



**ST NINIAN'S UNITING CHURCH**  
**PEBBLES SEPTEMBER 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023**  
**Week 4 in Month of Creation –**  
**RIVER SUNDAY**

**RIVER OF LIFE based on Rev 22:1-7, 16,17**

River of Life called to an Angel of God:

“Come close and get to know me better.

You will visit a Dreamer soon,

Show them a vision to share

With all who live.

“Show the Dreamer and all who live

My crystal clear, bright blue water,

As I flow from the heart of God.

“Show the Dreamer and all who live

Tree of Life planted beside me.

Each month Tree of Life produces new fruit,

And their leaves will give healing to the world

So that nothing harmful will be found

In the new time God will create.

“All that lives, tell the Dreamer,

Will carry the Name of God on their being;

All that lives, show the Dreamer,

Will song the Sacred Song in freedom,

And in the light shining from God Themselves,

All the light the world will need,

In the new time God will create.

“Angel of God, I say this to you,

All who hear the Dreamer’s vision

And wish to come, may come near to me;

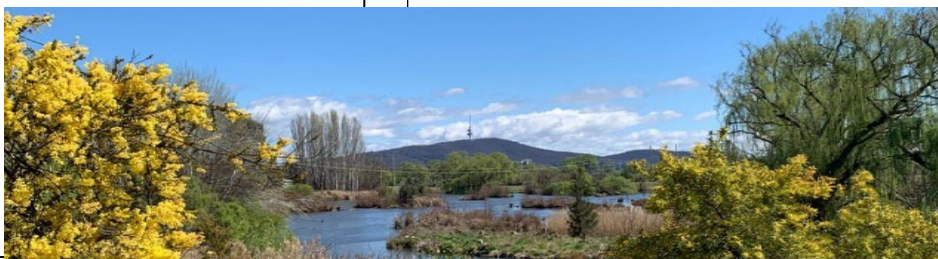
All that lives may drink of my crystal

Clear blue water, which flows

From the heart of God.

Tell the Dreamer and all who live:

Drink from River, for life!”



Dear God,

I feel so very sad when I see the rivers going dry because of droughts. You made the earth and the droughts and floods are telling us that the earth is in a bit of trouble. I know that You made the earth, so I know that You love it enough to help us to make it better. Can you please help me to be a good helper and make it better? Help me to look after the Molongio River by remembering to use the garbage bins properly everywhere I go. Help the animals who need the river to live and help the people who live next to the river to care for it after it floods again.

Thank You for making such a wonderful world for us to live, we want to keep it safe and happy.

In Your name I pray,

Amen



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4iW9MN7vMpQ>

a pretty catchy song this week with a fast beat to it.

## CREATE A RIVER WALK

### Materials

4-6 large plastic containers  
Water  
4-6 different river textures, including moss, twigs, stones or gravel, mud, sand  
Towels  
Paper (optional)  
Basic supplies

### Preparation

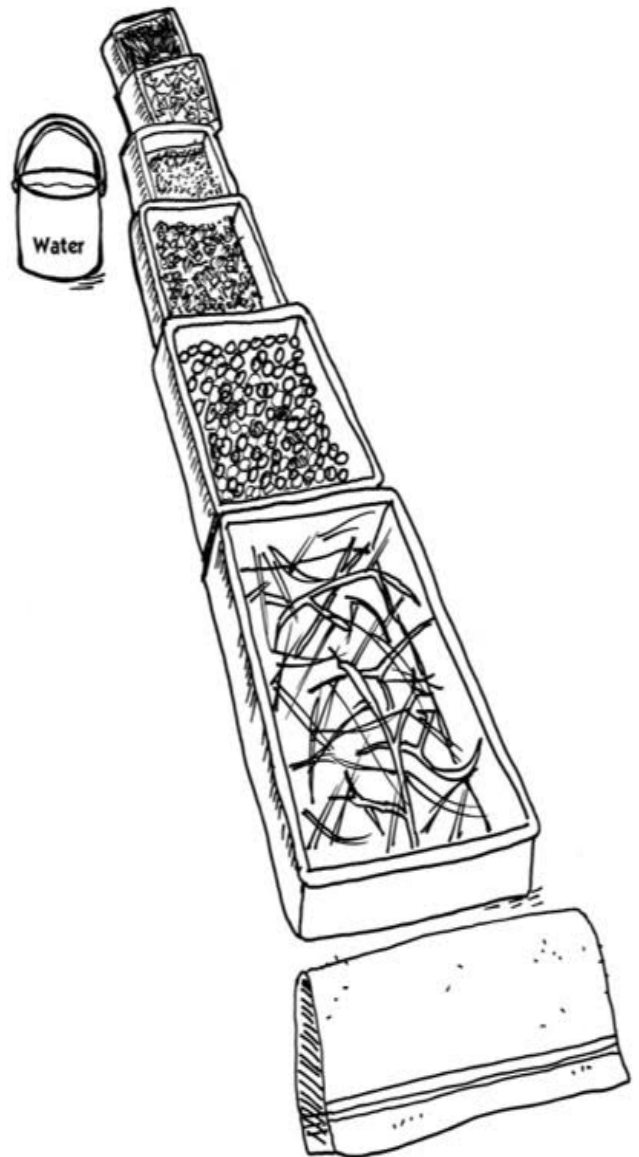
Arrange plastic bins in a line with shorter ends connected so that it is possible to step from one container to the next. In each container create a different texture experience using the suggestions above. Add water to each container. Towels might be provided on one end to dry off feet.

### Directions

1. Before you do the river walk take off your shoes and prepare to connect with River.
2. Take a slow barefoot walk through these various River textures.

While on the River Walk, you might like to think about the following questions.

- Q What differences do you see in the various textures?
- Q What qualities do they have in common?
- Q What memories of River does this practice call to mind?
- Q How do you feel connected to River?



## Beading hope

### Materials

Assorted beads  
String or strong cotton  
Hand sanitizer or wipes

### Directions

We live in a time of climate change when water can come up from the earth or down from the clouds in unexpected and unprecedented ways. We absorb all of this change with worry but Genesis 8:20–22; 9:12–17 urges us to remember the promise of hope.

Tiny beads pop up between Land and Water in this painting, inviting us to find this faith.

1. Find your way into the promise of hope by creating a simple bracelet.
2. Choose colours that reflect your hope for Creation. You might find inspiration in this painting or the arc between the bows in Genesis. How many colours does hope have?
3. When finished, tie your bracelet to your wrist and keep the promise of hope close.

## THE EMPTY RIVER – CAN YOU FILL IT?

This picture doesn't have any fish in it, can you draw some fish in the river! It doesn't have any people or trees in it either. You might like to put some in to finish the picture.

