

Student Instructions

Radical Hospitality: Love God: Gratitude

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Big Idea: Our model of radical welcome and hospitality comes from God who created the universe and us out of sheer love.

Things to Know:

1. God created the universe and humanity good.
2. Creation is good. God said so. (the people, well, we'll talk about them/us).
3. God created a planet that was exactly tuned to make human beings flourish, along with literally millions and millions of species. That is literally hospitality at its best.
4. BTW: God did not make the earth in 6 literal days. Lutherans are pretty sure that God is bigger than science and could totally use science to create the universe!
5. Our model for hospitality is God, who made this planet for us to thrive on. Our response to God is gratitude.

Gathering and Centering

Tonight, hopefully, most of us are in person. As we gather please remember to **maintain social distance and wear masks**. Students should bring their own seating. Have hand sanitizer on hand if possible.

As we center, we are going to do silence for a whole minute!

Exploring the Big Idea

Tonight, there is no movie since we are in person.

Questions to Ponder:

1. What was the best thing and the worst thing about this week? (also known as highs and lows).
2. Was there also something completely random this week?
3. What are you

Gratitude is our first response to God.

Conversation Starter

You're outside:

1. What they notice about this evening?
2. How's the weather?
3. What's it like to be outside?
4. What are they grateful for about creation?
5. What would gratitude for creation look like in action?

Creation is exactly the way it is because God created it so we could thrive!

Journal Question

How do you feel when you are out in nature? Is there an activity you particularly love? What in creation tells you that God made it good?