

# Kid Scoop®

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## Love Our Planet



Some people call our planet “Mother Earth.” Like a mother, our planet provides us with the things that give us life – like food and water. Mother Earth gives us more than food and water – she gives us beautiful flowers, places to walk and even majestic mountains to enjoy.

### What are three things you love about Planet Earth?

1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_ 3. \_\_\_\_\_

#### Trash your mother?

The amount of trash people dump on Mother Earth each year is enormous. This causes problems for people, animals and the environment.



Each year people dump more than 2 billion tons of waste. That's the weight of about 5,480 Empire State Buildings! If all this waste was put on trucks, a line of those trucks would go around the world 24 times!

This holiday season you can give a gift to your planet by taking the “Love My Planet Pledge.” Sign the Pledge, cut it out and keep it somewhere you can see it everyday. It will help remind you of how you can care for Mother Earth everyday!

#### Love My Planet Pledge

- I will try to buy goods with little or no packaging. Less packaging, less trash!
- I will wipe up spills with a sponge or cloth instead of paper towels.
- I will use the Sunday comics to wrap presents.
- I will recycle as much trash as I can!
- I will not leave the refrigerator door open for long periods of time.
- I will use re-usable containers for my lunch.
- I will pick up litter!

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

#### Find the two identical trees.



#### Who loves our planet?

Look through the newspaper for the names of people and groups who are caring for our planet. Select one and send a letter thanking them for what they do to care for our home.

Standards Link: Writing: Write sentences using descriptive details.

### What if the plants and animals fought back against pollution?

Hey, kid! You left this at the beach yesterday!

**Litterbugs would get some surprising visitors.**

Styrofoam plates? You brought styrofoam plates?!? You folks will have to camp somewhere else.

**Trees would be park rangers.**

It's a very smoggy day and you're driving the two blocks to the store instead of walking. I'm afraid I'll have to write you a ticket, sir.

**Birds would help clear the air.**

**Draw your idea of an animal fighting pollution here.**

#### Kid Scoop® Puzzler

One way to love the planet is by walking or riding your bike to get places. Race a friend to see who can get to the park fastest!

YOUR BIKE

FRIEND'S BIKE

#### Kid Scoop® Word Search

Find the words by looking up, down, backwards, forwards, sideways and diagonally.

L	W	S	M	E	L	B	O	R	P
E	O	L	U	N	C	H	E	A	L
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C	L	V	E	E	M	K	A	E	N
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R	G	R	T	H	K	W	R	A	P

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

#### FROM THE Kid Scoop® LESSON LIBRARY

#### Planet Points of View

Find an article that shows a way in which people harm or care for our planet. Re-write the article from the point of view of a wild animal that would be affected by the news in this article.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Read grade-level expository text.

#### How many movie stars does it take to change a light bulb?

ANSWER: One, but he only takes one step up the ladder and then his stunt double takes over.

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