

Lesson Plan:

“I Can Recycle!”

Early Childhood

(3 to 5 yrs)

Subject:

Environmental science.

Focus:

Basic recycling.

Overview:

Children aged 3 to 5 years can learn the basics of recycling and its value to them and others.

Purpose:

To give young children an early introduction to recycling and its importance to them, other humans, and the earth.

Objectives:

- To teach preschoolers the basics of recycling.
- To teach preschoolers the importance of recycling.
- To facilitate positive lifelong habits in preschoolers.
- To help preserve the earth.

Resources and Materials:

- Simple rules about what materials are recyclable in your area.
- Real-life concrete examples of those materials.
- Real-life concrete examples of containers that receive those materials.

Activities and Procedures:

1. Begin a conversation about waste, materials, and recycling. Ask children what they do with certain materials at home and at school.
2. Specifically, begin talking about recycling. Explain that certain materials are reused again so they don't go in the regular garbage. Ask children about their experience with recycling.
3. Tell children about the rules for recycling in your area at school. Depending on the age makeup of the group, you may want to write down a few of the rules and read them to the children or have the children read them.
4. Bring out your real-life examples of recycling materials and receptacles. Describe the materials one at a time and place them in the proper receptacle. Then have children follow your example.

Tying It All Together:

Very young children can learn to recycle. It is a good, positive habit that can start early and continue throughout childhood and adulthood. This science lesson is very relevant to a child's life and quite important, too.

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