

Open with: We've Only Got One Planet

1. One Planet

We've only got one planet, for all of us to share
The time has come for everyone to show the world we care
Old Mother Nature is doing all she can
The time has come for everyone to lend a helping hand.

One Planet, One Planet, made by God for all to share

One Planet, One Planet, time to show we care

We're using our resources faster than they can renew
Polluting air and water - What can children do?
Every person on the earth can help to keep it clean
Young and old can do their part to keep it evergreen.

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Scene 1:

Child 1: What kind of pollution problems do we have here in _____?

Child 2: We have lots of problems!

Child 3: Like what?

Child 4: Well - our landfill is getting full. We're making too much garbage!

2. Garbage

Chorus: Garbage, garbage in the can. Leave it for the garbage man.

He will take it all away

When the worlds full of garbage where will we play?

No good stuff that once was new. Junk mail, flyers, tin cans too.

Newspapers, apple peels, diapers PEW! Last nights yukky leftover stew!

Chorus:

Rusty cars with lots of dents. Bikes and toys all wrecked and bent.

Ugly clothes my Aunty sent. Ever wonder where they went?

Chorus:

Garbage, Garbage, Garbage, Garbage, Garbage.....in the can. YUCK!

Scene 2:

Child 1: OK - we're making too much garbage. What can we do to stop it?

Child 2: Did you know that up to half of garbage from people's houses can be composted?

Child 3: You mean if everyone had a compost we could cut our garbage in half?

Child 4: What's a compost?

Child 5: It's a bin in your backyard that you put lots of waste in - things like grass and vegetables - stuff that will rot.

Child 6: After the compost has rotted you add it to the soil in your garden.

Child 7: It's great fertilizer!

Child 8: Why isn't everyone composting?

Sing Compost!

3. Compost

OSTINATO: Cooking, heating, Rotting, Soil it becomes

A compost is a way to make brand new garden soil
You put in your garbage, and turn it once in a while
The compost cooks and heats inside the garbage all breaks down.
It rots and rots for months until, soil it becomes. Apple cores, potato peels and yes banana skins,
Grass clippings from your lawn go in your compost bin.

Scene 3:

Child 1: What else can we do to reduce the garbage we throw away?

Child 2: We could buy less - and buy stuff that has less packaging!

Child 3: We could recycle things. Put tin cans and glass jars and newspapers in your blue box.

Child 4: You can recycle old clothes by giving them to charity.
Child 5: And you can recycle old toys by having a garage sale!
Sing Recycle

4. Recycle

Why put something in the dump that could be used again?
Don't throw it out if there's a way to use it once again.
Bundle up your newspapers and take them to the place
That makes them into paper, instead of into waste
Recycle, recycle, use it, use it again
Recycle, recycle, recycle, use it again

Take your bottles to the depot. Also take your cans.
You'll even get some money and lend a helping hand.
Recycle, recycle, use it, use it again
Recycle, recycle, recycle, use it again

Scene 4:

Child 1: I heard that some places don't have enough clean drinking water for all their families.
Child 2: Sometimes in summer we don't have enough water to water our lawn.
Child 3: Every year there are more people in the world, but there isn't any more water.
Child 4: How can we cut down on the water we use?
Child 5: You could take a bath with less water.
Child 6: Or take a short shower!
Child 7: There are lots of ways to save water!
5. Let's Save Water

Let's save water (BB BB BB BB)
Let's save water (BB BB BB BB)
Let's save water (BB BB BB BB)
Cause water is good to drink. Yes!
Water is good to drink.

Put a brick in your toilet (a brick in your toilet???)
A brick in your toilet (a brick in your toilet???)
A brick in your toilet (a brick in your toilet???)
Less water goes down the drain - Yes, less water goes down the drain.
Brush your teeth with the tap off (ch ch ch ch ch)
Teeth with the tap off (ch ch ch ch ch)
Teeth with the tap off (ch ch ch ch ch)
Less water goes down the drain - Yes, less water goes down the drain.

Scene 5:

Child 1: Some of the worst pollution comes from cars and trucks.
Child 2: Pollution from cars and trucks causes acid rain.
Child 3: Acid rain can kill the fish in the lakes.
Child 4: Acid rain can kill forests.
Child 5: But how will we get anywhere if we don't drive?
6. Walk, Run, Ride a Bike

Cars and trucks drive everywhere.
Burning fuel as they go.
To the mall and to the store.
Then back home and drive some more.

All the fumes go in the air. Ugly fumes go everywhere.
Just about as bad as tobacco!
So walk, run, ride a bike, it's good for you and our air.
Walk, run, ride a bike, stop driving everywhere.
Every morning drive downtown
Traffic jams will get me down
It's too far to walk you say
So we drive our car each way

Car pool or take the bus, Really isn't such a fuss
Soon you'll find it is a better way
So walk, run, ride a bike, it's good for you and our air.
Walk, run, ride a bike, stop driving everywhere.

Scene 6:

Child 1: Some of the pollution from cars and trucks is making the world warmer.

Child 2: The pollution traps the heat. It's called the Greenhouse Effect.

Child 3: What can we do about air pollution. We're just kids!

Child 4: If you plant trees, the trees will take in the bad air, and give off oxygen.

