



At Home 3-5 Teacher's Guide

Teacher Note

Encourage students to share their Clean Earth Challenge activities and experiences with their families by sending home the Clean Earth Challenge Family Packet. It includes literacy connections and social-emotional guiding questions, Clean Earth Challenge family participation instructions, and a child activity page.

Class Action

- As a class, schedule time to pick up litter on the school grounds or nature nearby (don't forget to recycle what can be recycled). Remember to use the Clean Earth Challenge data collection form to track what's collected. Use the online collection form or print the form and take it to your cleanup. Once complete either take a legible photo or scan as a PDF and email it to cleanearthchallenge@nwf.org. Find other details here: <https://cleanearthchallenge.com/>.



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Literature Connections--Check your local library for these books that celebrate the different ways we experience nature. Then use the guiding questions to talk as a family.

1. Fatima's Great Outdoors, Ambreen Tariq
2. Ada and the Galaxies, Alan Lightman
3. Freedom Soup, Tami Charles
4. Imagine, Juan Felipe Herrera

- **Guiding Questions for Families**
 - How does the story make you feel?
 - Is there something you like in the story that you want to find or do in nature?
 - What do you like most about being in nature?
 - Parents/Guardians: When you were a kid, what did you do in nature with your family?

Family Page Activities

- Go to www.cleanearthchallenge.com and follow three easy steps to participate and help us reach our goal of keeping one million pieces of trash and debris from harming wildlife and communities.
 - Watch the video and register.
 - Together, choose a day and location to pick up trash.
 - Measure your impact using the provided data collection worksheet.
- Complete the family activity page together or as an additional learning opportunity for your child(ren).

Learning Together

1. Trash is harmful to wildlife, waterways, and people.

true

false

2. List some of the ways your family can cut back on single-use plastics, like to-go containers.

3. In the United States, we use a lot of plastic water bottles. On average, how many plastic water bottles does a single person use in one year?

156

232

403

4. In the United States, we also use a lot of straws. How many straws do you think we use everyday?

1 million

50 million

500 million

5. Discuss and answer these questions after collecting trash.

- Most trash collected was of what type (plastic, paper, etc.)?
- Where do you think the trash is coming from?
- What solutions come to mind?
