

# TEACHING FOR TRANSFORMATION

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This year for our school theme “**Lord of All—Answer His Call**”, we are going to be studying each of the 10 Biblical Throughlines, one each month.

## In April we learn about how we can be Earth Keepers!

*God blessed them and said to them, “Be fruitful and increase in number, fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground.”*  
Genesis 1:28

### What does an **EARTH KEEPER** do?

We take care of and protect God’s creation.

Amazing! Incredible! Daunting! Amazing? Yes! Incredible? Yes! Easy? No! Caretaking can so easily succumb to exploiting. Stewardship can so often turn into self-centered greed. Our sin has made it difficult for us to clearly see the role and tasks gardeners and stewards must play. Loud voices from our culture shout out, “stuff equals happiness” and we see people wearing T-shirts with the mantra, “Whoever dies with the most toys wins!” We need to reclaim the world/universe and relearn how to treat all things contained in it (natural resources, environment, water, trees, farm land) with respect. By doing this we respect the One who gave us this job!

In our global economy, this earth keeping is not only about stewarding the environment, it is about the challenge of living lives that balance our wants and needs with those of other people, people living in other areas of the world and those still to come. This is a countercultural message that we must grapple with in our Christian schools and homes.



### Take some time to talk as a family and discuss ways you could be **EARTH KEEPERS** together!

- Clean up garbage in your neighbourhood
- Start/maintain a recycling program in your home
- Clean up a park or a river valley
- Pack litter less lunches for school
- Turn off the lights when you leave the room

Use the

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learn more about each

throughline *as a family!*

