

7. OTHER RESOURCES

Scripture and Worship Suggestions

Resources for preaching and teaching on climate change

The Green Bible is an excellent resource for equipping and encouraging individuals and congregations to see God's vision for creation and to help them engage in the work of healing and sustaining it.

A few scriptures for preaching and study:

Genesis 1: It's **all** good!

Genesis 9: God establishes his covenant with Noah and **all** living creatures.

Genesis 2:9 and Revelation 22:1-5: The tree of life for the healing of the nations.

Psalms 1: Let us be like trees planted by streams of water.

Psalms 19: The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims God's handiwork.

Psalms 24: The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof...

Isaiah 5: God likens his beloved to a vineyard.

Matt. 10:29: Nothing in creation is outside God's love and care. Not a single sparrow falls without God's notice.

Matt. 6:25: Jesus often used nature images in his teaching. Here he invites us to consider the lilies of the field.

Romans 1:19-20: God is known in the things that God has made.

Romans 8:18 ff: Not just humanity, but the whole of creation is groaning.

Revelation 21: The promise of a new heaven and a new earth.

30 of the Most Impactful Climate Change Quotes

<https://curious.earth/blog/climate-change-quotes/>

*"We are the **first generation** to feel the effect of climate change and the **last generation** who can do something about it."*

Barack Obama, Former U.S. President

*"I've starred in a lot of science fiction movies and, let me tell you something, **climate change is not science fiction**. This is a battle in the real world, and it is impacting us right now."*

Arnold Schwarzenegger, Actor & Former Governor of California

“We don’t have time to sit on our hands as our planet burns. For young people, climate change is bigger than election or re-election. It’s life or death.”

Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, U.S. Politician & Activist

“Climate change is real. It is happening right now, it is the most urgent threat facing our entire species and we need to work collectively together and stop procrastinating.”

Leonardo Di Caprio, Actor & Environmentalist

*“Let’s double down on solar energy, **let’s be more energy-efficient**, let’s weatherize our homes. We can build a better, healthier economy based on good-paying, clean energy jobs.”*

Ian Somerhalder, Actor

*“One thing leads to the other. **Deforestation leads to climate change**, which leads to ecosystem losses, which negatively impacts our livelihoods – **it’s a vicious cycle.**”*

Gisele Bundchen, Supermodel & UN Goodwill Ambassador

“Climate change is the greatest threat to our existence in our short history on this planet. Nobody’s going to buy their way out of its effects.”

Mark Ruffalo, Actor & Environmentalist

*“By polluting the oceans, not mitigating CO₂ emissions, and destroying our biodiversity, **we are killing our planet.** Let us face it, **there is no planet B.**”*

Emmanuel Macron, President of France

*“I hope to use my celebrity to motivate people and contribute to moving our global society back from the brink. I am surprised environment is not at the top of the agenda. **What is more important than good and clean air?**”*

Don Cheadle, Actor & UN Environment Goodwill Ambassador

*“**Believe in the power of your own voice.** The more noise you make, the more accountability you demand from your leaders, the more our world will change for the better.”*

Al Gore, Former U.S. Vice President

*“It’s important for me to have hope because that’s **my job as a parent to have hope, for my kids**, that we’re not going to leave them in a world that’s in shambles, that’s a chaotic place, that’s a dangerous place.”*

James Cameron, Film Director

*“I hold a vision of this blue green planet, safe and in balance. At **the end of the Fossil Fuel Era**, we are emerging to a new reality. We are ready to make the next leap – as momentous as abolishing slavery or giving women the vote.”*

Elizabeth May, Leader of Green Party of Canada

*“**Climate change knows no borders**. It will not stop before the Pacific Islands and the whole of the international community here has to shoulder a responsibility to bring about sustainable development.”*

Angela Merkel, Chancellor of Germany

*“The world is reaching the tipping **point** beyond which climate change may become irreversible. If this happens, **we risk denying present and future generations the right to a healthy and sustainable planet** – the whole of humanity stands to lose.”*

