
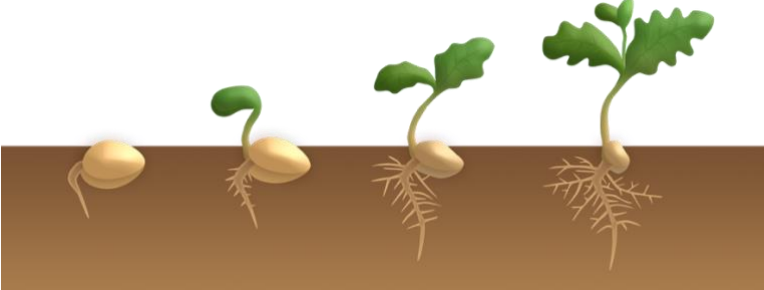
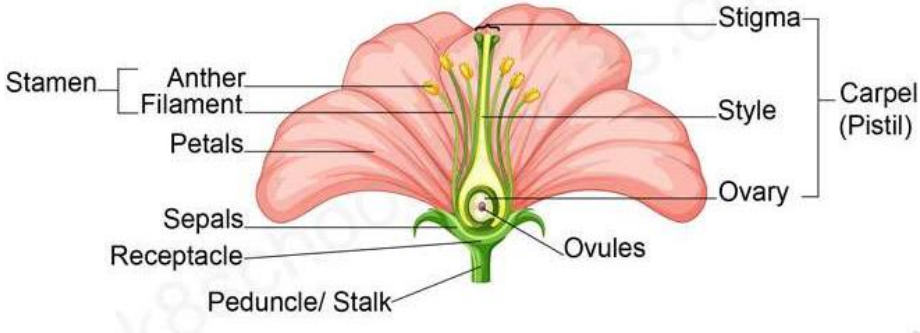


## The Beautifully Organized World

	<p>[1] One sunny afternoon, Ms. Pura gathered her Grade 3 class into a circle. She held up a bright, colorful flower. "Look at this beautiful blossom," she said. "See how the flower's petals have a repeating pattern like we learned in math? It was designed in a very organized way." She reminded the students that God created the world in a wonderful, orderly way.</p>
<p><b>Germination</b> is the process where a tiny, sleeping seed wakes up and begins to sprout into a new plant.</p> <p>Five basic needs that living things need to survive: <b>water, air, shelter, space, and nutrients or food.</b></p>	<p>[2] She then shows the students the small seedlings. "Look closely, class," Ms. Pura said with excitement. "Inside the soil, a little seed was sleeping. But when we watered it, <b>germination</b> began! That means the seed started to grow. God designed seeds to wait until they have exactly what they need." The class talked about the <b>five basic needs</b> that God provides for all living things: <b>water, air, shelter, space, and nutrients or food.</b> Without these five things, nothing on Earth can live – not even plants. God organized the world so that plants, animals, and humans can grow.</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>
<p>The <b>root</b> is the part that usually grows underground. It acts like a straw to soak up water and food from the soil.</p> <p><b>Nutrients</b> are found in food. It gives living things the necessary vitamins and minerals that help them grow.</p> <p><b>Food</b> is one of the 5 basic needs living need to survive.</p>	<p>[3] Ms. Pura pointed to the plant. "The tiny <b>root</b> pushes down into the soil to find <b>water and nutrients/food.</b>" "Where do you think the nutrients in the soil come from?" she asked. "Think about how compost is made!" This root also helps keep the plant upright and stand. This green <b>stem</b> grows up toward the sun – a source that helps the plant make their food they get from the air and soil. Now we've just discussed two of the five basic things that the plant is using to survive.</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>
<p>A <b>flower</b> is the colorful, special part of a plant that makes seeds so new plants can grow.</p> <p><b>Stamens</b> look like little sticks and are covered in</p>	<p>[4] "Now, look at this <b>flower</b>, for example," Ms. Pura explains. "The flower is colourful so that <b>pollinators</b> like bees, hummingbirds, and butterflies can see their main <b>food</b> source—nectar. Food is one of the basic needs that all living things need to live, and this flower has it! These little stalks with yellow dust are the <b>stamens.</b> The stamens hold the pollen—the stuff that honeybees collect to make honey. This part right in the middle is the <b>pistil.</b> The pistil is sticky so that</p>

