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| **Gather** | Song to listen to: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8P9hAN-teOU](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8P9hAN-teOU)  
Bible quote: John 4:14  
"Those who drink the water that I will give them will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give them will become in them a spring which will provide them with life-giving water and give them eternal life." | | |
| **Song** | Water of life: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H30QEVBMndA](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H30QEVBMndA)  
I'm gonna clap my hands: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EGxHOnyDf-I](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EGxHOnyDf-I)  
Arky Arky: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wHcypSv4ltY](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wHcypSv4ltY)  
Wise man built his house upon the rock: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zAjEjxX-DhA](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zAjEjxX-DhA) | Make sure you teach parents the actions for these songs so that they can join in. | |
| **Engage** | Can you make a list of the different thing we use water for every day? How many different things can you come up with?  
Especially at the moment water is an important part of keeping us safe and healthy. Washing our hands is one way to keep us safe from the Corona virus and God gave us this gift!  
There are dozens of Bible verses that mention water, and water can symbolize many things in the Bible. Water, like from a spring or a well, often symbolizes refreshment and the meeting of our needs (Matthew 10:42, Psalm 23:2, John 7:37, John 4:7), and clean water often represents purity and forgiveness (Ezekiel 36:25, Ephesians 5:26), as symbolized by the sacred rite of baptism (Matthew 3:11, Mark 1:10), and when Jesus washes his disciples' feet (John 13:5-11).  
The water of nature, like lakes, rivers, and the ocean, is also often mentioned in the Bible. Many Biblical stories centre around water, like when Moses parts the Red Sea, Jesus calms the storm, and the disciples pull so many fish from the Lake of Gennesaret that it breaks their nets (Luke 5:1-11). All of these stories remind us just how much we rely on water.  
Take a look at these facts:  
• Water covers 71% of the Earth's surface  
• 40% of people on earth live within 60 miles of the sea  
• More than 3 billion people rely on the ocean for their food  
• More than 90% of international trade happens by ship  
Not only do we depend on the sea, but the sea depends on us too. And we are not taking care of it well. We are being bad stewards of the fish in the sea, with 80% of fisheries species being fished at full capacity or being overfished. We are bad stewards of the once-thriving coral reefs; these brilliant ecosystems, where up to 25% of the species in the ocean live and eat, are on the brink of collapse due to ocean acidification and climate change. This version of the ocean was not the way God intended it. Rather He created a beautiful sea "teeming with living creatures" (Genesis 1:20) and He dreams of a beautiful ecosystem in harmony, as illustrated in Ezekiel 47:9, "wherever the river goes, every living creature that swarms will live, and there will be very many fish."  
So how do we get back to this vision of what God created, and gave to us as a gift? First, we have to remember that water is a gift. The water we drink, that refreshes and nourishes us, is a gift, and the clean water that we shower and bathe with is a gift. So too is the water found in nature. The beautiful lake we go to on holiday, the river we fish in, the ocean we learned to surf in, the delicious snowflakes we catch on our tongues, they are all gifts from our Lord, for us to savour and find delight in, but also for us to be STEWARDS of.  
We must take care of water, like we take care of any precious gift, by making sure we do not fill waterways with our rubbish and our pollution, by making sure we do not take out more resources than they can handle giving us. Only then can we experience this beautiful gift for many generations to come. | | |
**Respond Reflection time**

Think about the different uses of water:
- Feeding the plants
- Water to drink
- Washing our hands
- Keeping us clean
- Places for fish and sea creatures to live
- A way to cool us down when it is too hot.

How can we work to take care of the water we have? What can we do at home? How can we tell other people how to look after and share the water on our planet?

**Prayers**

Dear God,
We thank you for the precious gift of water.
Teach us to use it wisely and not be wasteful with it.
Help us to be aware of its importance in our daily lives,
and know that without it we could not survive.
Amen.

**Other activities**

**Other bible stories on the theme of water:**
Jesus walks on the water, Peter walks on water, Jesus calms the storm, Noah's Ark, Jesus turns water into wine, Jesus baptism.

**Someone swallowed Stanley**
Read "Someone swallowed Stanley?" and create some posters to explain how we can protect our seas and oceans
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uf4b4no8ric](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uf4b4no8ric)

**Fun water activities**

- **AMAZING BOAT RACE**
  Using colorful papers or old magazine, make your own colorful boat.
  Put the boats in a basin with water and use a fan to make your boat reach the other end of the basin.

- **WATER SHADOW PLAY**
  Draw and cut animals, trees and anything under the sun on a folder.
  Put a lamp facing the water in a basin. Using the cutouts, create shadows and do fun pretend-play!

- **ICE PAINTING**
  Mix water with paint and pour the colored water into an ice tray.
  Once the ice cubes are frozen already, you can now use them to paint. This is a very fun sensorial activity for kids!

- **OCEAN ANIMALS PUPPET SHOW**
  Using old folders, draw and cut ocean animals and stick each animal on used pens or pencils. You may also cut ocean animals and stick them on a folder.
  Use any table for your stage. Be creative with your story for your puppet show!