

# Caring for Our Earth — Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

Base Sheet

Activity Sheet

An introduction to environmental stewardship through the concepts of reducing waste, reusing materials, and recycling. The child learns practical ways to care for the Earth, connecting to Montessori's emphasis on care of the environment.

## What You Need:

- Clean recyclable items for sorting (paper, plastic bottle, can, glass jar, etc.)
- Three bins or boxes labeled Reduce, Reuse, Recycle
- Pictures of landfills and nature (optional)

## Steps:

1. 'We take care of our home. But we also need to take care of our BIGGEST home — the Earth!'
2. There are three things we can do to help: Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle.'
3. REDUCE: 'Use less! Turn off lights, use less water, don't waste food.'
4. REUSE: 'Use things again! A box can become a toy. A jar can hold crayons.'
5. RECYCLE: 'Some things can be made into NEW things. Paper, plastic, glass, metal.'
6. Sort activity: give the child a pile of clean items. 'Which goes in the recycling? Which is trash? Which could we reuse?'
7. What's ONE thing our family can do this week to help the Earth?'

## Work Space:

