

Unit 20: Earth Day & Nature (Toddlers 12M–2Y)

Room: Infant/Toddler Room

Dates: Apr 28, 2025 - May 2, 2025

Theme: Earth Day Unit

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Reduce Reuse Recycle

Book: "Baby Loves Green Energy!" by Ruth Spiro 📖

Objective: Introduce the idea of helping the Earth.

Circle Time:

🌍 Talk about the Earth (show a globe or a big blue ball) and simple ways we can help (like turning off lights).

Activity:

👐 Handprint Earth — paint hands blue and green, stamp them on paper!

Materials:

Blue and green washable paint

White paper

Domain: Social-Emotional
Bloom' s Level:
Remembering
KY Early Learning
Standard: Social and
Emotional Development -
Self-Awareness

Reduce Reuse Recycle

Book: "What a Waste: Trash, Recycling, and Protecting Our Planet" (Toddler Board Book) by Jess French 📖

Objective: Recognize recycling symbols and simple sorting.

Circle Time:

♻️ Show pictures of recycling symbols and simple recycling bins.

Activity:

🎯 Recyclable Sort — toss soft "trash" into labeled bins (plastic, paper, pretend items).

Materials:

2–3 bins (with simple pictures)

Soft balls or safe objects (pretending to be recycling items)

Domain: Cognitive (Simple Problem Solving)
Bloom' s Level:

Reduce Reuse Recycle

Book: "Touch and Feel: Garden" by DK Publishing 🌸

Objective: Explore the textures of nature.

Circle Time:

🌿 Pass around leaves, flowers, and sticks for sensory touch.

Activity:

👐 Leaf Rubbing — toddlers crayon over a leaf placed under paper.

Materials:

Leaves

Crayons

Paper

Domain: Physical Development (Fine Motor/Sensory)
Bloom' s Level: Applying
KY Early Learning Standard:
Physical Development - Fine Motor Coordination

Reduce Reuse Recycle

Book: "Up in the Garden and Down in the Dirt" (Board Book Version) by Kate Messner 📖

Objective: Notice plants and bugs in nature.

Circle Time:

🐞 Look at pretend bugs or pictures of worms, bugs, gardens.

Activity:

🌻 Nature Walk — collect sticks, leaves, and rocks into a little "nature bag."

Materials:

Brown bags

Stickers to decorate the bag

Domain: Cognitive (Exploration and Discovery)
Bloom' s Level: Analyzing
KY Early Learning Standard:
Cognitive Development -
Exploration and Discovery

Parent Bath Time Idea:

Reduce Reuse Recycle

Book: "10 Things I Can Do to Help My World" (Toddler Edition) by Melanie Walsh 🌍

Circle Time:

👐 Show washing hands, turning off water — toddlers imitate!

Activity:

💧 Practice pouring water carefully (no waste) with cups.






Materials:

Cups

Water tub

Domain: Physical Development (Gross Motor)
Bloom' s Level: Understanding
KY Early Learning Standard:
Physical Development -
Gross Motor Skills

Parent Bath Time Idea:

Parent Bath Time Idea:  Sing “This is the way we save the Earth” during bath time (to "Here We Go Round the Mulberry Bush").	Understanding KY Early Learning Standard: Approaches to Learning - Curiosity and Initiative Parent Bath Time Idea:  Sort bath toys into different baskets based on color or size!	Parent Bath Time Idea:  Float leaves in the water and feel them — smooth, rough, soft!	 Pretend the bath is a garden — float toys like bugs and flowers!	 Practice "saving water" by turning the water on and off gently during bath.
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Books

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Notes:

Objective: Learn how to take care of our planet in simple, fun ways.