Kofi Annan, Former Secretary-General of UN

*“Climate change is the single greatest threat to a sustainable future but, at the same time, **addressing the climate challenge presents a golden opportunity** to promote prosperity, security and a brighter future for all.”*

Ban Ki-Moon, Former Secretary-General of UN

*“The time for seeking global solutions is running out. **We can find suitable solutions only if we act together** and in agreement.”*

Pope Francis, 266th Catholic Pope

*“Twenty-five years ago people could be excused for not knowing much, or doing much, about climate change. **Today we have no excuse.**”*

Desmond Tutu, Former Archbishop of Cape Town

*“**Pollution and climate change by excessive burning of fossil fuels are real threats**, not the people who warn that we must take these threats seriously.”*

David Suzuki, Canadian Academic & Environmental Broadcaster

“What you do makes a difference, and you have to decide what kind of difference you want to make.”

Dr. Jane Goodall, Scientist & Activist

*“It’s not that the world hasn’t had more carbon dioxide, it’s not that the world hasn’t been warmer. **The problem is the speed at which things are changing.** We are inducing a sixth mass extinction event kind of by accident and we don’t want to be the ‘extinctee.’”*

Bill Nye, ‘The Science Guy’

*“One can see from space how the human race has changed the Earth. Nearly all of the available land has been cleared of forest and is now used for agriculture or urban development. The polar icecaps are shrinking and the desert areas are increasing. At night, the Earth is no longer dark, but large areas are lit up. All of this is **evidence that human exploitation of the planet is reaching a critical limit.** But human demands and expectations are ever-increasing. We cannot continue to pollute the atmosphere, poison the ocean and exhaust the land. There isn’t any more available.”*

Stephen Hawking, Physicist & Author

*“It’s not climate change that needs to be tackled. It is the **political power of the fossil fuel industry.**”*

Richard Denniss, Chief Economist at The Australian Institute

*“Adults keep saying we owe it to the young people, to give them hope, but I don’t want your hope. **I don’t want you to be hopeful. I want you to panic. I want you to feel the fear I feel every day. I want you to act. I want you to act as you would in a crisis. I want you to act as if the house is on fire, because it is.***

Greta Thunberg, 17-year-old Swedish Activist

*“**We really need to kick the carbon habit** and stop making our energy from burning things. Climate change is also really important because you can wreck one rainforest then move, drain one area of resources and move onto another, but **climate change is global.**”*

Sir David Attenborough, Natural World Broadcaster

*“**The Earth is in a death spiral.** It will take radical action to save us.*

George Monbiot, Journalist

*“Climate change is a terrible problem, and it **absolutely needs to be solved**. It deserves to be a huge priority.”*

Bill Gates, Founder of Microsoft

*“**Climate change is a huge challenge**, but it can be brought in line if governments, businesses and individuals work together.”*

Sir Richard Branson, Founder of Virgin Group

*“**We are running the most dangerous experiment in history right now**, which is to see how much carbon dioxide the atmosphere can handle before there is an environmental catastrophe.”*

Elon Musk, CEO of Tesla & SpaceX

*“The Earth is a fine place and **worth fighting for**.”*

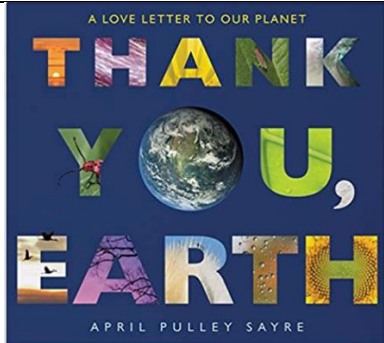
Ernest Hemingway, Author

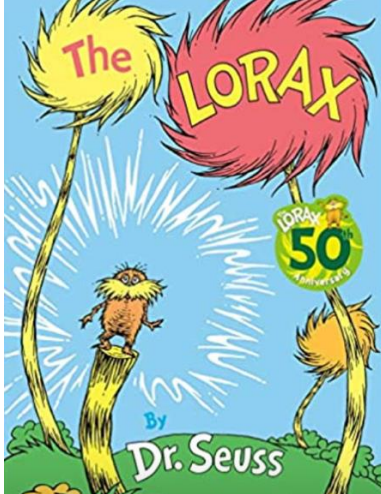
*“We do not inherit the earth from our ancestors, **we borrow it** from our children.”*

