

# Going Deeper

The Lorax was the guardian of the forest, he spoke for the trees. Read Genesis, chapter 2, verse fifteen. What does it mean to be a good guardian? How can we be good guardians?



The Lorax trusted Onceler to look after the environment, which he sadly destroyed because of his greed. The Lorax sent the animals to find somewhere else to live and he left (1h2m) but later, he returned (1h21m). He looked around and said to Onceler, "You done good". This reminds us of a story Jesus told in Matthew chapter 25, verse 23. What do you think it will be like to hear Jesus say to you "You did good" or "Well done, my good and faithful servant". What will you have done that would make Jesus say this to you?



Read Psalm 24, verses 1 and 2. God's got it all in hand, just like the Lorax was still in control. God partners with us (like the Lorax and Onceler) to look after the world. What is God asking of us today?

# The BIG Question

"Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It's not."  
What are you going to do to help put things right?



Created by Jess Poole - Synod of Scotland  
Email: [childrensministry@urcscotland.org.uk](mailto:childrensministry@urcscotland.org.uk)  
Ruth White - Wessex Synod  
Email: [cydo-s@urcwessex.org.uk](mailto:cydo-s@urcwessex.org.uk)  
© 2023 Jess Poole and Ruth White



# Family Film Night

Dr. Suess'

# The LORAX



**Unless.....**





### Step 1

Create your own oasis. Gather or make, some plants to have around you. Eat some natural snacks such as raw fruit and vegetables, or make some smoothies.

### Step 2

Snuggle in and watch the film!



### Step 3

Have a go at some of the activities! While you do, have a chat with one another. What spoke to you in the film? Where do you see yourself or God in the film?

## Activities

### Grow Something

Plant a seed or an offcut from a plant and see if you can get it to grow. Try using cress if you're a beginner.



### Nature Spotting

Go for a walk in creation! Have a walk around your local area and see what nature you can find. Are there birds singing? Perhaps a weed growing through concrete? Visit [Muddy Church](#) for ideas on your walk.



### Create a Creation Charter

List 5 - 10 things you and your family will do throughout the year to help the environment.

Have a look at [creationcare.org.uk](http://creationcare.org.uk) and [natgeokids.com/uk](http://natgeokids.com/uk) for ideas.



## Wondering

In the film, Audrey always wanted to "see a living tree". Whilst we're learning to look after our planet, we're still living with the consequences from past mistakes. What extinct or endangered creatures would you like to have seen or get a chance to save?

Onceler sings "How bad can I be?" (55m). What are the things we tell ourselves 'aren't that bad'? What examples can you think of, of seemingly insignificant things that people have done that led to having a large impact on the world? For example, recycle instead of reuse has had a big impact on our environment.

At (1h17m), we see a worker standing up to O'Hare. The crowd turn against O'Hare and all begin singing "Let it Grow". Who do we need to stand up to, to make a difference? What could you do as an individual, household and town to make a difference?

**REDUCE**  
**REUSE**  
**RECYCLE**