creation and the creator. |
| Stage | First and Second level. |
| Objectives | Pupils will experience a sense of changed quality of awareness. They will have explored the feeling of being ‘at one’ with nature.   Pupils will be able to explain why they like being outdoors, describe the Christian story of creation and articulate the Christian belief that God made the world. |
| Link to CfE | * Emcompasses the ethos of Learning for Sustainability (LfS) * RME curriculum.   Through exploring Bible stories, I can describe some beliefs Christians have about God and Jesus. **RME 1-01a, RME 2-01a**   * Cross curricular links to Health and Wellbeing *(being outside fosters mental, emotional, and physical wellbeing*), Science (*Biodiversity and Interdependence, Space, and Biological Systems*), Social Studies (*Place and Environment*) |
| Is this part of a series? | Yes. 10 Must Know Bible Stories. |
| Introduction | Set outside, the presenters discuss why they like being outside. A ‘scientist’ (actor) describes why being outdoors makes us feel good. |
| Stimulus/Stimuli | Storytelling of the story of Creation, during which children are invited to join in with actions. |
| Guided reflection | A photo quiz on favourite places and discussion between the presenters around the learning points in the story. |
| Response and possible next steps. | Using natural objects, create a picture of your favourite outdoor place.  Learning can be extended, using resources from 10 Must Know Bible Stories  https://tenbiblestories.org/resources/creation/ |
| Running time | 12 minutes |