

WEEK 3: BANGLADESH

CARE FOR GOD'S CREATION

All of creation is a gift from God, and our actions can help or hurt this gift. We show respect and love for God by taking care of his creation—the plants, animals and each other.

STORY OF HOPE

Monpura, Bangladesh is a beautiful island with beach views, forests and gardens. But in some areas, natural disasters like cyclones damage the landscape in the summer and autumn months. Houses are lost, farmlands flood, and roads and dikes break. Residents are always looking for new ways to protect their homes.

Noornobi's land would flood often, making it difficult to grow vegetables year-round. He found day labor catching fish, but limited work made it difficult for his family to eat well.

Through Catholic Relief Services' Mutki Project, Noornobi learned how to prevent his land from flooding, farm using chemical-free and organic fertilizers, and raise chickens and ducks to sell. Now, Noornobi farms more than half of his land and grows a variety of vegetable, which he sells. With the profits, he can support his family.

"If I can build a nice family ... I will be grateful," Noornobi says.



FACTS TO CONSIDER:

- Bangladesh is a populous South Asian country next to India with lush greenery and hundreds of rivers and tributaries, which are streams that flow into a larger river or lake.
- Cyclones and other natural disasters linked to a changing climate cause flooding throughout Bangladesh that destroys homes, farms and other infrastructures.
- Catholic Relief Services is helping families reduce the risk of disaster through vegetable gardening, making homes more resilient, organizing savings and loans groups, and providing safety gear and training to fisherman.



For downloadable photos, visit crsricebowl.org/photos and watch the video from Week 3 at crsricebowl.org/stories.

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45 MINUTES

OBJECTIVE

Through the story of Noornobi in Bangladesh, students will explore the Catholic social teaching principle of Care for God's Creation and how they can help take care of our planet and global family.

MATERIALS

- Week 3 story and video—available at csrricebowl.org/stories.
- Week 3 Activity Sheet: Grades 1-3.

DISCUSSION (15 MINUTES)

1. Locate Bangladesh on the map.
2. Read the story from Week 3. Use the video to supplement the story.
3. Reflect:
 - Who did we meet in the story?
 - How do cyclones and other natural disasters affect Noornobi and other families living in Bangladesh?
 - How is Noornobi overcoming these challenges?

ACTIVITY (25 MINUTES)

1. Explain the Catholic social teaching principle of Care for God's Creation. God created every plant, every mountaintop and valley, every animal and person—everything and everyone. And God said they are good. Our planet and global family are gifts from God, and so we must take care of them—for ourselves and for all people.
2. Have students complete the Week 3 Activity Sheet: Grades 1-3.
3. If time permits, ask students to share one way they can care for our planet and global family.

CLOSING PRAYER (5 MINUTES)

Creator God,

We are grateful for the beauty of your creation: [call on some students to give one example of something they are thankful for in creation] ... and more. May we always care for all that you have created and remember that the Earth is a gift and home for everyone.

Amen

AT HOME

1. Share your activity sheet with your family.
2. As a family, read and discuss the daily reflection in your **CRS Rice Bowl Lenten Calendar**.

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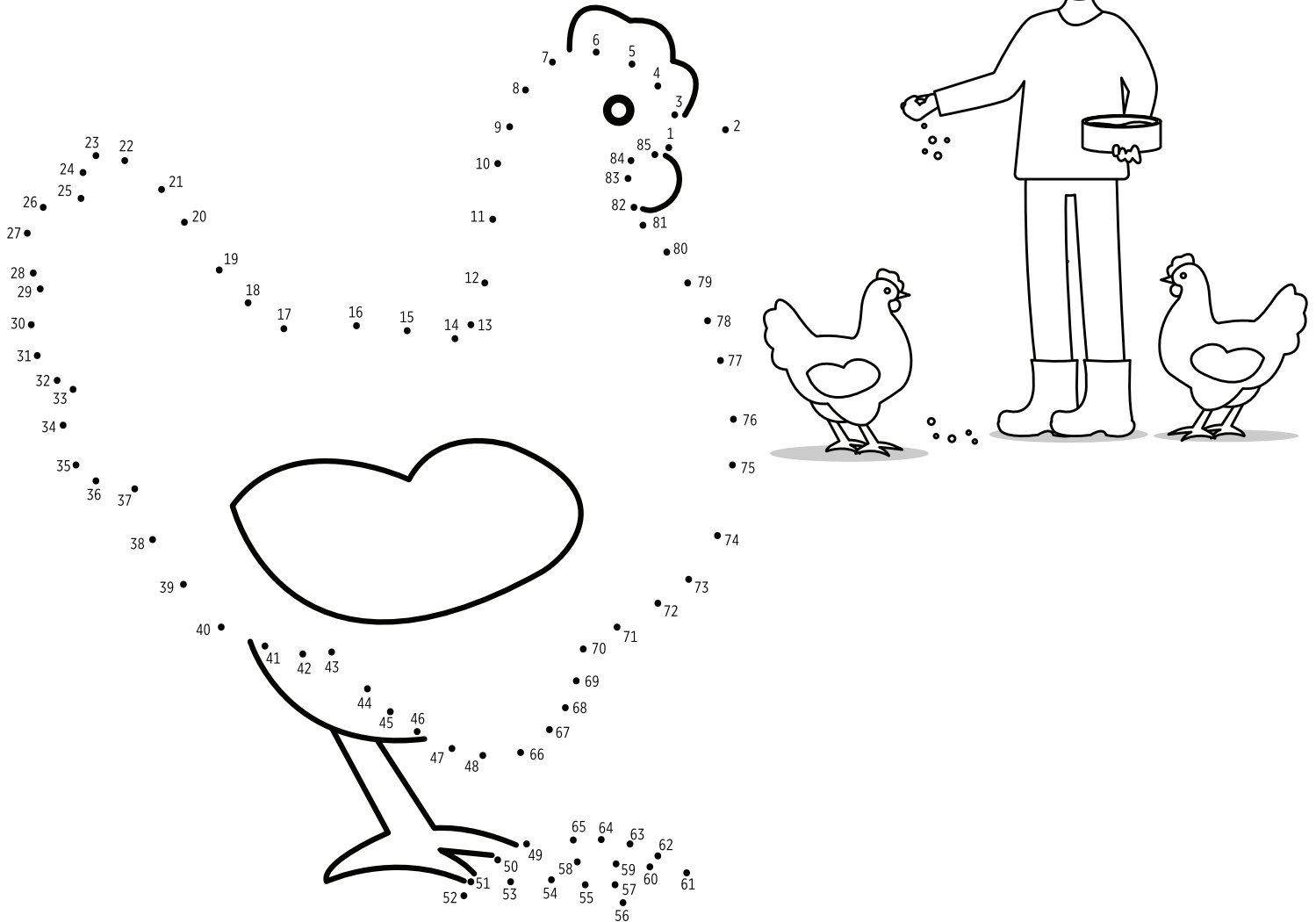


1. Read the Week 3 story. Use the video to supplement the story.
2. Lead Discussion step 3.

Name: _____



Connect the dots and—when done—color in the picture.



Write three things you can do to care for our planet and global family.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____