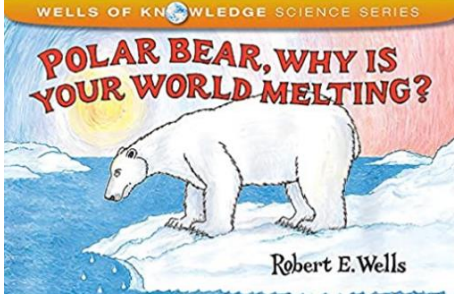

Native American Proverb

Children’s Books on Climate Change

(prices from Amazon.com)

	Acclaimed children’s book author and photographer April Pulley Sayre’s love letter to Earth is a stunning exploration of the beauty and complexity of the world around us. Remarkable photographs and a rich, layered text introduce concepts of science, nature, geography, biology, poetry, and community, perfect for classrooms and homeschooling. This nonfiction picture book is ideal for Earth Day and for celebrating the planet all year long. (\$8.00)
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	<p><i>I am the Lorax. I speak for the trees.</i></p> <p>Dr. Seuss's beloved story teaches kids to treat the planet with kindness and stand up and speak up for others. Experience the beauty of the Truffula Trees and the danger of taking our earth for granted in a story that is timely, playful, and hopeful. The book's final pages teach us that just one small seed, or one small child, can make a difference.</p> <p>Printed on recycled paper, this book is the perfect gift for Earth Day and for any child—or child at heart—who is interested in recycling, advocacy, and the environment, or who just loves nature and playing outside. \$7.50</p>
	<p>Winner of the 2021 Caldecott Medal #1 New York Times Bestseller</p> <p>Inspired by the many Indigenous-led movements across North America, <i>We Are Water Protectors</i> issues an urgent rallying cry to safeguard the Earth's water from harm and corruption—a bold and lyrical picture book written by Carole Lindstrom and vibrantly illustrated by Michaela Goade.</p> <p><i>Water is the first medicine. It affects and connects us all . . .</i> \$12.56</p>
	<p>When fourteen-year-old William Kamkwamba's Malawi village was hit by a drought, everyone's crops began to fail. Without enough money for food, let alone school, William spent his days in the library...and figured out how to bring electricity to his village. Persevering against the odds, William built a functioning windmill out of junkyard scraps, and thus became the local hero who harnessed the wind.</p> <p>Lyrically told and gloriously illustrated, this story will inspire many as it shows how - even in the worst of times - a great idea and a lot of hard work can still rock the world. \$13.93.</p>

	<p>In the Arctic, the summer ice is melting, making it hard for polar bears and their cubs to survive. Why is the world getting warmer? The heat of the sun is trapped by the "greenhouse" gases that surround Earth—carbon dioxide, methane, nitrous oxide, and water vapor. If there is just the right amount of these trapped gases, the air is warm enough for plants, animals, and people to thrive. But now there is too much greenhouse gas, especially carbon dioxide. Polar bears, and all of us, are in trouble. Robert E. Wells shows why so much carbon dioxide is going into the air and what we can do to help keep Earth cool. \$7.11</p>
	<p>With colorful illustrations, simple text, and research from trusted sources like NASA, NOAA, and the United Nations, <i>Climate Change: The Choice is Ours</i> is the interactive book that outlines the causes of climate change and gently explores its consequences, such as rising sea levels, more extreme weather, and more. Though not shy about uncomfortable realities, <i>Climate Change: The Choice is Ours</i> also emphatically teaches hope for the future and includes timely recommendations for what kids and their families can do. Most importantly, the book's built-in spinner offers readers a choice on every page: spin the arrow and leave climate change to chance or do something about it!</p> <p>From the book: <i>Solving climate change will require that individuals, communities, businesses, and nations work together for the common good. Bringing people together for the common good. Not everyone agrees that climate change is happening or how serious it is. But if people speak out and show that climate change matters to them, more governments and businesses will take it seriously and decide to act. You can be one of those people.</i> \$19.99</p>