

HOW CAN WE HELP THE EARTH?

Children feel an instinctive urge to explore and protect the natural world. Our job as adults is to tap into that inborn motivation and help them really care for nature. Understanding our impact on the environment will inspire enthusiasm for whatever volunteer effort you plan.



DID YOU KNOW?

- 27,000 trees are cut down each day so we can have toilet paper.
- American companies alone use enough paper to encircle the earth 3 times! (It's a good thing that businesses are moving toward going paperless.)
- When we throw plastic bags and other plastic materials in the ocean, it kills as many as 1 million sea creatures a year.
- A glass bottle made in our time will take more than 4,000 years to decompose.

http://www.theworldcounts.com/stories/amazing_environmental_facts

“ You cannot get through a **single day** without having an impact on the world around you. What you do makes a **difference**, and you have to decide what kind of difference you want to **make**. ”

—Jane Goodall, British primatologist

READ WITH ME

Here Comes the Garbage Barge by Jonah Winter is a hilarious way to inspire your family to protect the environment.

- What goes wrong with Gino Stroffolino's plan? Why?
- What does the author want us to take away from this story?
- This book is based on real events that were big news in 1987. After all the national attention, more people began to recycle. Do you remember a story about garbage or pollution that inspired you to take better care of the earth?



LET'S TALK

At mealtime or bedtime, or when you're on the way to help out, bring up these questions.

- What good things is our family already doing to help the earth?
- What simple changes can our family make to take even better care of our planet?
- Why is it important to be good about: recycling? composting? turning off lights? taking shorter showers? turning off the water while brushing teeth?
- Are any of these hard for you? Why are even small changes like these sometimes hard to make?

TELL US ABOUT YOUR EXPERIENCE!

DGT™ will use your story to...

- Inspire others to make a difference!
- Make giving back seem doable.
- Lighten hearts and open minds on social media.
- Build excitement for more big-hearted good deeds!

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