

BULLFROG FILMS presents...

# **RECYCLING IS FUN!**

## **DISCUSSION GUIDE**



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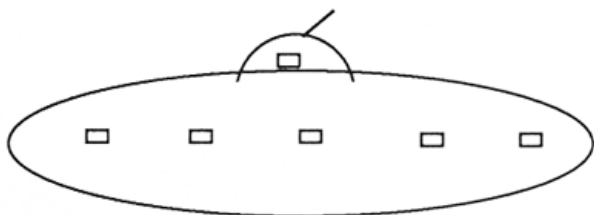
As we continue to overpopulate our planet, we are depleting natural resources and destroying the environment at an alarming rate. Recycling provides young people with the opportunity to remedy problems in their own communities by giving them a direct avenue to affect positive change.

**Recycling is Fun!** shows young people entertaining themselves as they participate in local recycling programs and discover how they, as kids, can play an active role in protecting the environment.

**Recycling is Fun!** was created to raise awareness, and to motivate younger generations into positive action. The film demonstrates the vital need for similar recycling activities to be initiated nationwide.

**Recycling is Fun!** teaches the importance of the three R's - to reduce the amount of waste we create, to recycle items again and again, and finally, to reuse recycled materials by choosing them over other products at our local supermarkets.

Good luck! Thank you for helping save planet Earth..and have fun at the same time!



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Our planet Earth is like a spaceship. There is a limited amount of resources and supplies for the ship and its passengers. When the supplies run out the passengers are in big trouble. The Earth, our spaceship, is now in danger of running out of its natural resources and supplies. It is our mission to save it!

Three good friends, Antonia, Brie, and Kevin learn together the importance of the 3 R's—reduce, recycle, reuse. They discover how fun and easy it is to help save the environment.

This film can be viewed as an introduction to discussions on:

- The Environment
- Recycling
- Reducing
- Reusing
- Teamwork
- Natural Resources

## Before Viewing:

1. Why is it important to recycle?
2. Where does garbage go after you throw it away?

## After viewing: Discussion Questions:

### ENVIRONMENT:

1. What are some of the problems with the environment today?
2. How did the kids in *Recycling is Fun!* help save the environment?
3. Why did Kevin take his friends to the landfill?
4. How did seeing all the garbage in the landfill make the kids feel? How did it make you feel?
5. What do you do to help the environment?

### REDUCE:

1. What does reducing garbage mean?
2. Why is it important to reduce?
3. Where does garbage go when you throw it away? How does this effect the environment?
4. How did the kids in *Recycling is Fun!* learn about the importance of reducing?
5. What happens if people don't reduce some of the garbage they make?
6. What can you do to reduce the amount of garbage you make every day?

### RECYCLING:

1. What does recycling mean?

2. Why do people recycle?
3. What different kinds of materials do people recycle?
4. Where can you go to recycle?
5. What do you recycle? What can you now recycle that you did not recycle before?

#### REUSE:

1. What does "reuse" mean in **Recycling is Fun!?**
2. What kinds of products can you buy which use recycled materials?
3. Why is it important to use recycled packaging?
4. What do the "3 R's" mean?

#### NATURAL RESOURCES

1. What are some of our natural resources?
2. How do we use natural resources to make products (e.g.: aluminum, glass, and paper)?
3. How does our abuse of natural resources damage the environment?
4. What happens when we run out of our natural resources?
5. How can we protect our natural resources?

#### TEAMWORK:

1. What did Kevin, Brie, and Antonia learn together?

2. How did the kids in **Recycling is Fun!** help each other to recycle?
3. How did Kevin help teach his friends about the 3 R's? How can you help teach your friends?
4. Why is working together important?

#### WHAT YOU CAN DO:

1. Buy recycled products—check packages for the recycling symbol. Remind your local store to carry products in recycled packaging. Watch out for products that are advertised as "recyclable" - they may not contain any "recycled" materials in them. Do you know the difference between "recyclable" and "recycled"?

[Symbols printed on packaging or products will tell you if the material can be recycled - RECYCLABLE, or, has been made of recycled materials - RECYCLED].



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2. Ask your parents to buy recycled products.
3. Other materials like glass, cans, cardboard, tinfoil, tires, and paper can also be recycled.

[On the bottom of plastic containers, the number in the recycling symbol identifies which kind of plastic it is. Find out which numbers can be recycled in your area.]

4. Join or start a recycling program at your school if you don't already have one.
5. Make the most of the products you use. For example, use both sides of paper when you can, instead of wasting a new one. Or reuse items like aluminum foil or clothes, instead of throwing them away.
6. Talk or write to your local city hall about starting a curbside recycling program.
7. Think of other ways you and your friends can help save the environment, like planting a tree or picking up garbage. Do something before it is too late. And remember - RECYCLING IS FUN!

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WASTE

29 minutes/grades 6-adult

GO

10 minutes/grades K-4

OWL/TV Series IV

10 x 28 minutes/ grades 2-7

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