

# **Religious Studies: Notes**

## **Theme: Caring for God's Creation**

The world we live in is a beautiful place. It is also a fragile place because its resources can be depleted or destroyed. If human beings do not care for the environment in which they live, the earth will not be able to sustain itself for future generations.

Pollution is a major problem all over the world. It makes people, other animals and plants sick or even kills them. Pollution is contamination by a chemical or other agent that harms the environment. The three main types are air, water and land pollution.

God has placed the care of planet earth in man's hand. When he created the world He told Adam to cultivate it and guard it (Genesis 2:15). Mankind is responsible for keeping the earth under control (Genesis 1:28). The earth should have seasons of farming and then rest (Leviticus 25:4). The Bible also states that God cares for the earth (Psalm 65:9-13).

Human beings are responsible for the preservation of our natural resources. We can preserve our resources by:

- Recycling bottles, cans, paper etc.
- Putting garbage in bins
- Keeping the ocean clean
- Conserving energy
- Protecting the trees and wetlands