

EarthCare (Teens): ORDER

Power Points for Facilitators & Teen Leaders:

- God is all good and active in everything, everywhere.
- I create my experiences by what I choose to think and what I feel and believe.
- I do my best by living the Truth I know. I make a difference!
- Classroom facilitators are here to draw out our youth, teens lead the direction of our conversations and facilitators are guides along the way.

Order as spiritual power / for the Teachers:

Building on the introduction to the idea of our 12 spiritual powers, now explore the spiritual power of Order. *“Order, in Divine Mind, is an idea of unfolding, of evolution.”* (Ella Pomeroy, *Powers of the Soul*) Humans love to create order; examples: consistent holidays, celebrations, and traditions. By exploring the 12 Spiritual Powers (originally understood by Charles Fillmore, co-founder of Unity), we are learning about the spiritual power of order and how we express this. Divine Order manifests in ways that evolve the good for all; not just for the humans. Divine Order is the creative order for making positive change. Ideas are invisible, but by taking time to think about them we can grow energy and enthusiasm for them. Divine Order assists us in orderly ways for growing our ideas with an orderly plan of actions, choices, and skills. Example: humans have ideas for making the earth healthier for the creatures. We have an idea first but accomplish it and sustain it with orderly actions. Example: the idea of health and a healthy planet for the creatures is formed into an action—reducing use of plastic toys by creating toys from cardboard boxes, or, wood, and old scraps of fabric. OR, thinking of new ideas to recycle. Or, creatives will want to explore science experiments to discover new ways to compost plastic.

Opening Prayer / Inspiration Reading

Prayerfully, I remember: I am one with the power of Divine Order creating orderly actions for my ideas to care for the earth, the creatures, and others. The truth of Divine Order is at the center of my being, and all things. The Christ as me guides me in orderly ways. Thank you God for being my Good Orderly Direction.

Opening Affirmation

I Am living Divine Order, my power to grow ideas and help the earth and the animals.

Check In

When each person checks in, include describing or reflecting about order with the help of the following statements: I do have, or don't have, order in my life. I create order in my life by doing_(ask each to share what they already do)___.

Joy Song

I've Got Peace Like A River, Unity Wings of Song hymnal, 356

Lesson – ORDER / Creative Experience

Quote – “*Order, in Divine Mind, is an idea of unfolding, of evolution.*” Ella Pomeroy, *Powers of the Soul*

Scripture – “The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head.”
Mark 4:28 NRSV

Create a dialogue about the earth. Chances are it will include doom and gloom, but include the beauty and joy of it. **Order Question:** Do you wonder what is yours to do for the earth, or for the earth's creatures, water and air? What is your inner wisdom, and your love, suggesting you do? Do you know how to do this? What would you do first? second? third? Use the church as a place to start; consider a tour of the building and the grounds to help answer the questions.

Experience of working with Divine Order: Make a vision map of ideas such as: healthy earth for the creatures too; clean water for all; clean air for all. What needs to change at the church (home or school) to improve the land, water and air? Examples: wildlife habitat on the property; rainwater landscaping to retain water for plants; “No Dumping” signs painted onto storm drain grates; recycling. Draw pictures. List an orderly plan of action to take. Save these in the classroom for a regular check-in. Problem solve and prayerfully ask for guidance for next steps each week.

Meditation/ Centering/ Mindful Moment

Consider a grounding meditation outside! Once each person has a safe, comfortable spot to sit or lie down, share the following affirmation: I am alive and well. I am one with God and all life. I am safe. I am in the flow of Divine Order. I am Divine Order living in my world.

Reading

There are many insightful writings, study materials, and videos on 12 Powers For Our Planet. Readings can be obtained from Unity Worldwide Ministries/Earth Care:

unityworldwideministries.org/earthcare

5 Basic Unity Principles

God is all good and active in everything, everywhere.

I am naturally good because God's Divinity is in me and in everyone.

I create my experiences by what I choose to think and what I feel and believe.

Through affirmative prayer and meditation, I connect with God and bring out the good in my life.

I do and give my best.