

Theme: Earth Day

This document contains all of the activities for the theme “for the age group “Big Littles.”

Have fun!

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All activities require adult supervision!

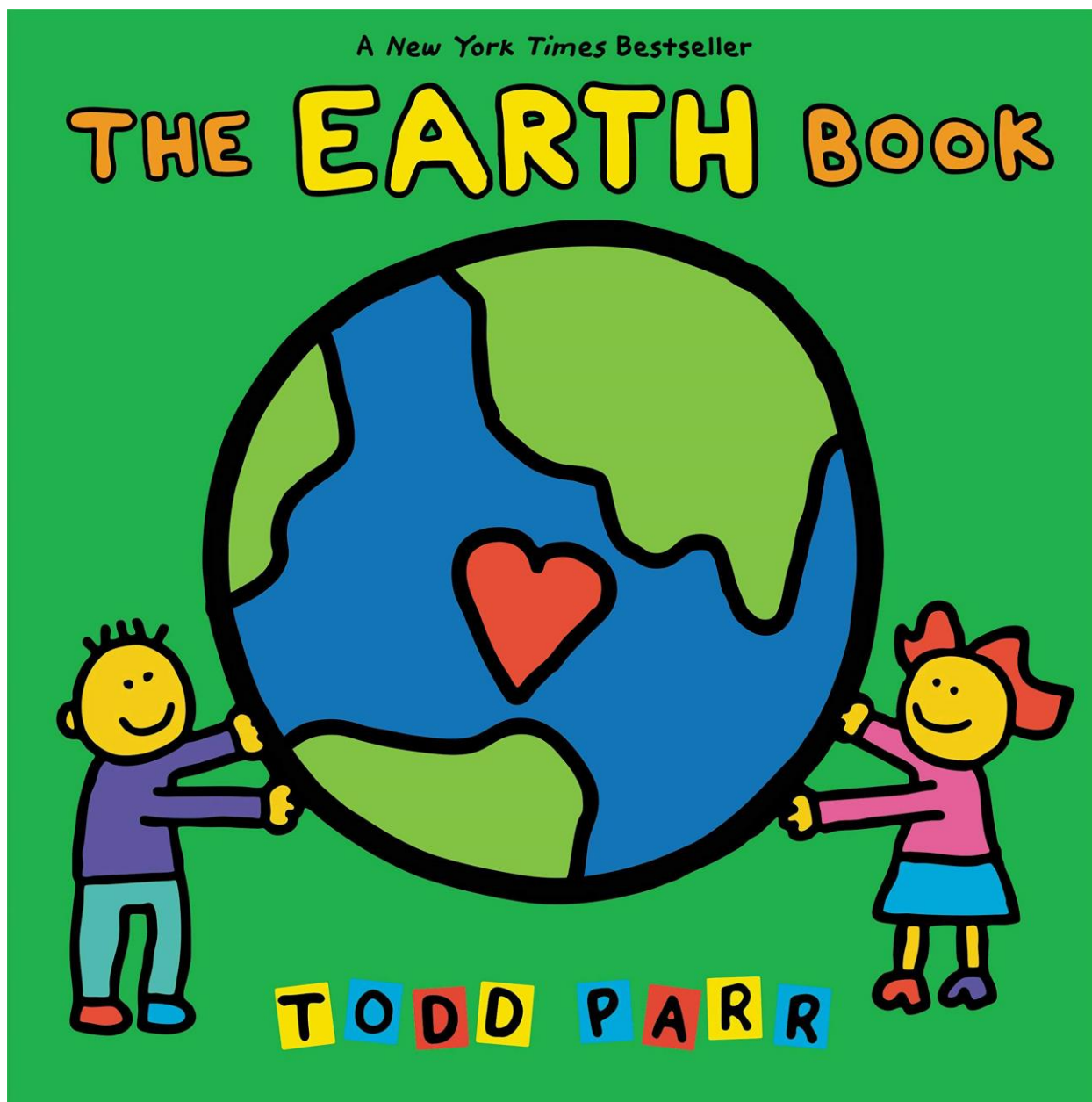
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Book Suggestion

(We highly recommend checking your local library for this book, however if you cannot find it-please see link on our “Theme extras” web page to purchase if desired or find another book that showcases Earth Day)! -We suggest using the same book for two weeks as this really helps children gain reading comprehension of the book!



