

Science Lesson: Saving the Earth

As far as we know, there are no real creatures charged with the task of caring for the earth. That job belongs to each and every one of us. Discuss what students already do at home or at school to help safeguard the environment.

* Then, brainstorm other ways students can help “save the earth.” Students will likely come up with ideas for conserving energy, recycling, etc.

* Once they've exhausted their ideas, discuss the pro's and cons of each and help students choose one to implement. Would they like to start a recycling program at school? Put up signs in the cafeteria reminding people not to waste paper products? Write letters to the editor of a newspaper about local water use? Challenge students to follow through on their efforts to care for the earth.

* After a specified period of time, reopen the discussion to see how well they've done with their plan. Discuss what worked and what did not. How can they improve on their efforts?