

Worship

In our worship today we are thinking about 'Responsibility'. Here is a story to help you think about what it means to be responsible.

One evening, a man was walking along a beach when he spotted a young boy down by the shore. The man noticed that the beach was littered with starfish that had been washed up by a storm. The starfish were now stranded, with no hope of returning to the sea. As the man watched the boy, he noticed that the boy was picking up the starfish one at a time and throwing them back into the sea. The man was a bit puzzled. How did the boy think he could help by throwing back one starfish at a time when there were so many starfish in need of saving? It was an impossible task!

The man walked across the sand to meet the boy. 'What are you doing?' the man asked.

'Saving the starfish,' the boy replied.

'But how can you?' responded the man. 'There are so many here to save! What difference can you make?'

The boy picked up a starfish lying close to his feet and threw it back into the sea. As the starfish splashed into the water, the boy said, 'Well, I made a difference to that one!'

The story teaches us that we can all make a difference to the world, no matter how big a problem can seem and no matter how small our actions may appear. Just like the boy in the story, we can change the world a little bit at a time.

Christians believe that the world was created by God for human beings to enjoy and take care of. Taking responsibility for planet Earth can seem like a huge job. However, just like the boy in the starfish story, we can all play our part by doing little things that add up to changing the world together.

How can we change the world today?’

How can we make a positive difference to our environment today?’

Prayer

Dear God,

Thank you for the beautiful world that you created.

Help each of us to take responsibility for our planet by making small differences in the world around us.

Amen.

You might like to listen to ‘Wonderful world’ by Fischy Music, available at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DvvEur_k22s

