October 12th-16th

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| Subject | Scripture |  |  |
| Indigenous People’s Day  |  Matthew 6:26 |  |  |

Overview

Monday 10/12 is Indigenous People’s Day when we should take time to recognize the people who had homes and cultures and took care of United States before colonization. Many schools and organizations still call this day Columbus day; it is an important distinction to make as we re-learn our history and the reality that there was nothing to “discover” here- that the people native to this land were stripped of their lives, heritage, and culture in the name of discovery and later in the name of evangelism.

| day | activities  | Materials  |
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| Monday | In earlier lessons, you may have learned who was native to the area you live in. If you have not, today is the day to learn! Just as the Matthew text speaks about, indigenous people’s have a deep connection to the earth and the way they believe the earth was made. Take today to give thanks for the ways God provides for you, while recognizing the damage that has been done to America’s native peoples.  | Internet, a notebook, a candle to light in honor of those lives taken, and of course adult supervision for these tasks. I am aware this is not an easy conversation to have. You know the children in your life, and how to approach this conversation.  |
| tuesday | As the seasons change from summer to fall, the leaves around us change colors. Get outside today, find some leaves that catch your eye (preferably those that have already fallen), and bring them in to do some leaf rubbings! | Leaves, plain paper, crayons  |
| wednesday | The Iroquois people have a 7-generation tradition where when making decisions, they consider what that would mean for 7 generations after them. What is a tradition you have in your family? | Write down your family traditions in a place that could be passed on for generations. Notebook, paper, markers, crayons, etc.  |
| thursday | As the text from Matthew reminds us, God loves and provides for all creatures. What are some ways your family could help care for your local animals as the seasons change? One way is to make pinecone bird feeders!  | Pinecones, peanut butter (or a sticky alternative if there are allergies in your household), birdseed.  |
| friday | Know your culture! As we learn about other cultures and traditions it may be tempting to take them on and appropriate them for ourselves. If we know our own family lineage and cultures, we can be reminded of who we are and practice the traditions that belong to us.  | This may take time and can be a project your family takes on for a longer period. The crafts/activities will depend on what you learn! Our family is mainly Irish/German/Welsh, so that is where we will learn and draw from. I hope this can be a learning experience for you and your families!  |

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