

# Awaking Wonder

## Observation



### SING:

Inspired by the beauty he observed in creation, Follitt S. Pierpoint wrote "For the Beauty of the Earth" in 1864. Sing this song together, listen to different versions, use a portion for copywork, and try writing a new verse describing what you see in the world God made.

### READ:

To observe the world around us, we use our senses of sight, hearing, taste, touch, and smell. Observation is the first step in scientific study. Read some books whose characters inspire you to look at the world with new eyes. What kinds of things do the characters notice? Pretend to be one of those characters, and describe something using your senses.



### OBSERVE:

Make a simple observation journal. You can use the observation printable linked below. Gather materials and do some simple experiments. An easy place to start is mixing white vinegar and baking soda. To make it even more exciting, pour white vinegar in a clear baking dish, covering the bottom of the dish. Place a drop or two of food coloring in each corner. Take a teaspoon of baking soda and sprinkle all over the vinegar. What do you see, hear, and smell?

### SERVE:

Now use your observation skills to observe the people around you. Can you find ways to help others? Does a sibling need help doing something? Is there a task you can help your mother or father complete? Do you know a friend who is lonely? Look for ways to share God's love with others. (Matthew 25:34-36)