

Wood Disc

Hand your child the wood disc.

Say:

Look at the wood disc.

Start at the center and count the number of rings.

Each ring represents a complete cycle of seasons – a year.

The number of rings is about how old the tree is.

Each ring is part of that tree's story.

Each year of your life is part of your story.

And each of us is part of God's great story.

Listen to these words from the prophet Joel, in Joel 1, verses 2-3 –

Hear this, you elders;
listen, all who live in the land.
Has anything like this ever happened in your days
or in the days of your ancestors?
Tell it to your children,
and let your children tell it to their children,
and their children to the next generation.

Now let's sit in silence. Hold the wood disc and wonder at how you are part of God's great story.

[After a few moments of silence, pray]

Prayer:

Loving God,

Help us make the most

of our part in your great story.

Amen.

[The wood disc can now go in the box.]