

Lesson Plan

Helping Earth

Book: *Earth Day*

Series: Spring Is Here

Level: Scout

Objective

To help students participate in a group discussion about Earth Day and create a poster about activities people can do to help Earth.

Supplies

- *Earth Day* book
- Whiteboard
- Large sheet of white paper
- Markers

Before the Activity

Read the *Earth Day* book out loud to students. Lay out the white paper and the markers on a desk.

Activity

Earth Day describes activities that people can do to help Earth. Ask students the following question, writing their answers on the whiteboard:

- What examples does the book give of activities people can do to help Earth? (Answers: picking up trash and cleaning the land, planting trees and gardens)

Explain to students that there are other things people can do to help Earth besides the activities mentioned in the book. As a class, brainstorm other activities people can do to help Earth. Write students' answers on the whiteboard. Possible answers might include recycling, learning about Earth, teaching others about Earth, and reusing certain items instead of throwing them away.

As a class, students will create a poster of images showing how people can help Earth. Divide students into groups of four. Assign each group one of the activities on the whiteboard. In their groups, students should brainstorm an image to represent their activity. Once they have their idea, students should come to the front of the classroom and add their image to the white sheet of paper. When all of the groups are done drawing, hang the poster on the wall of the classroom. Explain to students that the poster will remind them of how they can help Earth.

Evaluation

Could students recall details from the book about how people can help Earth? Could students participate in a group brainstorm about other ways to help Earth?

Standards

This lesson may be used to address the Common Core State Standards' reading standards for informational texts, grade K (RI K.2).