

Caring for the Earth — Environmental Stewardship

Base Sheet

Activity Sheet

The child explores how human actions affect the natural world and learns about environmental stewardship: reduce, reuse, recycle, and protect. They create a personal pledge of actions they will take to care for the Earth.

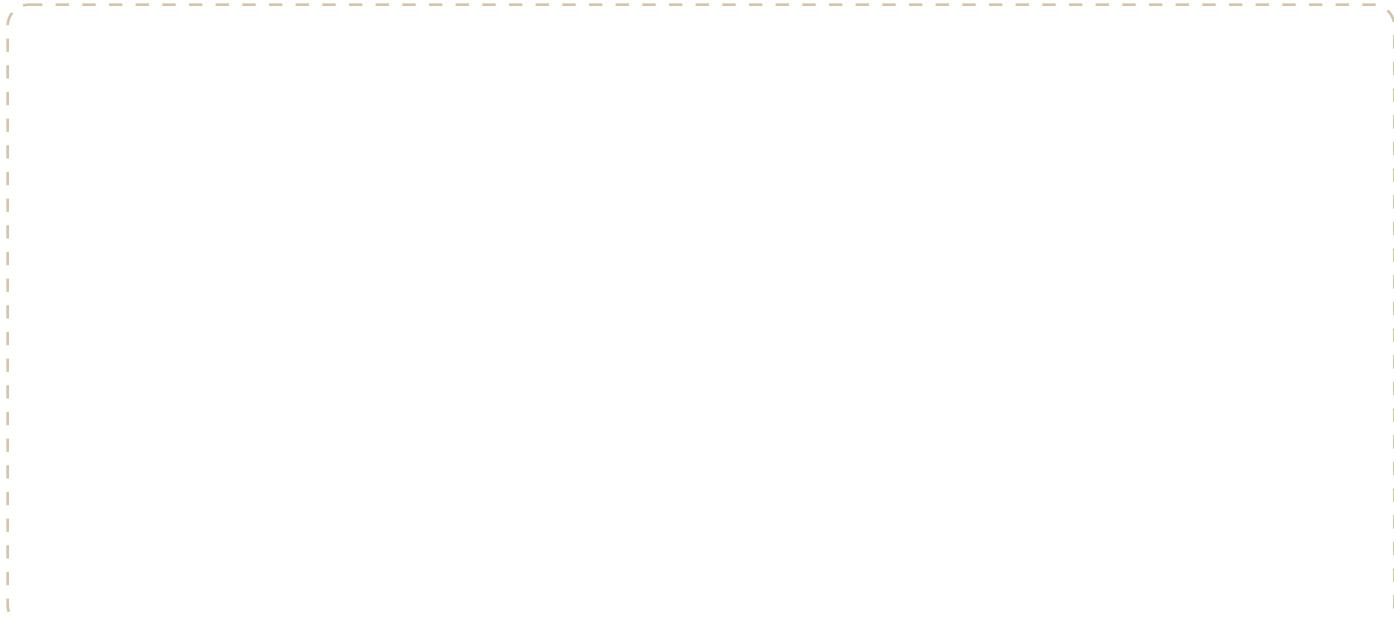
What You Need:

- Drawing paper for the pledge
- Colored pencils and markers
- Pictures of environmental issues (age-appropriate)
- Examples of reduce/reuse/recycle items

Steps:

1. 'The Earth gives us everything: air, water, food, beauty. How can we take care of it in return?'
2. Discuss ways humans affect the Earth: pollution, habitat destruction, waste. Keep age-appropriate focus on actions, not anxiety.
3. Introduce the 3 Rs: REDUCE (use less), REUSE (use again), RECYCLE (turn into something new).
4. Examples the child can do: turn off lights, use reusable water bottles, compost food scraps, pick up litter, plant seeds.
5. What do YOU want to do to help the Earth?
6. The child creates an 'Earth Stewardship Pledge' — 5 actions they commit to.
7. Decorate and display the pledge.
8. 'Every action matters, no matter how small.'

Work Space:

A large, dashed rectangular box occupies the bottom half of the page, intended for the child to draw their Earth Stewardship Pledge.

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