

Earth Day

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Activity Pack

Designed for Grades 2-4



HELLO THERE!



Some might say I did it backwards because I had my children first and then went to college to get my teaching degree. I was very fortunate to be able to stay home with my children after they were born. Then my son went to Kindergarten and I volunteered in his classroom. From that point on, I knew that I wanted to become a teacher. So off to college I went. Five years later, I received my Bachelor's in Elementary Education. From there I went on to get my Master's in Educational Technology.

For ten years I taught sixth grade in a public school in New York. At the time, most of us teachers were departmentalized or specialized in two subjects, mine were social studies and English language arts. It was then that I fell in love with history. Over the years as our curriculum changed, I created and re-created many units including the stone ages, ancient civilizations like Egypt, Greece, Rome, Medieval Times, the Renaissance, World War One and Two, and much more.

Several years ago I moved to Georgia where I started teaching second grade. I was excited about working with the younger kiddos. It was a good learning experience as I had to step up my game to develop interactive lessons, hands on activities, and fun class projects that would keep those busy hands and minds actively engaged. I'm so thankful that over the years I have seen where students start in Kindergarten, to becoming active learners in second grade and progressing on to become critical thinkers in sixth grade.

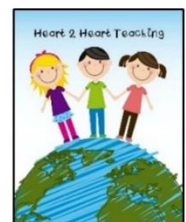
It was then that my aunt passed away unexpectedly in a terrible accident. My aunt was like a sister to me and it was a very difficult time for our family. I took a year off from teaching so I could go through her house, clean it out (she was a collector of everything!) and decide what needs to be given to family members, donated, sold, etc. While I was doing this huge undertaking, I was also reflecting back on all she had taught me over the years. She had been my guardian angel and an extremely positive force through the best and worst times in my life.

Here's the short version of our talks:

1. Life is about relationships!
2. Find your passion and do what you love!
3. Enjoy your days: try new things, dance in the rain, eat dessert first, stay young at heart!

As you can tell I had lots of time to think about my life and here's what I decided. . . (drum roll please!) My favorite part of teaching over the last 15 years, has been working with students and their families, and watching them grow. But I have also really enjoyed writing and creating curricula for other teachers and my classroom. I enjoy researching, writing, developing, and creating curricula that makes learning fun. I thrive when I know that students want to come to school and they want to learn. This has always been my passion, seeing that spark, that smile, and that sense of pride a student feels when he/she accomplishes a difficult task or learns a new skill or concept. So I have decided to dedicate myself fulltime to making creative and meaningful products and curriculum for other teachers to use in their classrooms. I am whole heartedly all in! I know it's going to be an amazing journey with new adventures and I can't wait to see where it takes me.

**WISHING YOU ALL THE BEST,
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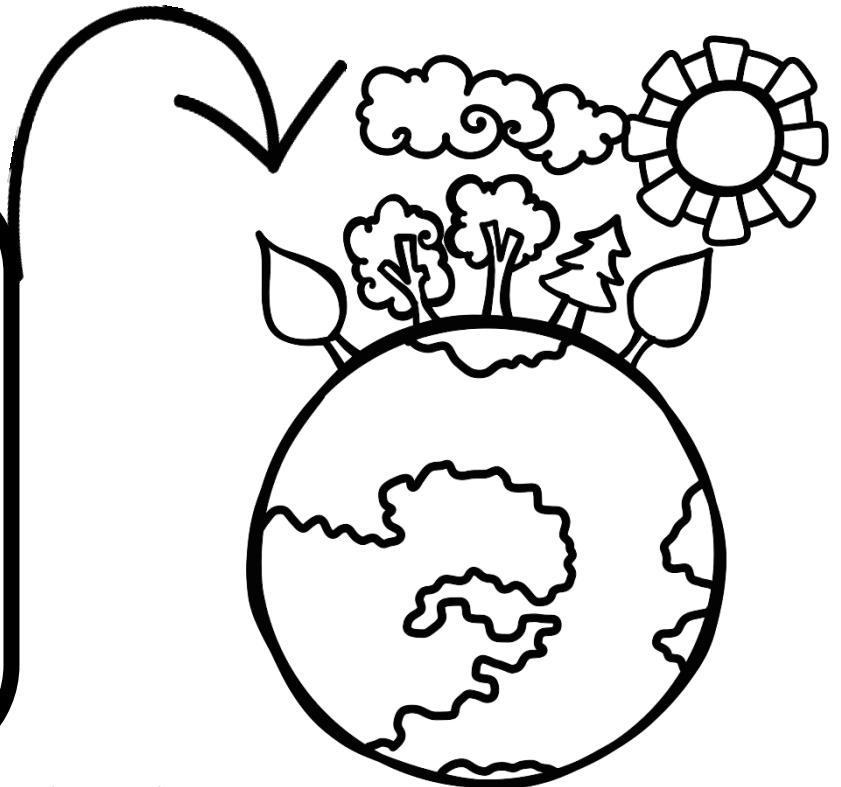
What is Earth Day?

Earth Day is a day to celebrate planet Earth. The very first Earth Day was celebrated on April 22, 1970. More than 20 million people participated in events to support environmental protection. Cities and schools planned educational presentations, recycling events, and cleanups at their local parks, beaches, and other outdoor areas.

Earth Day was not celebrated again until 1990, twenty years later. This time people all over the world in 141 nations took part in the environmental efforts and events.

Now Earth Day is celebrated every year all over the world. It's a day to appreciate our Earth and come up with solutions to current environmental problems. It's also a service day that people of all ages work together to clean up and protect our Earth.

**Earth Day is a day
to celebrate
planet Earth,
including all the
plants and animals
that live here
with us!**



Ways to Save our Earth

The Earth has many natural resources but the main three are water, air, and land. All living things need water to survive. People need to conserve and reduce the amount of water they use. We also need to keep it clean to preserve it for future generations.

How can you help?

- Take shorter showers to save water.
- Never throw trash or litter in any body of water.
- Dispose of cleaning chemicals, paints, and poisons properly.
- Turn the water off while you brush your teeth.
- Use Earth friendly or organic cleaners to protect our water.