Song Suggestion:

Save the Planet



Magdalena Retief / Reinhardt Francois Retief

Let's see what we can do

Save the planet for me and you

Let's see what we can do

Save the planet for me and you

E A R T H planet earth is a happy place

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Na, na, na, na, na, na, na, na

Na, na, na, na, na, na, na, na

Let's see what we can do

Save the planet for me and you

Let's see what we can do

Save the planet for me and you

E is for environment keep it clean

If we stand together, we make the best team

A is for the animals that we love

Walking and swimming and flying above

Na, na, na, na, na, na, na, na

Na, na, na, na, na, na, na, na

Let's see what we can do

Save the planet for me and you

Let's see what we can do

Save the planet for me and you

R is for recycle or use it again

Separate your trash into the right bin

T is for traveling every day

Leave the car and rather walk this way

Na, na, na, na, na, na, na, na

Na, na, na, na, na, na, na, na

Let's see what we can do

Save the planet for me and you

Let's see what we can do

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H is for humans that's what we are

If we work together, we can go so far

E A R T H planet earth is a happy place

Simple Vocabulary Words

These are optional vocabulary cards to show your child before reading the story to help with understanding. It is also a great idea to point out the words while reading the book!



EARTH



RECYCLE



CLEAN UP



POLLUTION



REUSE

Art Project:

Earth Decorations

What you need for this activity:

- *Earth Outline (option 1)
- *Green and blue materials
- *Non-toxic Glue
- *Chalk (Option 2)

Directions:

***Option 1:**

To begin, print off the outline of the earth below.

*Set out a bunch of different green and blue art materials for your child(ren) to choose from.

*Then, ask your child(ren) to glue on green materials on the “land portion” and blue materials onto the “sea portion.”

Option 2:

*Make a LARGE circle using the sidewalk chalk.

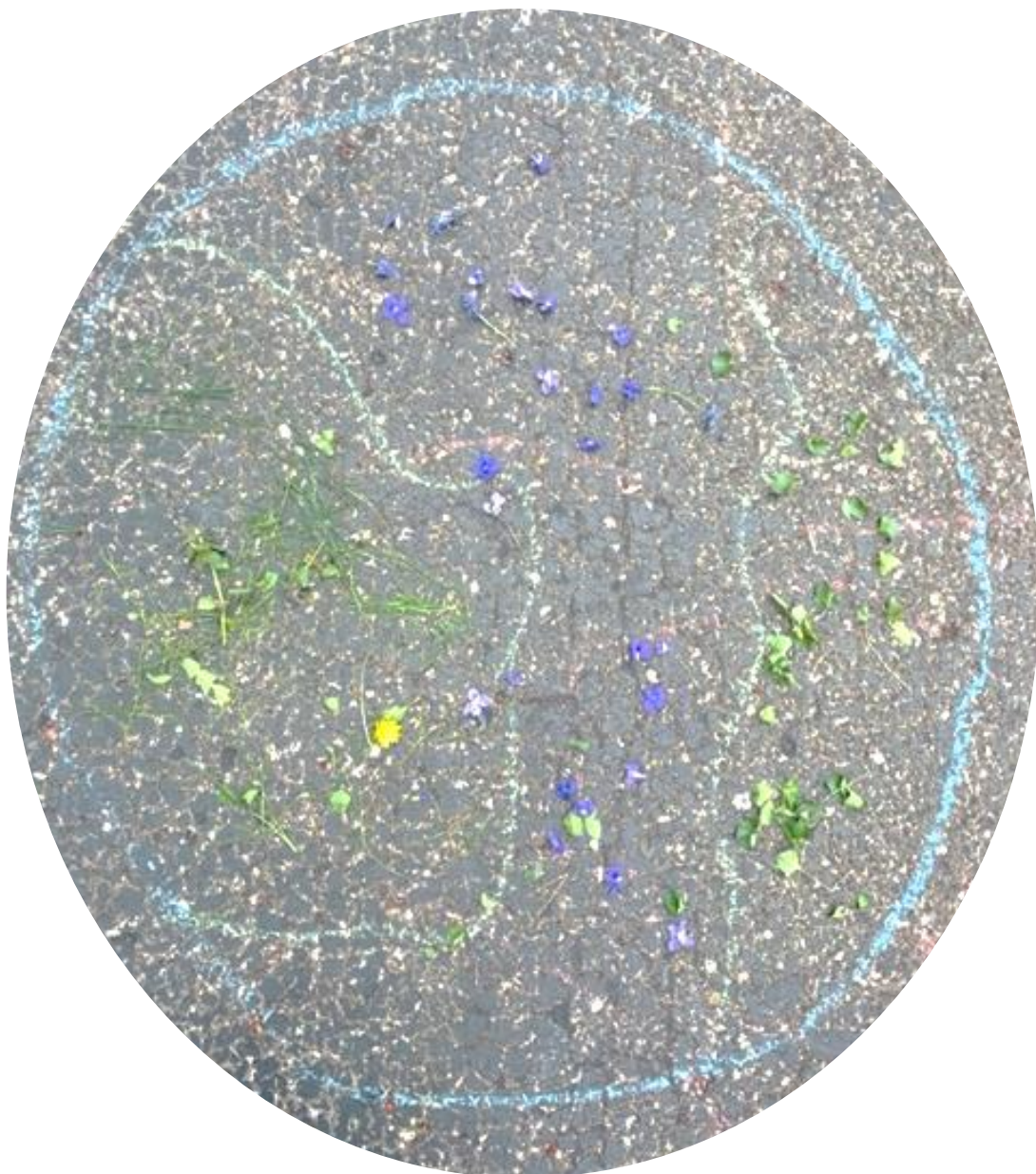
*You may choose to draw the outline of where the “land” is or let children decide.

*Ask your child(ren) to gather materials that are green (to represent the land) and blue (to represent the water). If they can find *natural* materials that are these two colors – even better! Though it is of course difficult to find naturally occurring blue items.

Green ideas: grass and leaves

Blue ideas: flower petals, blue berries, stones

*Have children place the green items on the “land” and the blue on the sea! This will create a beautiful earth!



Pre-writing Activity:

Create the Earth!

What you need for this activity:

- *White Construction paper
- *Green and blue paint or markers
- *Optional-blue and green paper scraps
- *Non-toxic glue
- *Child-safe scissors

Directions:

- *For this activity, your child will practice make an image of the earth! This activity will use their skill of creating a circle.
- *First, ask your child(ren) to draw a large circle in the middle of the white construction paper. (Make it as round as possible)!
- *Then-ask them to fill portions of the earth green and portions blue. They may do this how they choose-paper, markers, crayons, paint etc.
- It may help to show them an image of the earth to give them a better idea.
- Once it is dry, ask them to cut it out and hang it up!

Math Activity:

Make the earth smile game

What you need for this activity:

- Make the earth smile game
- Dice
- Some sort of game pieces to move

Directions:

This game will let your child work on their number skills-both recognition and quantifying!

Follow the directions on the Make the earth smile game!

Language Activity:

What I can do!

What you need for this activity:

- *Group of kids
- *Camera (optional)
- *Construction paper (optional)

Directions:

For this activity, your child will work on using the word “I.”

Following reading the book (or your choice of an earth friendly book) ask your child(ren) what they would like to do to help the earth. To practice using “I” they can say “To help the earth I will...because I....” (Or something similar).

For the optional portion-take pictures of them doing that activity (for example if they say pick up trash take a photo of them doing that). Then have them dictate to you what they are doing in the photo and write it down on the construction paper.

If you have a large group of children, you can create a “save the earth” book and staple all of their pictures together!

Science Activity:

Making paper

What you need for this activity:

- *A bunch of shredded up paper
- *Water
- *Bowl
- *Wire Hanger
- *Old stocking
- *Blender

Directions:

- *For this activity-your children will make paper!
- *First-take paper that is already shredded (or if you don't have any ask your child(ren) to shred up a bunch of (preferably) scrap paper.
- *Next-place the shredded paper into a bowl and pour water over top. Until it is just covered. Let it soak overnight for best results.
- *Once the paper is done soaking, squeeze the excess water out of it and place the paper into a blender. Blend it into a nice mush!

*Bend the wire hanger into a rectangular shape and tape it to close. Pull the stocking over top. (Only use ones you no longer want)!

*Place your “frame” onto a cookie sheet.

*Smash your paper mush onto your frame (removing even more water). Let it dry overnight and then reuse it!

Earth Day Movement Challenges!

Complete the challenges below and check them off!

* Walk somewhere instead of driving

* Do jumping jacks for one minute

* Go for a bike ride or rollerblade!

* Play a sport with friends!

* Run in place for two minutes

* Have a dance party

* Go shopping with a reusable bag