

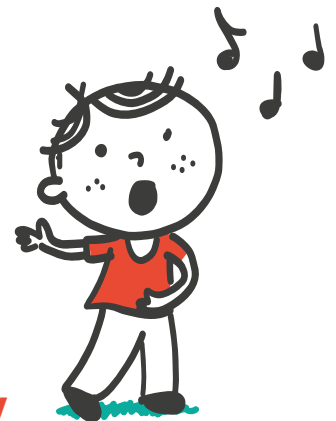


# Beauty in winter



**Together as a family, look out of your window, or go for a nature hunt outside!**

As you go through the activities we'll be reading **Psalm 8**, thinking about how amazing God made the world – and us – his people. (This scavenger hunt is fun to do when the sun is going down and it is getting dark).



## 1. Feel the weather



***'Lord, our Lord,  
how majestic is your name in all the earth!  
You have set your glory in the heavens.'* v1**

As you stand outside it might be cold or raining. God is so incredible that he created seasons to help the earth grow and to rest, and we can still praise him whatever the weather.

- Close your eyes and talk about how the fresh air, snow or rain feels on your face and hands.
- Do you like how it feels?

## 2. Listen closely

***'Through the praise of children and infants  
you have established a stronghold against  
your enemies to silence the foe and the  
avenger.'* v2**

Children and babies are a BIG part of God's plan for the world. And he uses your praises, songs and thanks to bring joy and love to even the grumpiest people!

- Listen closely. Can you hear any creatures making noises? Do you think they are praising God?
- Can you sing, shout or even whisper thanks to God for something right now?

### 3. Can you see the moon?

***'When I consider your heavens,  
the work of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars,  
which you have set in place.'*** v3

God is super creative and made the universe really big. He made the sky, the moon and the stars so that we can see at night.

- Look up at the sky. Can you see the moon or stars? If you can't, maybe go outside later when it's dark and have a look.
- What shape is the moon? Draw different shapes of the moon on the ground with a stick.

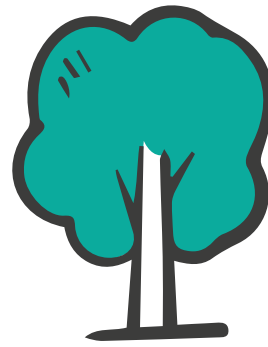


### 5. Clean up some rubbish

***'You made them [humans] rulers over the works of your hands;  
you put everything under their feet.'*** v3

God put us in charge of looking after creation and we can all do little things to help care for nature and animals.

- Can you see any litter on the ground? Can you pick it up, or come back another day with a rubbish bag and tidy up?
- Can you think of other ways you can take care of creation?



### 4. Look for a giant tree

***'What is mankind that you are mindful of them,  
human beings that you care for them?'*** v4

The world is huge and God created everything – even the biggest tree. But he cares about us human beings, his children, most of all.

- Look up at the biggest tree you can see. Do you feel tiny in comparison?
- Turn around in a slow circle and look at everything around you. God loves you even more than all the beautiful things he has created!



## 6. Can you see any land animals?

**'All flocks and herds, and the animals of the wild.'** v7

You might not be able to see any animals right now because lots of them hibernate, and have a really long rest in winter. God knows that sleep is a really good thing!

- Can you see any burrows or holes that might have animals sleeping in them?
- Do you know any animals that hibernate?
- Did you know that hedgehogs, Queen bees and snails all sleep through the winter?!



## 8. Can you find any other signs of God's beauty in winter?

- Feather
- Evergreen tree
- Cut grass
- Animal tracks
- Pinecone



## 7. Follow a bird

**'The birds in the sky, and the fish in the sea, all that swim the paths of the seas. Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!'** v8-9

Everything around us shouts about how amazing God is. The birds, the fish, our friends ... the whole earth! Even if some things look dark, dead, or life is hard – God is still good and loves us more than we can imagine.

- Find a bird in the sky or on the ground and follow it to see where it goes. What do you think it's doing?
- Take a minute to praise God together. You could all say out loud: **"Lord, our Lord, how majestic, wonderful and amazing is your name in all the earth!"**

Have fun  
together!

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