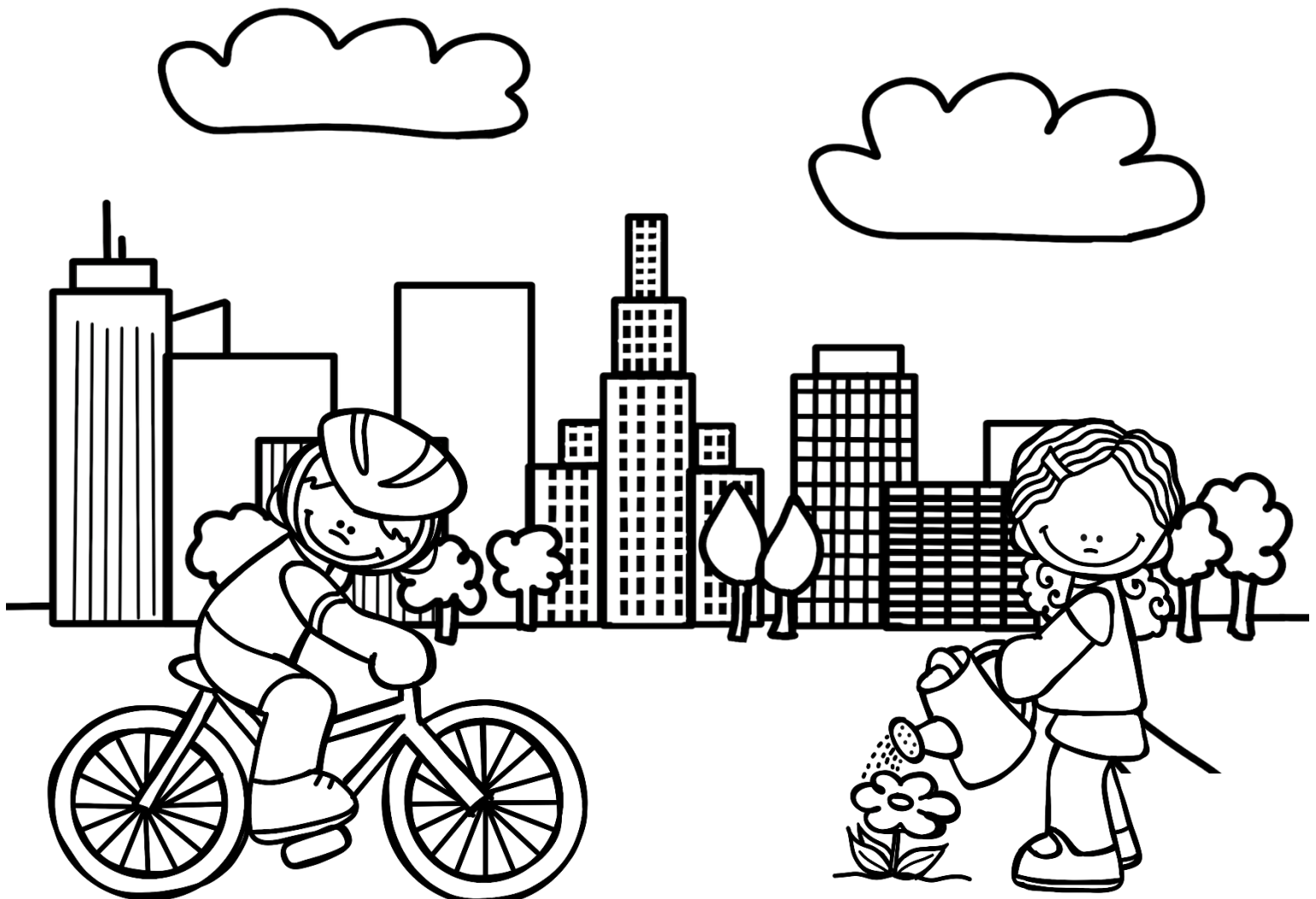


Ways to Save our Earth

Clean air is so important to the health of all living things. Air that's polluted can make people sick, poison our drinking water, and even hurt plants and animals.

How you can help?

- Walk or ride bikes to nearby places instead of driving.
- Use cars that run by electricity or solar power (not gas).
- Turn off lights and electronics when not in use.



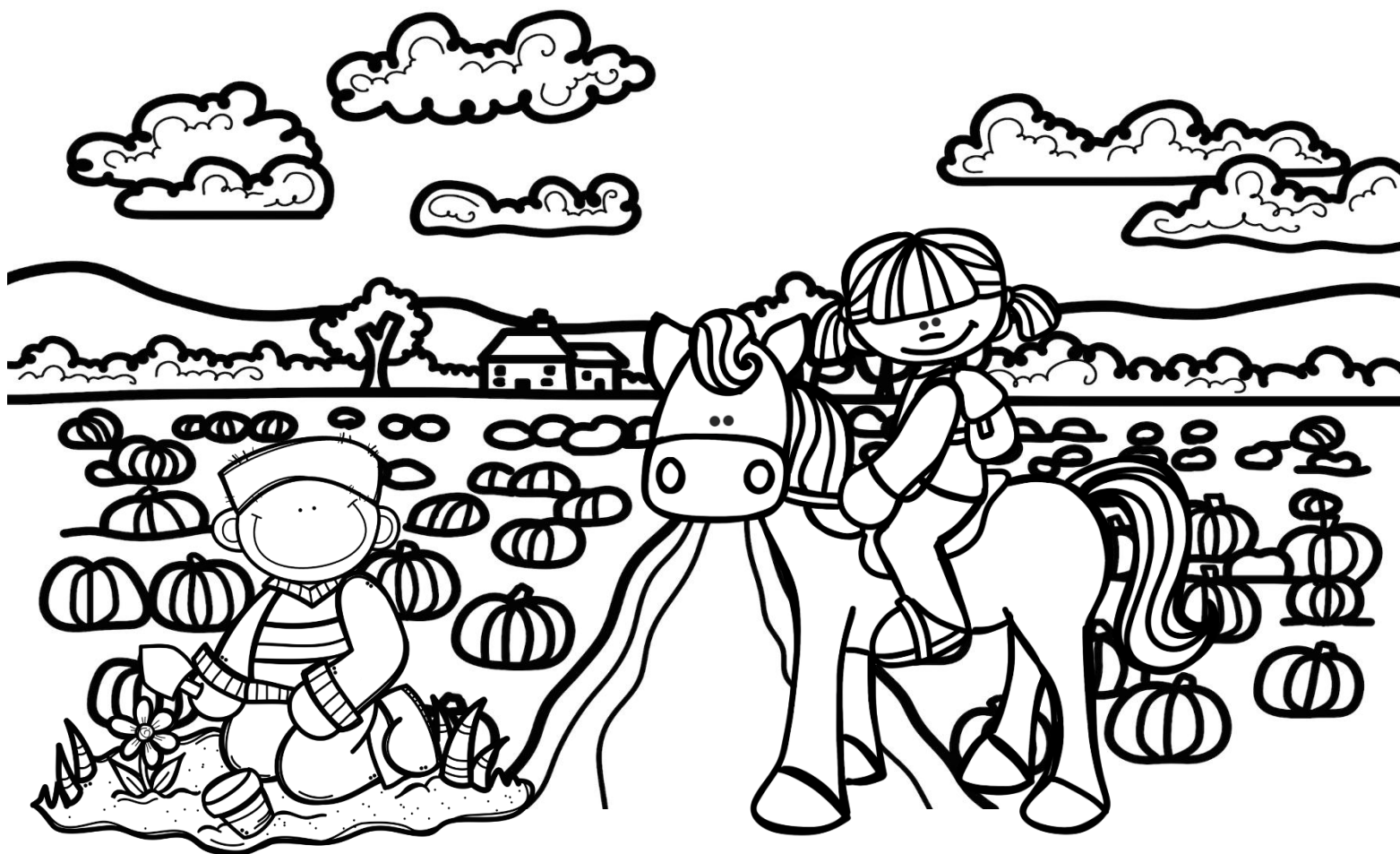
Ways to Save our Earth

The land we live on is very important for shelter, growing our crops, and enjoying nature. People throw away many items that could be recycled or used again. Some of these items will pollute our land forever.

How you can help?

- Recycle, Reuse, and Reduce as much as possible.
- Never bury trash in the ground.
- Start a recycling program at your school.

Taking care of the Earth will ensure that it lasts for many generations to come.



Planet Earth

On planet Earth all living and non-living things are constantly changing. These changes are part of the Earth's natural cycle that helps keep our planet healthy.

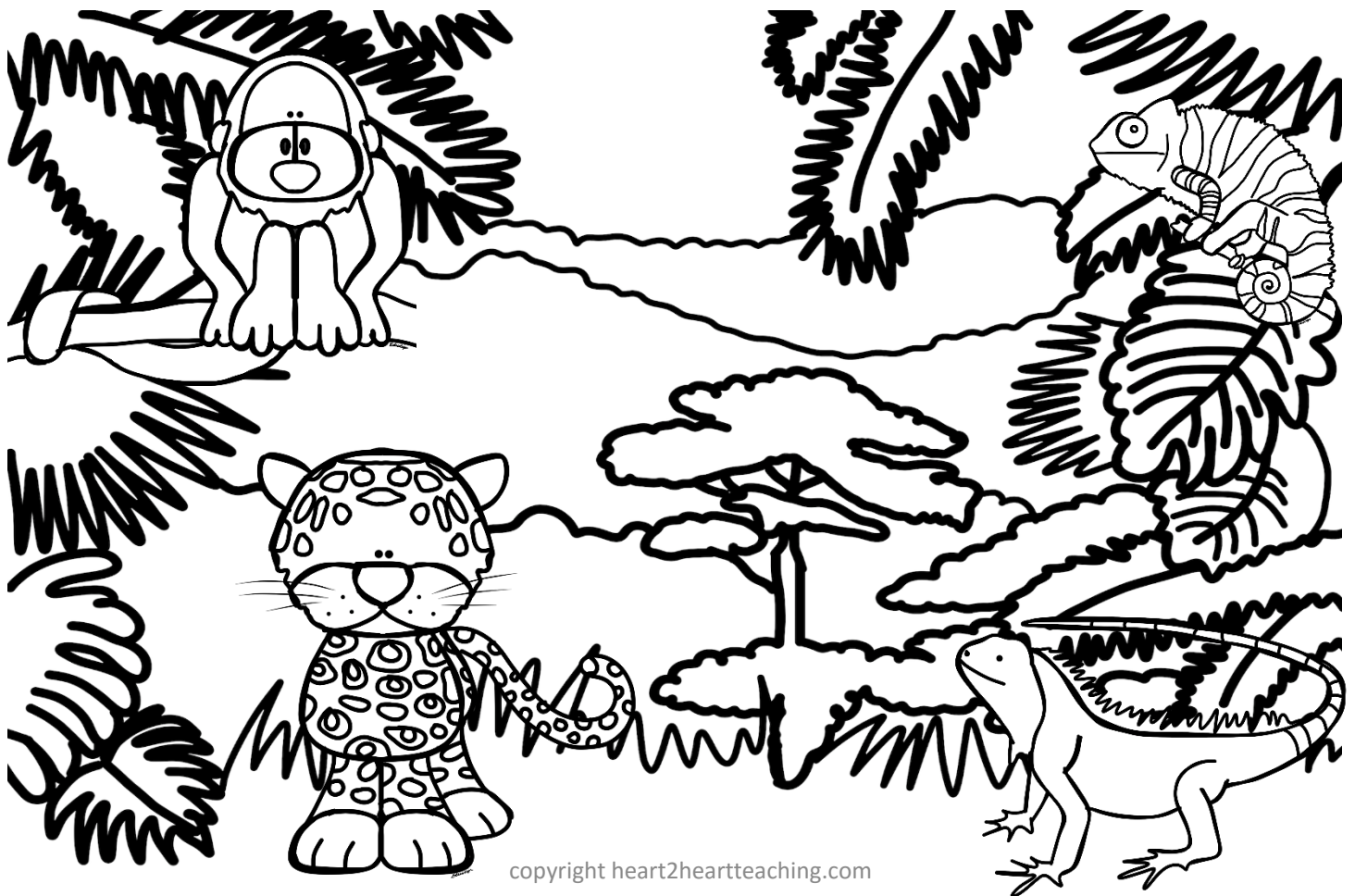
There are many types of cycles found in nature that you've probably heard of before:

- The Water Cycle
- The Changing of the Seasons
- The Rock Cycle
- Animal and Plant life cycles
- The Food Cycle



All living things depend on the Earth's natural cycles to survive. Because they are all connected and dependent on each other if one cycle drastically changes, it can affect all the other cycles.

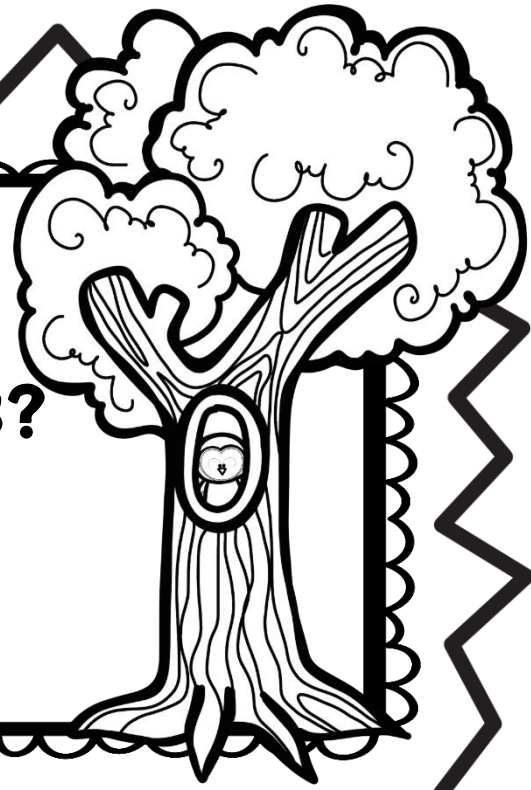
Humans are animals too. All animals, including us, depend on the Earth's clean air, water, and land for our survival.



