



ST NINIAN'S UNITING CHURCH
PEBBLES SEPTEMBER 3RD, 2023



Based on Acts 17:22-28

This month is the Season of Creation. It is the month when we spend time with creation and the beings that live there. Each being has been put there by God who created everything. Today we will be focusing on the trees the home of many of our furry and feathered friends. We will also be thinking about what we grow in our gardens.

I started as a seed, and I grew, and I grew, and I grew. I grew tall, and it looked like I was reaching up to the sky. My roots reached deep into the ground and wiggled through the soil. Sun shone its warm rays on my branches.

I felt Wind blowing through my leaves.

Rain fell and soaked into the ground where my roots would drink the cool water. Who do you think I am?

One day, when the sun was shining brightly, I felt a tickle on my branches. At first, I thought it was another tree friend reaching out to say hello. But it was a forest friend flying from tree to tree. I heard a strange sound, a beautiful sound. My forest friend was call out to me.

One morning after a sprinkling of rain, I saw a forest friend walking toward me. She stopped at my tree trunk and then started to climb. Up, up, up she climbed. Soon she found one of my largest branches so she could nap.

Every day I feel many tiny, tiny forest friends running up and down my tree trunk. There are so many of them.

There are always surprises here in my home in the forest. I have so many wonderful forest friends. Who might be these forest friends?



Hello God,

Thank you for the beautiful trees that give me shade from hot sun, and protection from light rain. It's really wonderful that You have given the animals a place to live, but it makes me upset Jesus, when they are cut down taking away their homes forever. Please Lord, help us find a better way to build homes so the little animals aren't homeless. I know we are supposed to have a dry summer, but I hope we get some rain for the trees to keep growing food for the animals and dropping leaves to make good soil, and doing good things for our air.

In Your name I pray,

POEM

Listen to the forest
The whispering of the trees
Clapping hands
And windy voice
Speaks to you and me!
Love is here!
Love is there!
Love is everywhere!

Write your own acrostic poem about trees

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God cares for the trees and the bushland. God cares for you and me.

1. Draw yourself in the picture.
2. Add some of the animals that you think live in the trees
3. Write on some of the branches or leaves some of the things trees provide.

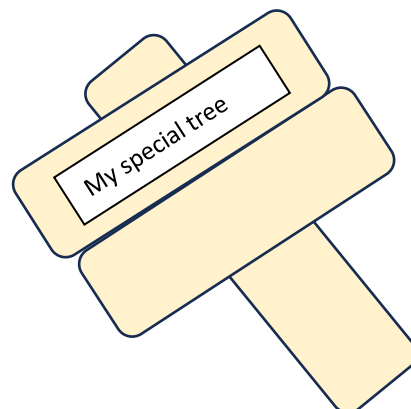
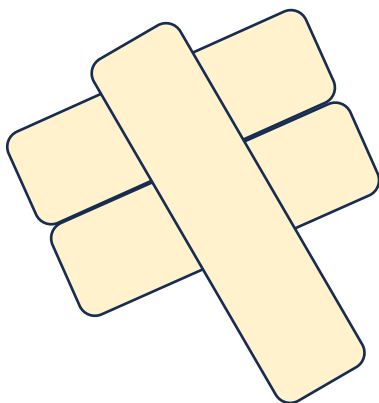
TREE MARKERS

