**Good stewards like Adam and Eve**

*God spoke: “Let us make human beings in our image, make them  
        reflecting our nature  
    So they can be responsible for the fish in the sea,  
        the birds in the air, the cattle,  
    And, yes, Earth itself,  
        and every animal that moves on the face of Earth.”  
    God created human beings;  
        he created them godlike,  
    Reflecting God’s nature.  
        He created them male and female.  
    God blessed them:  
        “Prosper! Reproduce! Fill Earth! Take charge!  
    Be responsible for fish in the sea and birds in the air,  
        for every living thing that moves on the face of Earth.”*

**Genesis 1:26-28**

In the creation story right at the beginning of the Bible, we read that God created the heavens and the earth, as well as everything in it. Creation, according to God, was perfect or good.

Then God creates humans. Human beings are created with a specific purpose – to take care of God’s creation. We are created to be responsible for all living creatures, but also for the earth itself.

Unfortunately, we don’t have to look far to realise that humans haven’t done a very good job at taking care of creation. We haven’t been good stewards. Rainforests are being cut down, icebergs are melting, the planet is warming and animals are disappearing at an alarming rate.

It is easy to be very frightened about what is going on in the world – the consequences of years where humans have been bad stewards. However, we need to be good stewards now and do what we can for the created world.

Q – What concerns you about creation at the moment?

Q – How can we, as humans, be better stewards of creation?

Q – Can you think of examples of people who are trying to be good stewards of creation?

Q – What one thing are you willing to do to be a better steward of creation?