

SAGA OF THE LAST DAYS OF CREATION:

Intent of the Story:

- ✓ *To create ecological awareness*
- ✓ *To realize the harm modern development inflicted on our earth.*
- ✓ *To grow in love and concern for the natural resources of the earth.*

The Story

At last the world was made; and God rested. The earth was rich and beautiful. And man lived peacefully in the evergreen prairies and shadowy woods.

ON THE FIRST DAY, man said:

“Let us build for ourselves dwellings and cities in these beautiful surroundings. And man erected huge cities, concrete skyscrapers and steel structures”. And the evergreen fields disappeared! **And man saw that it was good!**

ON THE SECOND

Man looked at the crystal and transparent waters of the mountain streams, of the sparkling ponds, and of the blue seas.

And man said, “Let us throw into the waters our refuses and garbage; thus, we shall get rid of our rubbish and litter.” And the crystal waters of the earth were polluted and became stinking and fetid.

And man saw that it was good!

ON THE THIRD DAY, man looked at the luxuriant forests and the luscious woods of the globe.

And man said:

“Let us fell the trees and cut down the forests; we need timber to build houses and pulp for our newspapers and magazines.” And man did so. And the forests disappeared from the face of the earth, and the earth was barren.

And man saw that it was good!

AND ON THE FOURTH DAY, man saw that there were thousands of animals on the earth, and that their cubs and young ones were playing and frolicking around.

And man said:

“Let us capture the animals and keep them in cages for our entertainment, and hunt and kill them for our pleasure.” And man did so. And the animals disappeared from the surface of the earth.

And man saw that it was good!

ON THE FIFTH DAY, man breathed deeply the cool and pure air of the sky.

And man said: “ Let us release into the atmosphere the poisonous gasses and the noxious fumes of our vehicles and factories that the winds may carry them

away” And man did so. And the air was contaminated and it became thick and foul.

And man saw that it was good!

ON THE SIXTH DAY, man looked around and saw all the races of the earth, peoples of all colors, languages and features. And man got frightened of one another and began hating each other.

And man said:” Let us make all sorts of deadly weapons; quickly, let us destroy others before they destroy us” And man built all sorts of strange and murderous instruments of death. And men made war with one another. And the people of the earth were destroyed and annihilated.

And man saw that it was good!

AND ON THE SEVENTH DAY, man rested for all the work he had done. And the earth was quiet and there was peace. But then, man was no more on earth.

And it was good!

(An Adaptation the poem “DECREATION”.)

POINTS FOR FOR AN INPUT.

- It is man’s greed that destroys creation. **God created the world, man is “de- creating” it.”**
- Pragmatism, love for comforts, greed for luxuries and more goods blind us to the harm we do to nature, to our children and to ourselves. We cannot see beyond our noses. We destroy ourselves.
- Modern science has become sort of a “Frankenstein”, A monster created by our technical advances and modern science that devours our world.
- By destroying the world, we destroy ourselves!
- The greatest of modern problems is “ecology”. It’s a matter of life or death for us and much more for future generations.
- God will not destroy nature and the human race. We will. We actually are. De-creating it.
- We have, by all means, to create an awareness and public opinion among all about the seriousness of the situation. **Nature is dying! We are dying along with it.**
- “Many technical improvements, advances and technologies in the long run will prove to have been for the worse”

QUESTIONS\ FOR DISCUSSION AND REFLECTION;

1. What titles could you give to the present story? Mention some of them and account for them.
2. What is meant by ecology, the ecological movement and ecological groups? What do they aim at? Should we join them? Why?
3. Who is destroying the world and nature? How? Why? What will the consequences be?

4. Should we as human beings and Christians be involved in ecological movements? Why?
5. Is science and technology a blessing or a curse to our modern world? Discuss. Debate.
6. What is meant by sustainable development?
7. Is today's 'globalization' a peril to the life of future generations? How? What can we do now to prevent its impending dangers and damages?