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<p>a powdery dust called <b>pollen</b>.</p> <p>The <b>pistil</b> is in the middle of the flower and has a sticky top called the <b>stigma</b> that catches pollen from other flowers.</p>	<p>pollen from other flowers can stick to it. This helps the plant make fruit which is <b>food</b> for animals and humans, and new seeds so it can reproduce.</p>  <p>[5] Ms. Pura reminded the students that we are all made in God's image. Because of this, God gave us the big responsibility to take care of the Earth and all living things.</p>
<p><b>Pollution</b> are harmful things like —like trash, chemicals, or smoke— gets into our environment, making the Earth dirty and unsafe for people, animals, and plants.</p>	<p>[6] When we learn about plants, animals, and nature, we learn to love the world around us. We get a strong desire to protect it. We must take care of the environment because it gives us what we need to survive. We can help by keeping it clean from <b>pollution</b> and garbage, planting trees and plants, and respecting all living things.</p>
<p><b>Stewardship</b> means taking care of something that is given to you.</p>	<p>[7] This responsibility teaches us to show kindness, compassion, and <b>stewardship</b>. Stewardship means taking good care of what we have been given. We should treat people, animals, and nature with respect, because we all play an important role in God's world.</p>

### What do we Remember?

1. What are the five basic needs that God provides for all living things?

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2. What does the word germination mean?

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3. Which plant part pushes down into the soil to find water and nutrients?

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**Let's Think!**

4. According to the story, how does science help us appreciate God's creation?

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5. The story says that plants, animals, and humans all have a "special purpose." Based on what you read, what is the special purpose or responsibility given to humans?

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## **Assignment: My Stewardship Prayer**

God created a beautiful, orderly world and gave us the big responsibility of **stewardship**—which means taking good care of the Earth and all living things.

For this assignment, you will write a personal prayer to God about nature and stewardship.

### **Your Stewardship Prayer:**

Write a prayer to God using your best handwriting. Your prayer must include two parts:

1. A Thank You: Thank God for the beautiful nature around us.
2. A Request for Help: Ask God for guidance. Ask Him for four (4) different ways you can be a better steward and take care of His creation.

### **Your Drawing:**

At the bottom of your page or on the back, draw and color a beautiful picture of a healthy plant or ecosystem in nature. Your drawing must clearly label the 5 basic needs that God provides for living things to survive.

## **Student Checklist**

Before you hand in your work, ask yourself if you have the following in your assignment!

### **In my Prayer, did I:**

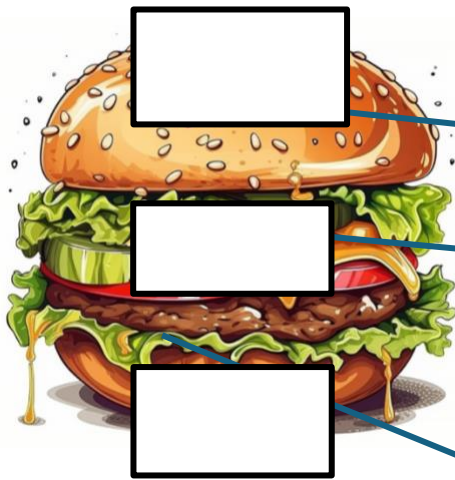
- [ ] Write a respectful beginning (e.g. "Dear God," or "Heavenly Father,")

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- [ ] Write 3 things you are grateful for in nature (like air, food, shelter (home), water, trees, animals). Use **transition** words!
- [ ] **Two (2) distinct questions or requests** asking God how I can be a good steward (e.g., "God, please help me to..." or "How can I help to..."). Use **transition** words!
- [ ] A respectful ending (e.g., "Amen").
- [ ] Clear sentences with uppercase letters and periods.

**Example of a Prayer:**

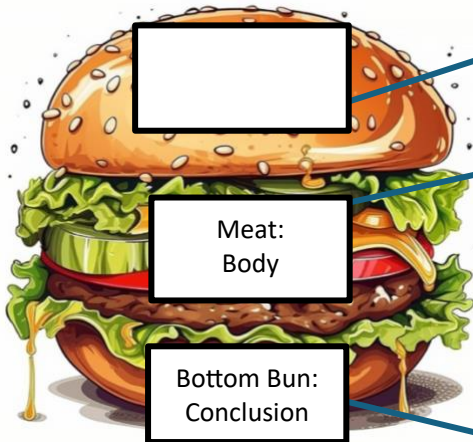


*Dear God,*

*Thank you for giving us everything we need to live in your beautiful world.*

***First**, I am so thankful for the clean water that comes right from my tap. **Next**, I am grateful for the bright sun that wakes me up and helps my garden grow. **I am also** thankful for the colorful birds that visit my bird feeder every day.*

*God, you are amazing for creating all these wonderful things for us to enjoy.*



*Please help me learn how to be a good steward of your creation.*

***To start**, please help me remember to put my garbage and recycling in the right bins. **I also** ask that you show me small ways to protect nature at school and at home. **Finally**, please guide me to share your earth kindly with other people and animals.*

*Thank you, God, for trusting us with the important job of taking care of your world.*

*Amen*