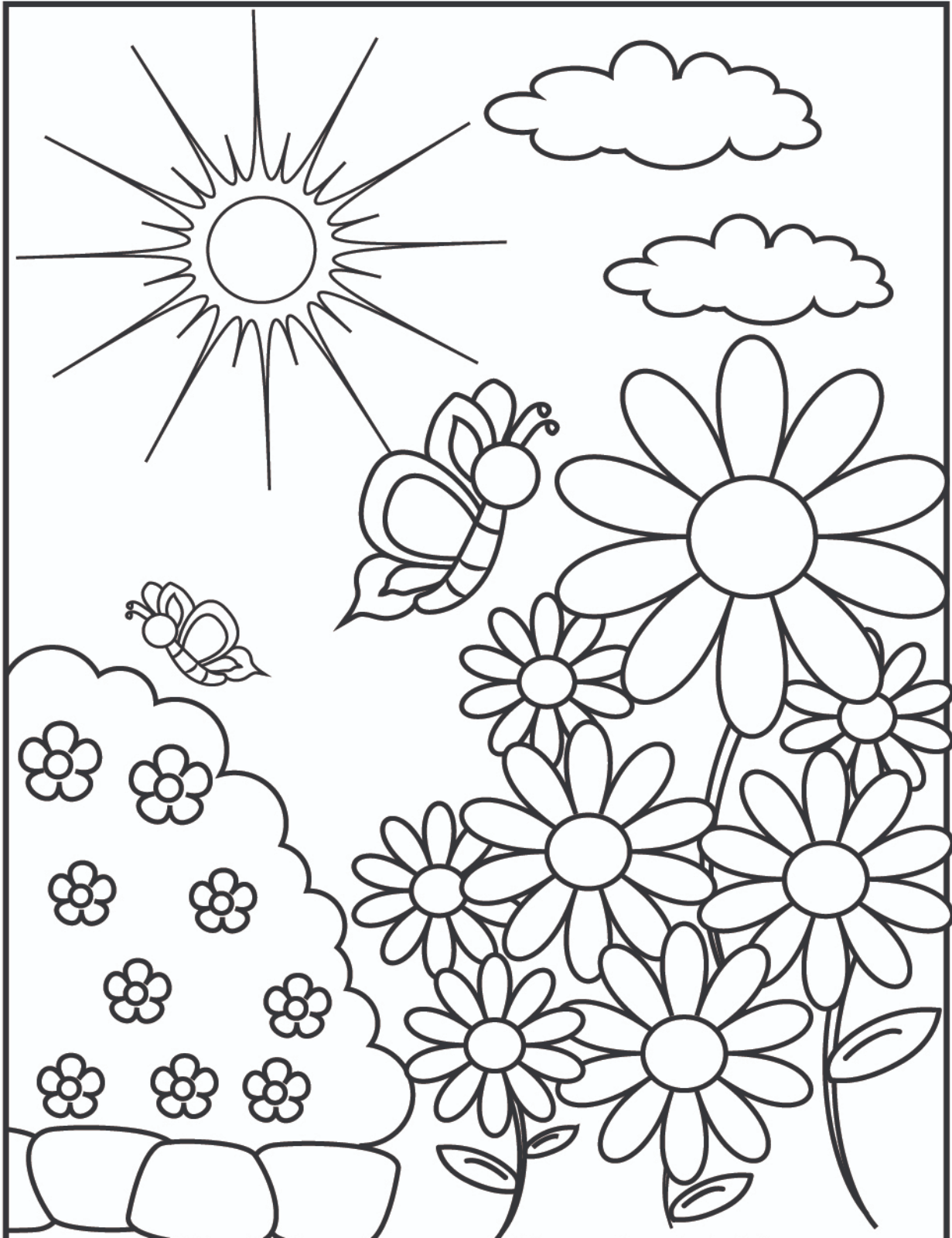
Materials

1. You will need wide paddle pop sticks
2. Glue
3. Permanent pens
4. Pipe cleaner
5. God's love is all around, and love is, it is meant to be shared.

Instructions

1. Make a tree marker by gluing wide paddle pop sticks into a "T" shape
2. Decorate with the permanent pens and a pipe cleaner
3. Adopt a tree near the church or your home and place a marker by the tree
4. Think about ways you might get to know your special tree and care for it.





Flowers in the garden go together because God made it that way!



I'm gonna be like a tree, planted
by the water
Trusting in the father to help
me grow

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MeUBnWrh280&list=RDMMeUBnWrh280&start_radio=1

No pictures with this song, but I bet you can find some moves to go along with the beat of the music!