**What can you do to
protect planet Earth?
Make a list of ways you
can celebrate Earth Day
everyday!**



**Why do you think it's
important to plant trees?
How do they help us?**



EARTH DAY



Things I can do to help
the Earth are:

I promise to recycle
these items:



EARTH

I want to save the Earth
because . . .

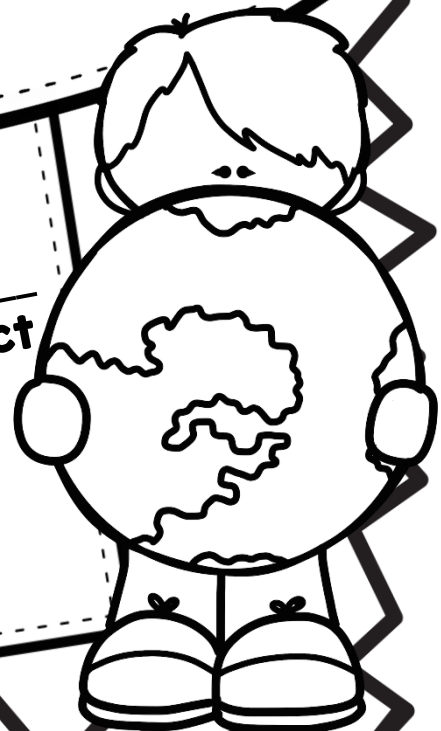
The Earth gives us:



I can reuse these items :

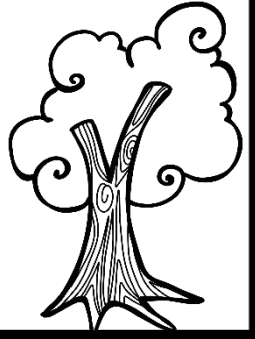


I
promise to protect
the Earth by:
*Reducing
*Reusing
*Recycling

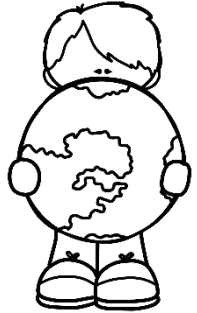


Earth Day Vocabulary

Environment



Conserve



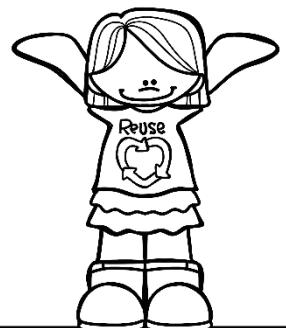
Reduce



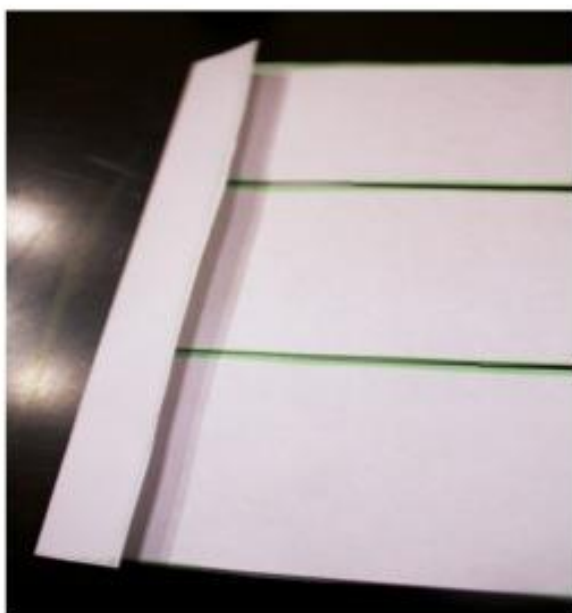
Recycle



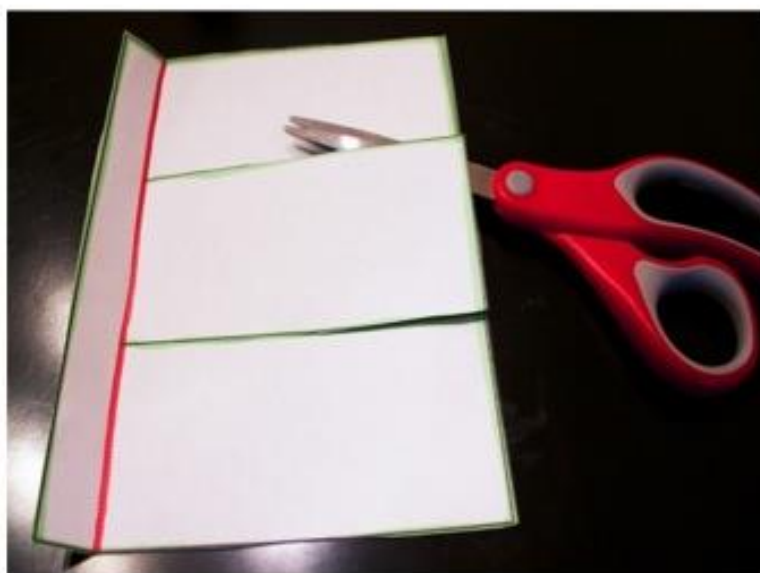
Reuse



Directions for Flip Flap Books



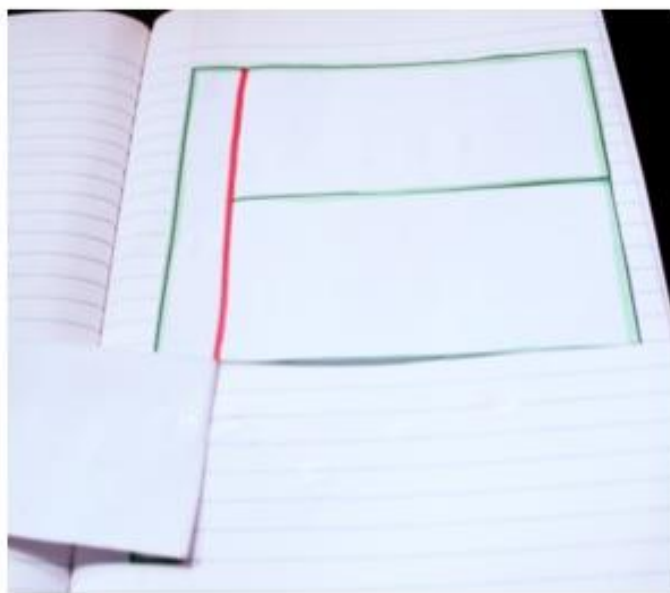
1. Fold the flap forward on the dotted line.



