



**I CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!**  
*Empowering Kids to Better the World!*  
St. Stephen's VBS 2017

God wants good things for all of God's children. Jesus said, *"You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your being, and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: You must love your neighbor as you love yourself."* Matthew 22: 37-39 (Common English Bible,CEB). How can one kid honor God and make positive differences in the world? Come to VBS and find out!

**Day 1, Sunday: You Can Be a Guardian of the Planet**

God made the Earth and all that is on it. God asked us to take care of the Earth, but the world we share belongs to God. Now, many people think that they know better than God. They want to enjoy all of the wonderful things that the world has to offer, but they don't want to take care of them. Is it possible for a kid to protect our world? What can YOU do to be a Guardian of the Planet?

*"The Lord God took the human and settled them in the Garden of Eden to farm it and to take care of it." Genesis 2:15 (CEB).*

**Day 2, Monday: You Can Save a Life**

All people must have food, water, and wellness in order to stay alive. We believe that every one of God's children should have clean water, nutritional food, and healthcare. It is our responsibility to care for one another, but what can one kid do? More than you might realize!

*God said, "...I was hungry and you gave me food to eat. I was thirsty and you gave me a drink. I was a stranger and you welcomed me. I was naked and you gave me clothes to wear. I was sick and you took care of me. I was in prison and you visited me..."* Matthew 25:35-36 (CEB).

**Day 3, Tuesday: You Can Welcome a Stranger**

There are many people around the world who are homeless, or who are being forced to leave their homes and countries, with only a few belongings. There are also people who move from place to place often. What can YOU do to make everyone feel welcome? What does God tell us about helping the homeless stranger?

*"Any immigrant who lives with you must be treated as if they were one of your citizens." Leviticus 19:34 (CEB).  
"Don't neglect to open up your homes to guests, because by doing this some have been hosts to angels, without knowing it." Hebrews 13:2 (CEB).*

**Day 4, Wednesday: You Can Care for Creatures that Can't Always Care for Themselves**

God makes all of creation available to us, as a gift. This means that animals are God's as well. God delights in creation, and asks us to care for the creatures of the earth. With so many animals requiring care, where does one kid start?

*God said, "Let us make humanity in our image to resemble us so that they may take charge of the fish of the sea, the birds of the sky, the livestock, all of the earth, and all the crawling things on the earth." Genesis 1:26 (CEB).*

***"Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It's not."***

**The Lorax** by Dr. Seuss