Child 5: Cool! It's sort of like recycling the air!

7. Plant a Tree

Our world is getting warmer, every single day The temperature is rising - we can stop this there's a way.

Chorus: Plant a tree echo: (Plant a tree)

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Plant a tree and you will have better air to breathe.

There's more carbon in our air, than there used to be.

The temperature is rising, soon a greenhouse world we'll be.

Chorus: (Chorus repeats)

Scene 7:

Child 1: The problems on our Planet seem really big, but if all of us work together we should be able to solve them.

Child 2: I'm going to ride my bike to school!

Child 3: I'm going to turn the lights off, every time I leave a room!

Child 4: I'm going to get my Mom and Dad to start a compost in our back yard!

Child 5: I'm going to put everything in the blue box that they will take.

Child 6: I'm going to have a garage sale and use the money to buy some trees.

Child 7: Together we're going to make a difference!

8. Make a Difference

We can make a difference in our world today

Together we can make our world a better place

When we work together, so much can be done

If all the children in the world would sing in unison

Chorus: We know what's right, and we know what to do The future can be brighter - it's up to me and you!

Take my hand and join me, Sing along with me When all the children join us there will be a change you'll see Do you have the courage? Do you have the pride? Do you have a vision of a world where all is right?

Chorus:

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Chorus:

Movement: One Planet

Sign while you sing. The lyrics are slow and somewhat repetitive and lend themselves very nicely to signing.

Movement For Garbage:

This is a clapping game song. Begin the clapping pattern in measure 5 when the voices enter.

CL R CL L - motion in the can CL R CL L - salute the garbage man

Garbage, garbage in the can Leave it for the garbage man

CL R CL L - CL R CL L show a growing pile of garbage - gesture where????

He will take it all away When the world's full of garbage where will we play?

CL R CL L , CL R CL L , CL R CL L , CL R hold nose on pew! No good stuff that once was new, junk mail flyers tin cans too, newspapers apple peels, diapers pew!

CL R CL L , CL R CL L

Last nights yukky leftover stew

repeat chorus:

CL R CL L, CL R CL L, CL R CL L on wrecked and bent - freeze in a mangled pose

Rusty cars with lots of dents, bikes and toys all wrecked and bent

CL R CL L, gesture where?

Ever wonder where they went?

Repeat Chorus

Motion showing a larger and larger pile of garbage - hold nose on yuk.

Garbage, Garbage, Garbage, Garbage, Garbage, in the can Yuck!

Optional Idea for Garbage: Add instruments: claves, maracas

Movement For Compost: From the class choose 8-10 kids to throw stuff into a real compost bin.

Use Easter Grass (or real grass) for Grass clippings, construction paper food waste with labels, silk plants.

Movement Ideas for Recycle: Choose 8-10 kids from the class to put the things into a blue box that can go in. Newspapers, jars, tin cans, boxboard

Movement Ideas for Let's Save Water: Teach the audience the actions (bbb bbb bbb), ch ch ch ch, and (brick in your toilet?) If you can locate one, take a toilet along and show where the brick goes - maybe a cardboard toilet would have the same effect.

Movement Ideas for Walk Run, Ride a Bike: Borrow 1-3 pedal cars. To the back of the pedal cars fasten signs - toxic fumes, carbon dioxide, emissions (?) and drive the cars in front of the choir during the first part of the song. When the song changes to walk, run, ride a bike have the drivers get out and walk, run and ride a bike.

Movement Ideas for Plant a Tree: On the part "Our world is getting warmer" have the choir crouch to floor level and come up note by note until they are reaching in the air. Drop hands before "Plant a Tree". On Plant a Tree the group or side of the choir that goes first should do the action first. The second group should echo the action as well as echo the singing. On "Plant a tree" each child should bring hands together, then up so that their arms are in front of their bodies in a tree shape. On the words "you will have" point to the audience with right hand. On "better air to breathe, do a full circle with both hands.

An additional idea would be to take along some small (or large) trees and plant them around the audience.

Movement Ideas for Make a Difference:

m3: RH sweep across body, m4: LH sweep, m5: join hands with neighbor

m7: step touch R - L until m11, m11: thumbs to chest, m12: hands on

hips, m13: RH palm up (2 beats) LH palm up (2 beats), m14: gesture me,

m15: point to you

m17: Sweep LH across the body of the person to your left

m18: Sweep RH across the body of the person to your right
m19: Join hands with the hands that are to your left and right (I call this a chain link - the kids look like cutouts of stickmen holding hands)

m21: RH out, m22: LH out,
m23 lookout with RH, m24: Circle with RH m25: thumbs to chest, m26: hands on hips, m27: RH palm up (2 beats) LH palm up (2 beats), m28: gesture me, m29: point to you
Repeat m3-13 for repeat of verse 1. m43: me - raise Rh fist up high in the air beats 3&4: raise Lh fist m44-45: bring hands down, palms open
Props Needed:

- Compost Bin
- Vegetables peels, grass clippings (easter grass) etc. to go in it
- Blue Box
- Things to Go in a Blue Box
- Pedal Cars, or cardboard cutouts of cars
- Signs to go on the back of the pedal cars
- Bikes
- trees (real or fake)
- cardboard or real toilet

** Laminate all props so they last through 10 shows