

IRMS Earth Day Resources

Each year since 1970, the United States observes Earth Day on April 22. As Genesis 2:15 reminds us, “The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to cultivate it and keep it, (NASB)” our command and duty as humankind is to care for our Earth. As this date rolls around again, we must be reminded that showing care for our earth should not be relegated to one day on the calendar.

Over the last year, IRMS has increased its collection of resources addressing climate change, climate refugees, environmental activism and the Christian connection to caring for our most precious resource. Here are a few suggestions to help you raise awareness in your congregation:

Can't Stop the Water (DV1415) (<http://www.rqmweb.com/results.asp?q=irms&resID=10852&detail=Y>) takes us to Isle de Jean Charles, a disappearing Island in southern Louisiana. In this 35-minute film, we meet the inhabitants who believe their shrinking land is not simply a place to live but the quickly vanishing epicenter of their people and traditions.

Fierce Green Fire (DV1406) (<http://www.rqmweb.com/results.asp?q=irms&resID=10825&detail=Y>) is an exploration of the environmental movement showing grassroots and global activism spanning fifty years from conservation to climate change. This film, divided into five “acts” tells vivid stories about people fighting – and succeeding – against enormous odds.

Wisdom to Survive (DV1362) (<http://www.rqmweb.com/results.asp?q=irms&resID=10738&detail=Y>) explores how unlimited growth and greed are destroying the life support system of the planet, the social fabric of the society, and the lives of billions of people. With an emphasis on justice, this 56-minute film encourages us to open ourselves to the beauty and take action.

What's So Amazing About Polar Bears – Teaching Kids to Care for Creation (BK1912) (<http://www.rqmweb.com/results.asp?q=irms&resID=10818&detail=Y>) provides ecology themed lessons with scriptural background to encourage reflection and discussion for all ages of children. Fun facts and experiential activities engage children and reinforce lessons.

God's Blue Earth: Teaching Kids to Celebrate the Sacred Gift of Water (BK1842) (<http://www.rqmweb.com/results.asp?q=irms&resID=10363&detail=Y>) encourages children to discover, experience, appreciate, respect, and celebrate God's sacred gift of water through fun, interactive, Christian-based lessons.

To request one of these resources or find out more about the materials IRMS has available to recognize Earth Day, call 515-277-2920 or email questions to: questions@irms.org.

IRMS invites you to use the message above and included attachments in your publications and communications. Thank you!