

KID SPIRIT

Group Guides



Roots of Spirit

Premiere Issue

This issue focuses on the relationship between the natural world and our spiritual selves. In it, young writers explored many different connections we have to nature, what those connections mean to us and also posed questions and ideas about our responsibility to the planet. Here are some possible topics for a group conversation.

1. How do you experience nature in your daily life? Does your experience of nature inform your feeling about the entire universe? If so, how?
2. In Sam Brudner's article, he discusses the how ancient peoples around the world viewed the Elements. Do you think the Elements still play an important role for human beings today?
3. Matthew Fox writes about the "Interfaith Roots of Spirit"-the way in which the human family is interconnected through a deep sense of the mystery of life and many faith traditions. Consider current world situations and ways in which humans are reaching across different beliefs and traditions to perceive their essential oneness (maybe unity or universality instead of oneness?). What happens when people emphasize things that divide them? Consider this in day to day life situations as well as globally.
4. Clifford Duncan shared a creation myth from the Ute Tribe. Write your own story about the beginning of the world.

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