

# Our environment

Teachers and families: the early childhood and primary school curricula focus on helping children take care of the environment.

You can encourage young children to care for our environment while playing, or while watching educational shows like *Sesame Street* together.



## **Watch together**

While you're watching *Sesame Street* or other educational content together, build on what children are noticing.

### **Food and our environment**

While watching *Cookie Monster Foodie Truck*, talk together about how foods grow and what foods need in order to grow.

- Children can think about what might happen to these foods if we didn't care for our environment and how they can help.
- Talk about ways you can prevent food waste, such as by eating leftovers and sharing extra food with others.

### **Grow foods and compost**

- All children can help you to grow simple foods, plants or herbs inside or outside.
- Compost together by putting uncooked fruit and vegetable scraps, newspaper and leaves in a bin or hole in your garden. Then, cover it so it can rot without pests.



## **Play and learn together**

### **Reduce and recycle**

- Set an example for all children by modelling how to do simple things like throwing garbage in the bin and sorting bottles for recycling and reuse.
- Even infants and toddlers can have fun throwing bottles in the recycling box.

### **Appreciate the environment**

- Take walks and play outside with infants and toddlers and name all of the wonderful things nature has to offer.

### **Make posters**

- Children can create posters for their home and school to remind others of what they can do to help their environment.
- Pre-schoolers can draw, scribble or try to write words while primary school children can draw and write words or sentences.
- You can use pictures of children doing the different actions to encourage them to be proud to help the environment.



### **Talk together**

While you're playing and talking together, ask questions like:

- What do you notice about our environment?
- Why do you think it's important to \_\_\_?
- How can we help to take care of \_\_\_?
- What do you like about our environment? What can we do to help it?



### **Links to Sesame Street content**

#### **Visit [Sesame Workshop](#)**

for many more related activities, printables and video-based suggestions like:

- ✓ ["Community Service"](#)
- ✓ ["Science"](#)

to play online games like:

- ✓ ["Bert & Ernie Reuse and Reinvent"](#)

#### **PBS Kids online games**

Visit <https://pbskids.org/games> for related games like:

- ✓ ["Go Green"](#)
- ✓ ["Cookie Monster's Foodie Truck"](#)
- ✓ ["Seasons Spinner"](#)
- ✓ ["Ready, Set, Grow with Abby and Elmo"](#)



### **Links to find out more together**

#### **Local resources**

- ✓ The Jamaican children's book [\*I Can Do My Part\*](https://bit.ly/icandomypart) (<https://bit.ly/icandomypart>)
- ✓ Digital library Book Fusion has free books <https://www.bookfusion.com/libraries/MOEYI>
- ✓ The Ministry of Education and Youth's [\*Game-Based & Interactive Learning Activities for Early Years\*](#)
- ✓ [Curricular resources](#) like the Resource Book and curriculum guides from the Early Childhood Commission

#### **Other resources**

- ✓ Play online [nature games](https://pbskids.org/games) at <https://pbskids.org/games>
- ✓ Recycle everyday materials and make toys with suggestions from the [Learning Toys Production Guide](#) by Plan International