# **Disposition:** Caring for others, animals and the environment

## **Lesson:** Two

### **Question/LO:** How does God want believers to care for others?

| **Dimension of learning** | **Activities** | **Resources** |
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| Learning about religious traditions and non-religious worldviews  *Begin to understand the special responsibility that Christians are given by God, to care for animals.* | Read Genesis 1:28. In this verse, mankind is given the responsibility to ‘rule’ over the animals. In the original language it is clear that the ruling is meant to be caring for and looking after.  Ask pupils in what ways to we care for animals? How do we show our responsibility towards them?  *This is the doctrine of stewardship. We are going to use this lesson to relate the doctrine of stewardship to the care of animals.*  What does it mean to have responsibility for pets? Chose a pet from the list of 6 animals on the board (you can make this more or less depending on resources e.g. dog, cat, rabbit, snake, gerbil, fish).  Get the children to think about and research into the responsibility that would come with choosing and looking after their chosen pet, e.g. food, time, exercise, habitat, growth, training, etc. | Bible reference: Genesis 1:28  Animal pictures for IWB or similar. |