

Year 1 Term 2

Week 9:	Wonder
Strand:	Love of God/ Love of the Environment/ Love of Self
Age:	Year 1
Aim:	To awaken the students senses to wonders in nature
Resources:	Photos of Wonders in Nature

Introduction: Hello everyone. Today I would like to talk with you about wonder.

What does wonder mean? (Invite answers)

Wonder is a feeling of amazement and admiration, caused by something beautiful, remarkable or unfamiliar.

Sharing: Have you ever felt a sense of wonder? What was it about? (Invite answers)

Facts: Here are some amazing facts about animals

- The tongue of a blue whale tongue weighs 2400 kg- the same as about 100 children your age
- A giraffe's neck is about 1.8 long, about as long as a grown man is tall
- Chameleons change their colour in 20 seconds or less (Count 20 seconds together)

There are so many different animals. They come in all sorts of colours, shapes and sizes. There is so much variety, so much beauty.

Sharing: Which animals do you find amazing or beautiful? (Invite answers)

Facts: Here are some surprising facts about plants

- A fully grown tree can make thousands of seeds every year. Each one of the seeds can grow into a tree and make thousands of seeds itself.
- Some trees can reach an age of over 1000 years (Great Basin Bristlecone Pine 5000 years)
- The largest Flower in the world is the flower of the *Puya raimondii*, which has a flower stalk up to 15m tall and bears over 8,000 white flowers.

15 m is about 13 five year olds on top of each other. (You could ask 13 children to lie on the ground in a line and draw a flower shape around them.)

Sharing: Do you have a favourite plant? What do you like about it? (Invite answers)

Facts: Now let's have a quick look at some cool facts about the human body.

- Human teeth are as strong as shark teeth
- Your mouth produces about 1 litre of saliva (spit) every day
- It is impossible to lick the outside of your own elbow

- Only humans shed emotional tears
- Superpower: Our body repairs itself (to some extent), most wounds heal within a few days

Sharing: Do you know any facts about our body that you would like to share? (INvite answers)

Conclusion: Whether in the animal kingdom, plant world or looking at humans, there are a lot of amazing things in nature. Doesn't that just go to show that God must be an incredible artist as well as a mastermind with a good sense of humour? The more we look, the more we will find. I look forward to hearing about all the wonders you may want to share by next week's lesson.

Photos of Wonder in Nature







