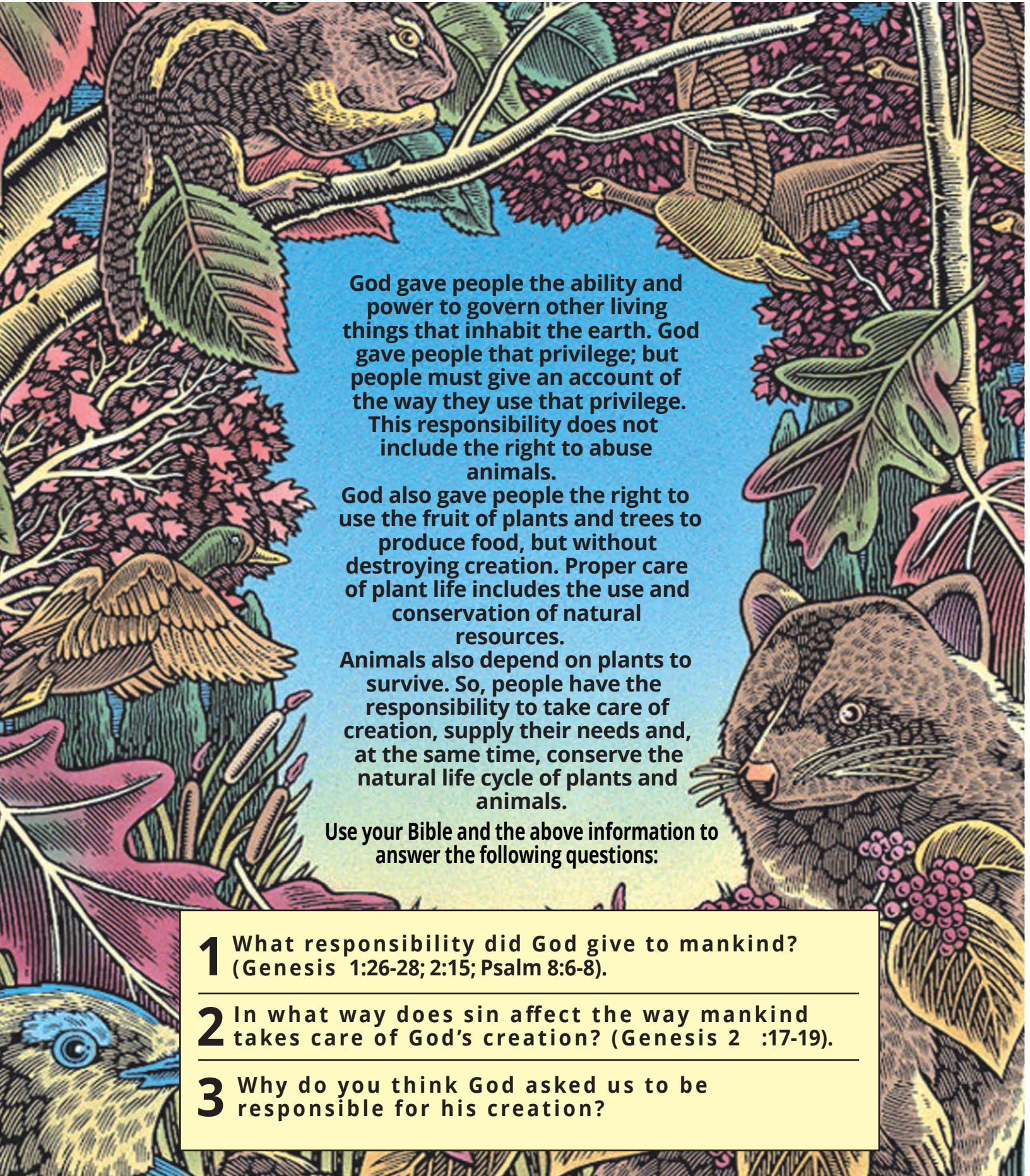


# The Responsibility God Has Given Mankind



God gave people the ability and power to govern other living things that inhabit the earth. God gave people that privilege; but people must give an account of the way they use that privilege. This responsibility does not include the right to abuse animals.

God also gave people the right to use the fruit of plants and trees to produce food, but without destroying creation. Proper care of plant life includes the use and conservation of natural resources.

Animals also depend on plants to survive. So, people have the responsibility to take care of creation, supply their needs and, at the same time, conserve the natural life cycle of plants and animals.

Use your Bible and the above information to answer the following questions:

- 1** What responsibility did God give to mankind? (Genesis 1:26-28; 2:15; Psalm 8:6-8).
- 2** In what way does sin affect the way mankind takes care of God's creation? (Genesis 2 :17-19).
- 3** Why do you think God asked us to be responsible for his creation?