

# Meeting Plan

## for Ages 5-6 year olds

## Planet Protection

**GOAL:** To encourage everyone to try and make a positive impact on the environment through their daily actions and activities.

**MATERIALS REQUIRED:**

**ACTIVITY:**

- Paper clips
- Magnets
- String
- Stick
- Box
- Cutouts (provided on pages 3 & 4)

**CRAFT:**

- Paper plates
- Marker
- Glue
- Tissue paper (blue and green)

**PREPARATION TIME:**

20 - 45 minutes



## Opening

Enjoy your usual Opening.

Explain the importance of looking after our planet and introduce the idea of the 3R's - Reduce, Reuse and Recycle. Reduce the number of things you buy or use and make it so you have less to throw away. Reuse things as many times as you can before you throw them away. Recycle, which is to find new ways to use old things. Clothes you've outgrown can become rags for cleaning. Toys you don't use anymore can be donated to give other children the opportunity to use them.

Books like *"The Lorax"* by Dr. Seuss or *"Compost Stew"* by Mary McKenna Siddals or *"I Can Save the Earth!"* by Alison Inches are good books to teach about the importance of protecting the planet and positive ways to affect the environment.



# Activity

## Scavenger Hunt



Weather permitting, take the kids outside and have them hunt for various nature items. They can collect the items or draw them on paper.

### SCAVENGER HUNT ITEM SUGGESTIONS:

- Something green (ie. a leaf)
- Something brown (ie. a stick)
- Something that floats (ie. a flower)
- Look for something with four legs or with wings
- Look for something that doesn't belong in nature (ie. trash)
- Find something you find beautiful

If unable to go outside, leaders can orchestrate their own scavenger hunt indoors using nature items (ie. leaves, sticks, etc) collected and hidden around the meeting place beforehand. Another indoor option is as follows:

## Fishing Game

Before the meeting, leader should cut out several fish shaped cut outs, several trash bag shaped cut outs, and several can or other recyclable item shaped cut outs and attach a paper clip to each cut out (find cut outs on page 3 & 4). Leader should also use the string, magnet, and stick to make a small fishing pole. Place all shapes in a box and have the kids take turns fishing out different items. As they are fishing, you can read them a story or have them discuss things they can recycle at home.

# Craft

## Tissue Paper Globe Craft

For this craft, kids will create their own globe using paper plates and coloured tissue paper. Before the meeting, leaders should cut out bits of green and blue tissue paper for each person to use. Alternatively, kids can rip the tissue paper in the size they wish to use.

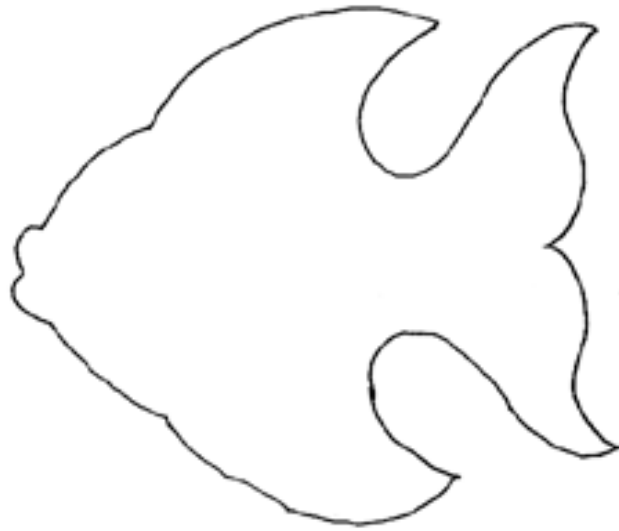
Have children glue the bits of tissue paper to the plate to create their own globe.

