

LESSON PLAN: Earth Day - Westover Library

**Schedule Synopsis:**

- *Getting started/Set up*
- *Welcome children*
- *Explain the purpose of our visit*
- *"Let the Games Begin!"*
- *Sorting game (Contest?)*
- *Recycle City (Computer)*
- *Recycling game (Computer)*
- *Superhero bracelets/cuffs*
- *Q & A*
- *Clean up*

**Objective of this Session:** To educate children in an entertaining setting the importance of the reducing, reusing, and recycling! The children will participate in both hands-on and virtual games. We'll conclude our session with a final question to determine something they learned from the games, in which they will be rewarded with a prize (sticker, or premade super-recycling cuff).

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**Preparation at home before session:**

Make sure that all supplies are packed and ready-to-go.

**You'll need to pack:**

- Craft supplies, i.e., crayons, markers, toilet paper rolls, stickers, ribbon, glue, scissors etc.
- Laptop in case computer is not available on day of event (and charger)
- Nametags (optional)

- Informative/attractive poster
  - Sorting Game with containers, and respective cards.
  - Clean up supplies (paper towels, disinfecting wipes)
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### ***Getting started***

- Set out craft supplies in an organized fashion
- Arrange chairs around craft table/workstations
- Make sure computer(s) is(are) set up for virtual gaming

### ***Welcome children***

Introduce yourself & welcome children and their parents

### ***Explain the purpose of our visit***

Tell the children what activities we have to offer, and provide informational materials on reducing, reusing, and recycling.

When children approach the reducing, reusing, and recycling materials, ask them what they think the Magic 3 R's stand for, see how many they get and then explain what they are and their importance.

Ask if they have any questions.

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### ***"Let the Games Begin!"***

***Depending on the amount of children, conduct the following... If there are many, have a volunteer try their hand at the Sorting Game to see how many they get right. (If they are older, perhaps set a time limit & have the children compete!). If there is a smaller group, let the children decide what activities they would like to do first. Walk around and help children with their activities.***

### ***Sorting game***

<http://www.notimeforflashcards.com/2010/09/recycling-think-and-sort-game.html>

### ***Recycle City (Computer)***

<http://www3.epa.gov/recyclecity/cityhall.htm>

**Recycling game (Computer)**

[http://www.kidsgoflash.com/games/sort\\_your\\_waste.html](http://www.kidsgoflash.com/games/sort_your_waste.html)

**Superhero bracelets/cuffs**

<http://spaceshipsandlaserbeams.com/blog/2013/02/party-crafts-and-diy/how-to-make-superhero-cuffs-from-toilet-paper-rolls>

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**Q & A**

***In order to get recycling sticker (or other award) of accomplishment, they must share something they learned!***

Q: What is one thing that you learned from today's activities?

A: (example) You can recycle aluminum cans! (or) You cannot recycle Styrofoam!  
(or) The environment is important, so we have to take care of it & recycle!

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***Clean up all workstations***