

## Conversation Card 3

### Bhūmi Sūktam

असंबाधं बध्यतो मानवानां यस्या उद्वतः प्रवतः समं बहु ।  
नानावीर्या ओषधीर्या बिभर्ति पृथिवी नः प्रथतां राध्यतां नः ॥

धरती माता को नमन! जो अपने पहाड़ों, ढलानों और मैदानों के माध्यम से मानव को (बाहरी और आंतरिक दोनों) अबाध स्वतंत्रता प्रदान करती है, वह कई पौधों और विभिन्न शक्तियों के औषधीय जड़ी-बूटियों को धारण करती है; वह अपना धन हम तक पहुँचाए (और हमें स्वस्थ करे)।

Salutations to Mother Earth! who extends unimpeded freedom (both outer and inner) to human beings through her mountains, slopes and plains, she bears many plants and medicinal herbs of various potencies; may she extend her riches to us (and make us healthy).

### PROMPT QUESTIONS FOR TEACHERS

#### **I. SEEING & NAMING**

- What living and non-living things do you see in this image?
- Can you name the different plants, tools, and objects shown?
- What expressions do you notice on Earth and in children?
- What kind of clothes are the children wearing?
- What kind of things are Earth and the children holding?

#### **II. FEELING & RELATING**

- How does this image make you feel when you first look at it?
- What kind of relationship do the children seem to have with the Earth?
- How does the Earth look—happy or sad?
- Which part of the image feels comforting or joyful to you?

#### **III. CAUSE & EFFECT**

- Where do you find the uses of the plants shown in the image in your life?
- What role does Earth play in making medicines?
- What might happen if the plants or soil were not healthy?
- Why do you think the Earth and children are smiling?

#### **IV. SELF-WORLD CONNECTION**

- Where do you see yourself in this image—in the form of children, the Earth, plants or an observer?
- How is the food or medicine you use daily related to Earth like this?
- Why do we call Earth mother?
- How does this image show that Earth and humans learn together?

## V. ACTION-ORIENTED

- After seeing this image, what would you feel curious to learn more about?
  - What small actions help keep Earth able to support learning and life?
  - What promise can we make to Earth today?
  - What kind of attention does Earth seem to invite from humans in the image?
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