2. Cut on the lines (or line).

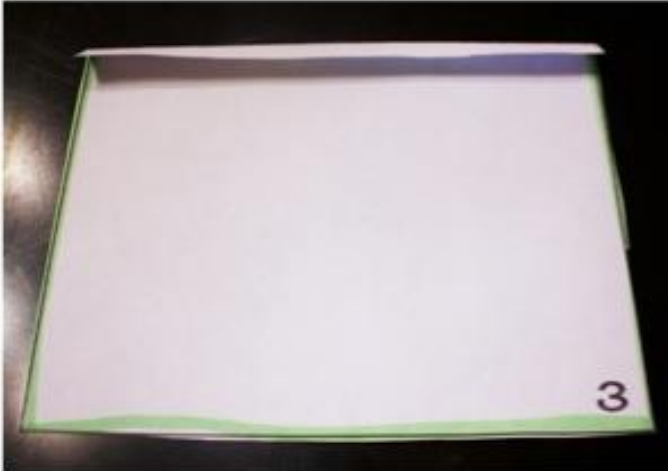


3. Dot glue on the folded flap.



4. Attach to a notebook.

Earth Day Flip-Up Book



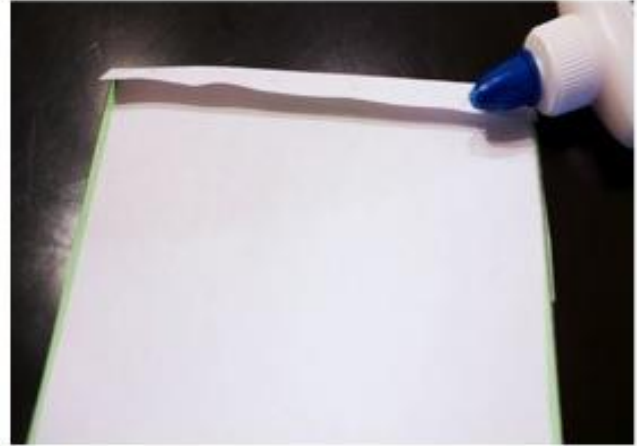
1. Fold the flaps on each "book page" forward on the dotted lines.



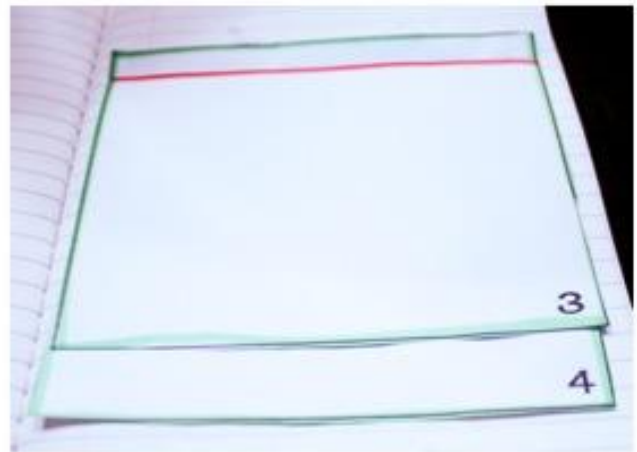
3. Place the largest book page in a notebook, a file folder, or make a cover and staple it as a regular book.



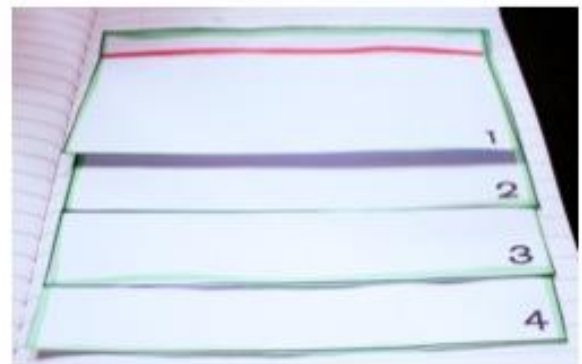
5. Make sure flaps are lined up like this.



2. Dot glue on back of the flap of the largest book page.



4. Put glue on the back of the flap of the next biggest book page. Place on top of the largest book page.

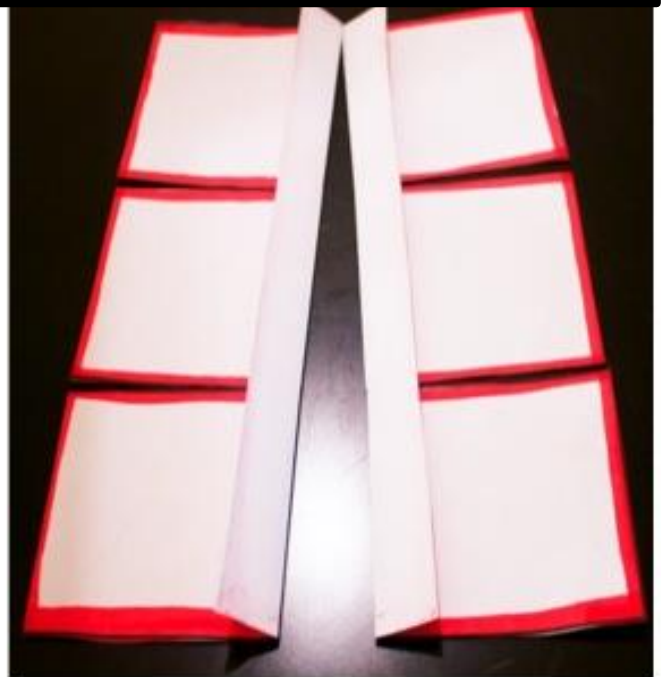


6. Repeat step four with all the pages. The smallest page will be on top.

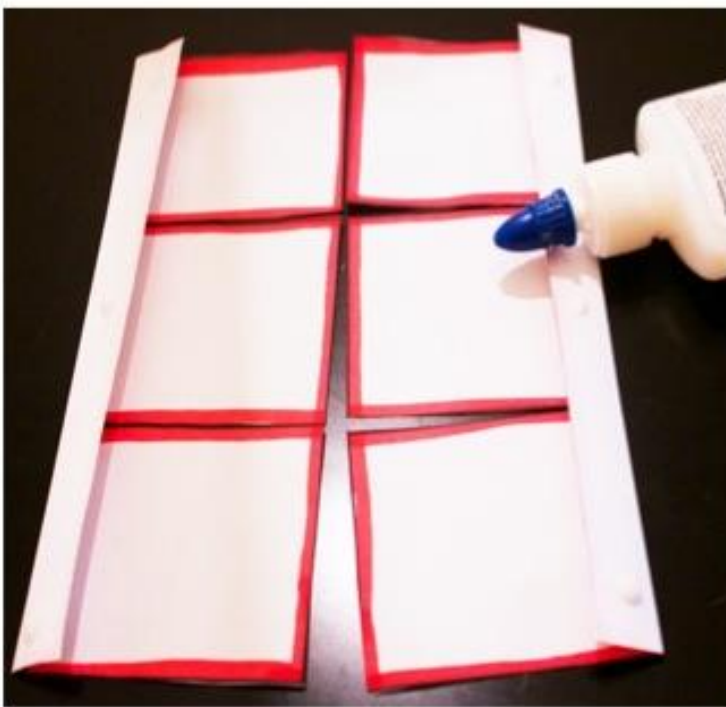
Earth Day Mystery Flaps for Page 6 of the Flip-up Book