# Closing

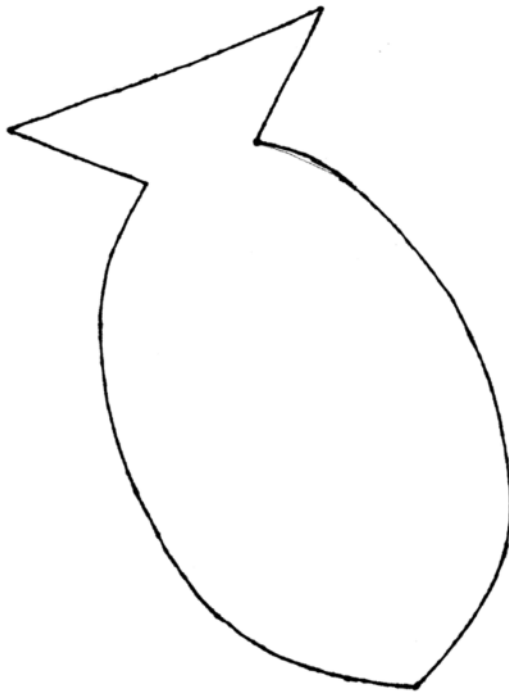
Congratulate them on learning how they can do their part to protect our planet!

Enjoy your regular Closing.

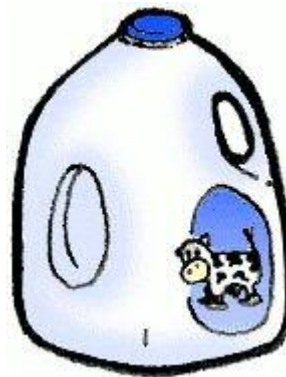
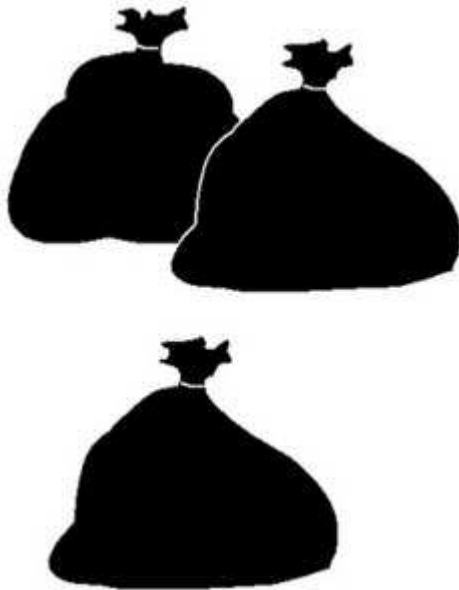
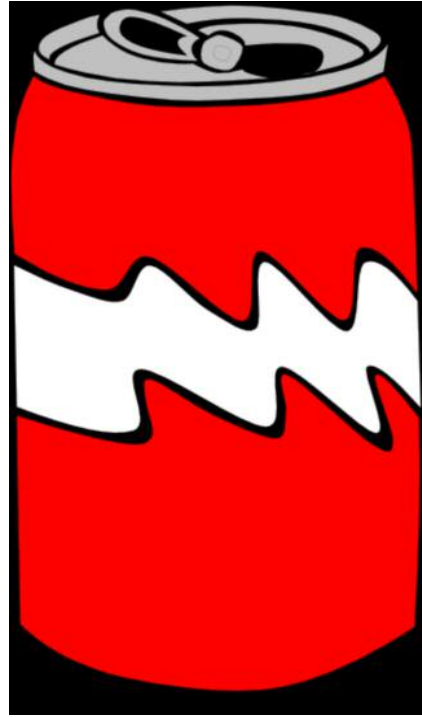
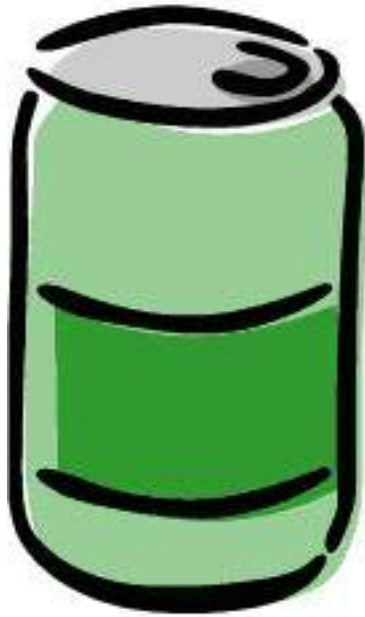
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