



Be kind to the earth and make a cardboard creation.

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Quote

"It's not about what it is, it's about what it can become."

Dr. Seuss

Fact

Recycling a stack of newspaper just 3 feet high saves one tree.



Shake It Up

Let's play The Earth Game!

Earth-Make a circle with arms above head.

Wind-Sway your body and arms back and forth.

Rain-Wiggle your fingers and arms up & down.

Fire-Open and close your hands.

"I am earth's protector!"



Talk It Out

1. What are your thoughts about global warming?
2. Why is it important to take care of the earth?
3. What will happen if people don't take care of the earth?
4. What are some things you can do to protect the earth?



Do It!

1. Find any leftover pieces of cardboard in your house.
2. Gather art supplies such as scissors, glue, tape, paint or markers.
3. Using your imagination, give your packaging purpose and create something new.
4. Have fun and feel proud of yourself for helping the earth!

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SEL Competencies

Responsible Decision-Making

Identifying Problems
Analyzing Situations
Solving Problems
Ethical Responsibility

Timeframe

30 min

Materials Required

Cardboard
Scissors
Glue or tape
Markers or paint



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Invite a student to read the quote.

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Shake It Up

Get your students moving. Invite them to do the following activity:

1. Play The Earth Game.
2. Randomly call out earth, wind, rain or fire and have the students do the corresponding actions.
3. Students continue doing the directed movement until you call out the next one.
4. Alter the speed and order of your commands to mix it up.
5. After the game, have students shout, "I am earth's protector."



Talk It Out

Encourage your students to reflect on the provided questions.

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Do It! (as a class or individually)

1. Find any leftover pieces of cardboard in their house. Think cereal boxes, shipping boxes, or any other cardboard food packaging.
2. With supplies they have at home, encourage them to use their imagination and create something new.
3. Here are some ideas to spark their creativity. They can make a castle, a musical instrument, a happy poster, a thank you card, beverage coasters or napkin rings. The sky's the limit!
4. When students are finished, let them share their cardboard creations with their classmates on screen.
5. If they need more time, encourage them to continue working on their masterpiece after class.