1. Cut on the solid lines.



2. Fold forward on the dotted lines.

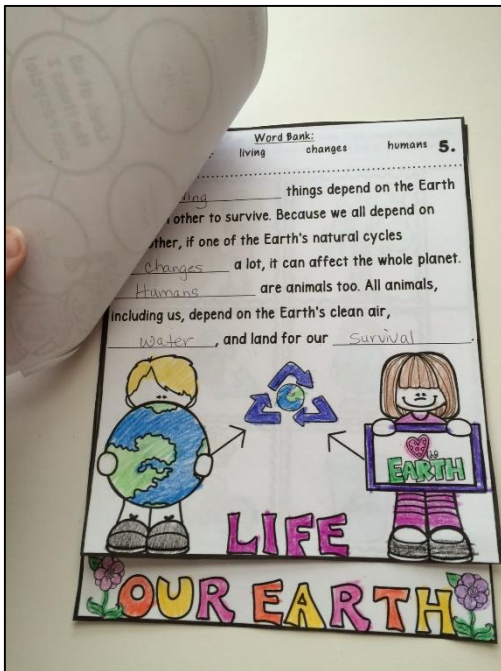
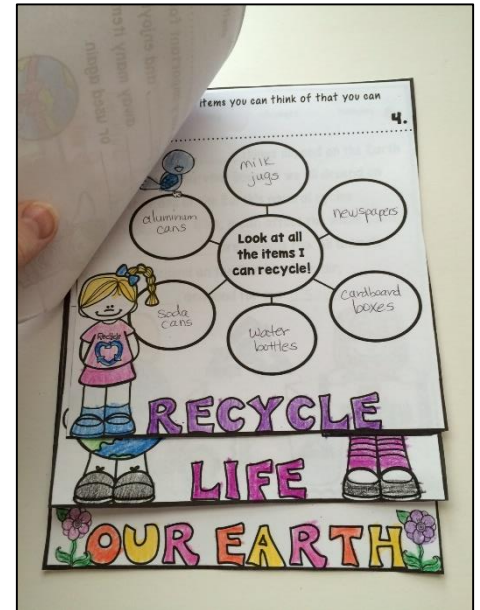
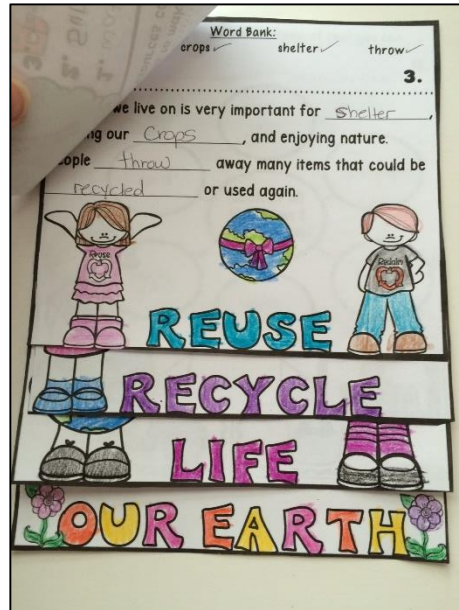
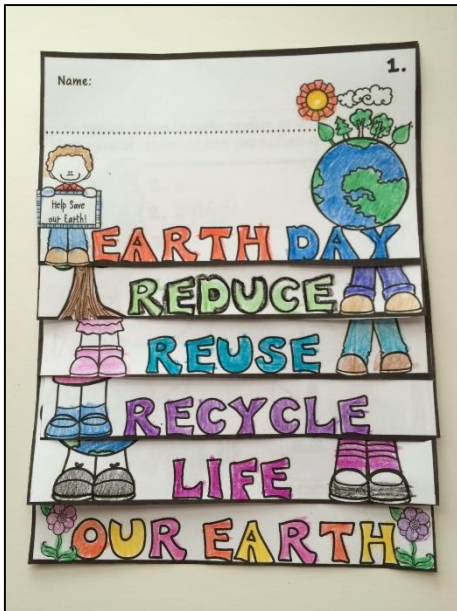


3. Dot glue on the back of the folded flaps.

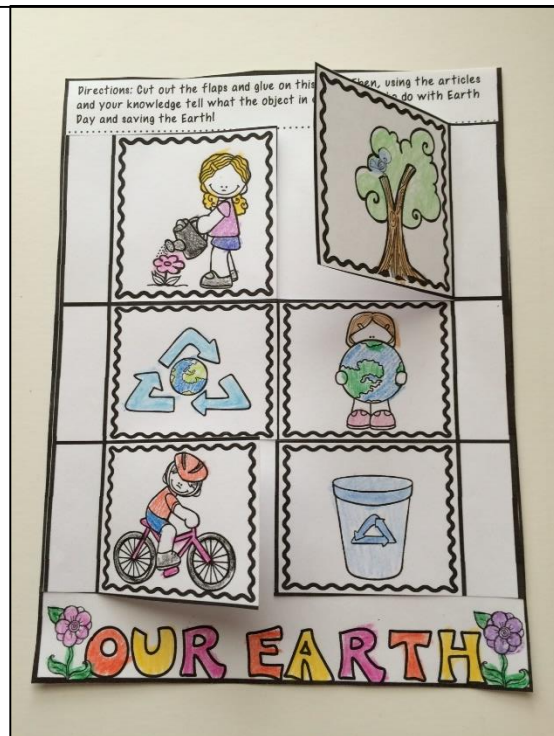


4. Attach to a notebook.

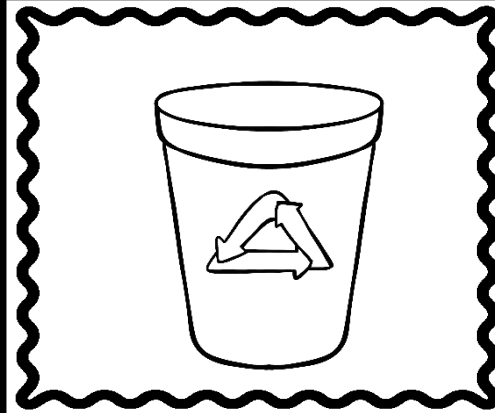
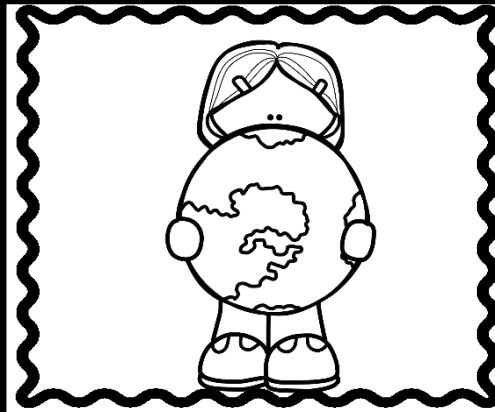
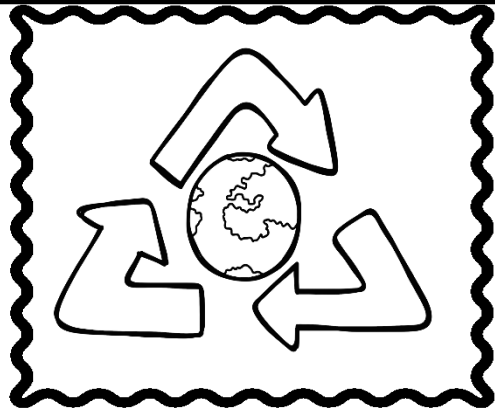
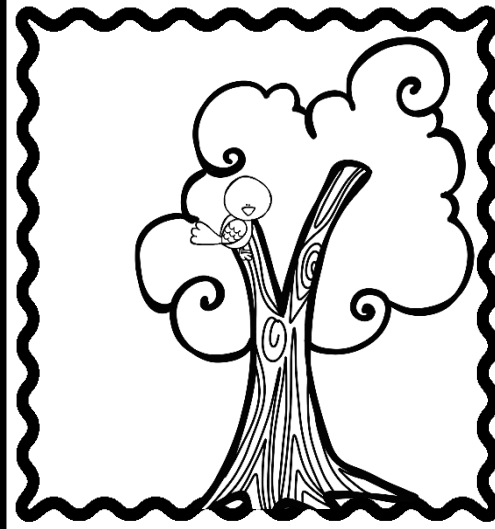
Earth Day Flip-Up Book



Glue Mystery Flaps onto last page of the Earth Day Flip-Up Book so when you lift the flap you can write underneath it.



Directions: Cut out the flaps and glue on page 6 of the Earth Day Flip-Up Book per directions. Then, using the articles and your knowledge tell what the object in each box has to do with Earth Day and saving the Earth!



Directions: Cut out the flaps and glue on this page. Then, using the articles and your knowledge tell what the object in each box has to do with Earth Day and saving the Earth!

6.

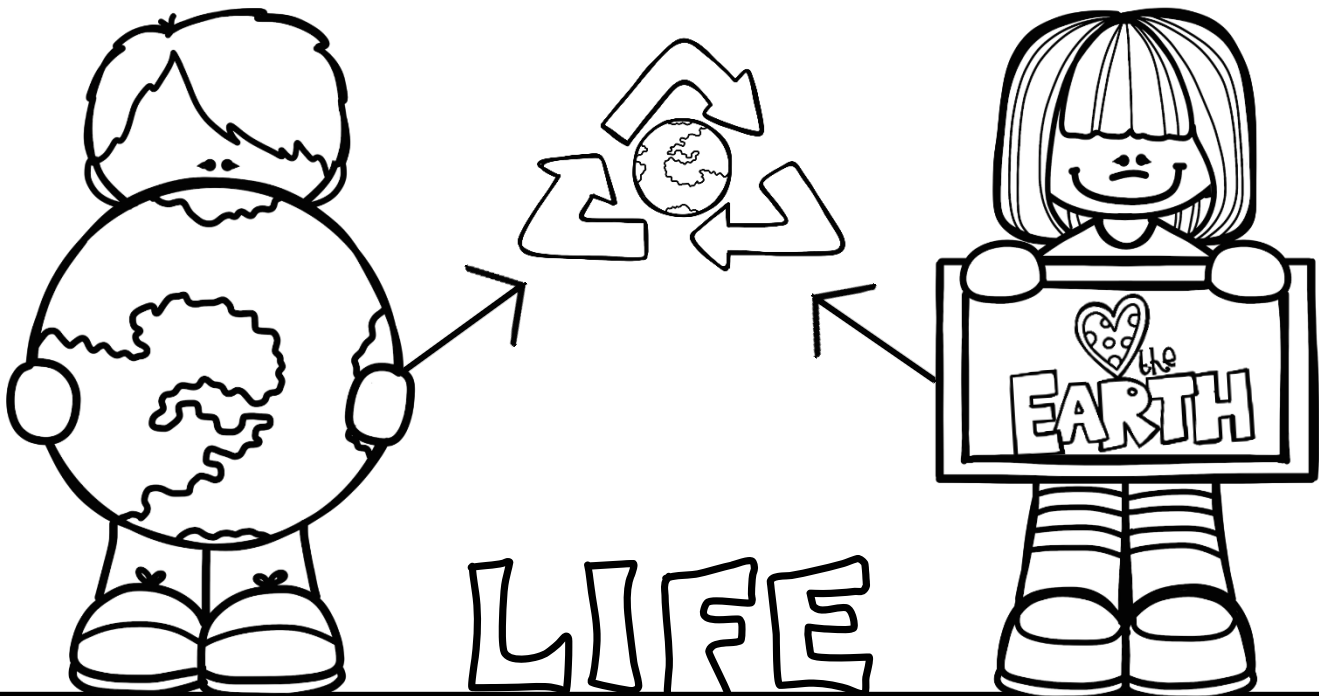


Word Bank:

