



1 Remember That You Are Dust

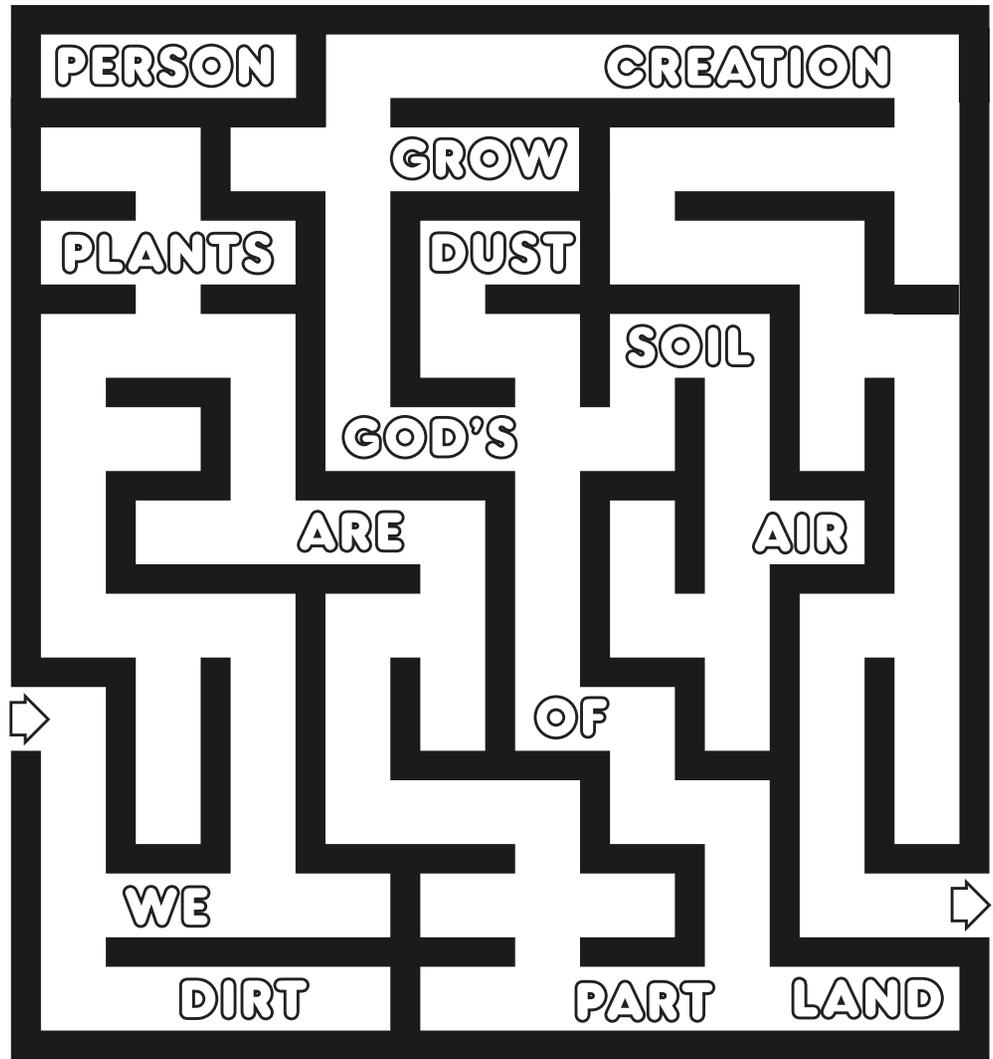
WAYS TO PRACTICE AT HOME

Being human means we are fragile and finite, dependent on God and one another. God created the world that way. As much as we feel we have control, it is fleeting and limited. We are grounded in the probable, practical, and tangible within our world. It is easy to get distracted with wants and desires, bigger and better, but in the end and really throughout it all we are no more and no less than we were created to be. Walking humbly with God acknowledges this relationship and understands that gratitude is our response to God's grace.

- Watch "Sand Art 'Christ Is Risen' by Simonova" ([bit.ly /FMSandArt](https://bit.ly/FMSandArt), 4:12) and see how an artist takes the dust of the earth and creates beauty.
- Pour salt or sand onto a baking sheet. Trace paths that remind you of a walk with God.
- Find a place where you can be outdoors and lie flat on the ground on your back. Feel connected to the earth. Look up and around you and name what you see from the smallest to the largest. Give thanks to God for all that is around you and that you are part of God's creation.

Dear God, thank you for making me part of your wonderful creation. May I remember that I am yours and walk humbly with you. Amen.

When we walk humbly with God, we remember where and what we came from. On the lines below, collect the words along the path to reveal the answer.



We are part of God's creation.



BIBLE STORY

Based on Genesis 2:7; 3:19b; Luke 12:16–21

In the very beginning of the Bible, there are stories about the beginning of God's people. In Genesis, the first book of the Bible, we hear about the creation of the world and all that is in it: light and dark, sky and waters, land and sea, birds and fish, plants and animals, and people too. God's people who told these stories say that people were made by God in a very special way. God scooped up some of the dust and dark, rich soil from the ground and made something out of the soil, something person-shaped. Then God breathed into the dirt-person, and the dirt-person became a living, breathing human person. A few different times in the Bible, God reminds us people that we came from the dirt and the dust, and when we die, we will turn back into the same dust and dirt.

Many, many years later, Jesus tells a story about a man who was very rich. The rich man owned lots of land, and one year so many plants grew on his land that he had a huge harvest. His harvest was so big that he didn't have a big enough place to store all the grain collected from his land. So he decided he would tear down his barns and storage buildings to make bigger ones to keep all his crops for himself. Since his harvest was so big and he kept it to himself, he could just not work anymore. Instead, he could just play and have a good time.

God didn't like that plan very much. He told the rich man, "You have saved all this grain for yourself, but what will happen to all the extra that you don't need? You are not in control or more important than others. You may die tonight. If you save everything for yourself, it will go to waste. There are other people who need what you have kept all to yourself."