survival water living changes humans **5.**

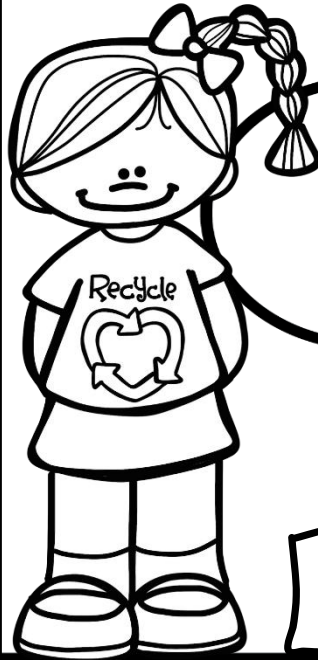
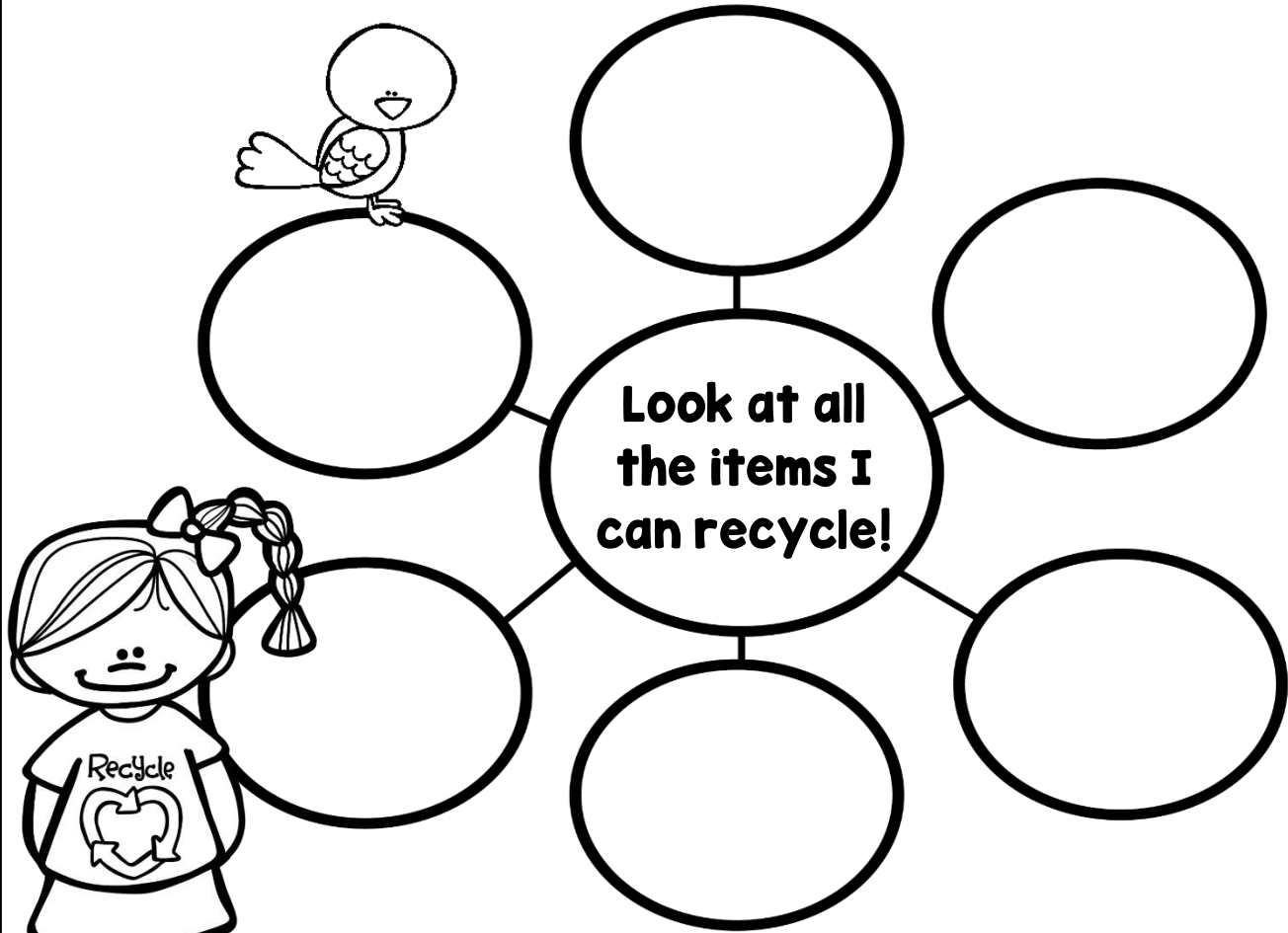
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All _____ things depend on the Earth and each other to survive. Because we all depend on each other, if one of the Earth's natural cycles _____ a lot, it can affect the whole planet. _____ are animals too. All animals, including us, depend on the Earth's clean air, _____, and land for our _____.



Directions: List all the items you can think of that you can recycle.

4.



RECYCLE

Word Bank:

recycled

crops

shelter

throw

3.

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The land we live on is very important for _____,
growing our _____, and enjoying nature.
People _____ away many items that could be
_____ or used again.



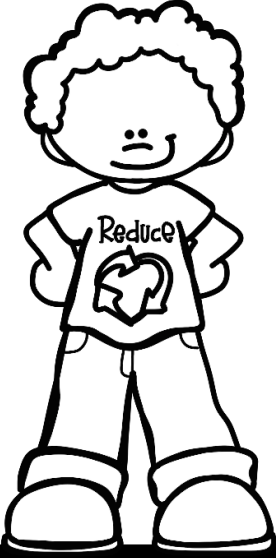
REUSE

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.....
To reduce means to make _____ or less in amount.
What natural resources can you reduce or use less of?



1.
2.
3.



REDUCE

Name:

1.



EARTH DAY

Conserve



To protect or save
something from harm
or destruction.

Recycle



To convert waste materials into reusable items.

Reduce



To make smaller or
less in amount.

Reuse



To use again or more than once.

Ecology



The study of
relationships between
living things and their
environment.



Environment

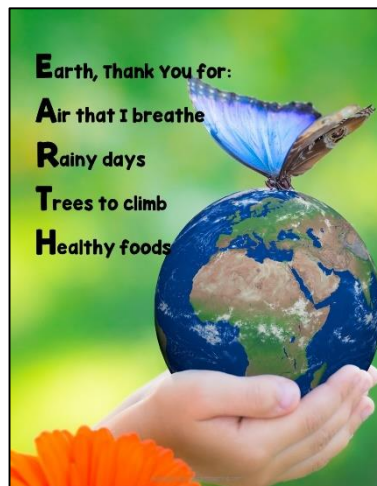
**The natural
surroundings of an
area.**

Creative Ways to Celebrate Earth Day!

Plant a Flower Sponge! Have students bring in one small new clean sponge from home. Purchase some flower seeds. Have students wet down the sponge. Next, they plant their seeds in the sponge. Have them push the seeds down into the sponge just enough so the seeds won't fall off when the sponge is picked up. Place the sponges on a Styrofoam plate that has each student's name written in permanent marker. Place the plates in a sunny window. Have students water their sponges each day. *🌱on't let the sponge dry out completely.



Write an Earth Day Poem! Have students write down what they love about the Earth using the template in this product. Then have students type them up and print them out on the Earth or daisy themed paper. It looks great in black and white and color! There are two samples included to show to students, if desired.



Earth Day Acrostic Poem



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Name: _____



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Happy to be Here!

Everywhere I look, I see:

A amazing animals that hop, slither, and jump,

Rainy days that recycle our water,

Trees, plants, and flowers in rainbow colors,

Happy people smiling back at me!

Earth, Thank You for:

Air that I breathe

Rainy days

Trees to climb

Healthy foods





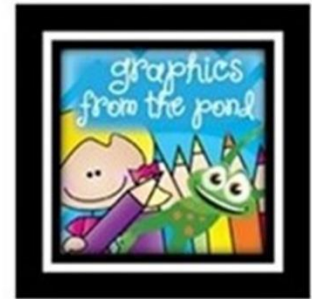
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