

# Time to Turn Around

## Sustainable September 2022



### Children's Activities

#### Week 1 - The Challenge and the Cost

**The Night Sky:** Show a picture of the night sky in a big city and contrast with a picture of the night sky in the outback.



Explain that some people who grow up in big cities like Hong Kong, where there is lots of artificial light, have never seen stars in the night sky. If we reduce our use of artificial light, we will use less electricity, save costs and the earth's resources and be able to see the beauty of the night sky.

#### Make a starry night card

(Paper Parties by Erin Hung)

##### Materials

A4 white cartridge paper  
size  
Silver card for star shapes  
Small piece of white paper for shooting stars  
Star template  
Blue and white paint  
Flat paintbrush and fine point paintbrush  
Scissors  
Glue

**Optional:** Envelope A6

##### Instructions

1. Fold white cartridge paper in half width ways.
2. Paint blue with flat paint brush in rough strokes in different directions.
3. Either flick white paint on with fine brush or just dot on with the tip.
4. While paint is drying, cut out star shapes of various sizes. Cut white paper in strips if using shooting stars.
5. Glue the stars on in any design you like.
6. Add a message inside your card. eg. May all our nights skies be starry bright!

## Week 2 - Finding Which is Precious

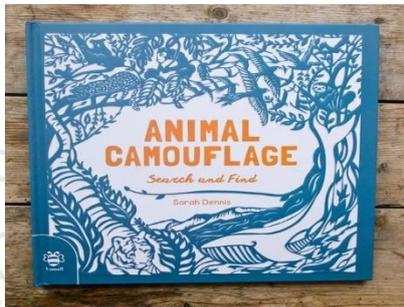
When we listen and observe nature, we find many precious plants and animals and connect with our environment.

**Read:** *The River* by Sally Morgan and Johnny Warrkatja Malibirr.

**Materials:** Pencils, textas, paper

**Make:** Draw a 'Where's Wally' type picture of nature with hidden, insects and animals.

Make a list of hidden items then swap with a friend to see if they can find them. Colour.



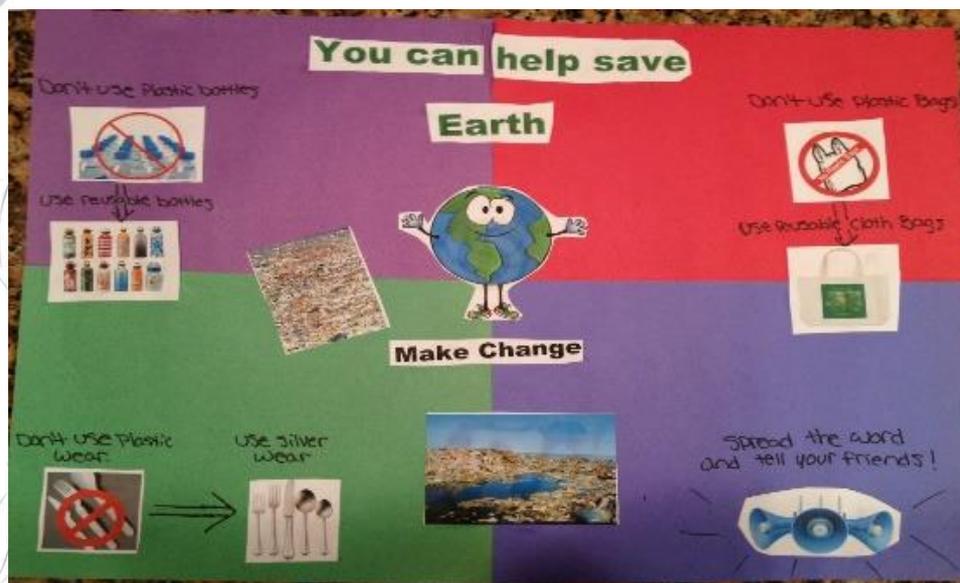
## Week 3 - Speaking up for the Environment

We need to make sure we look after our environment to care for it and all life it sustains. Use only what we need.

**Read:** *Sharing* by Aunty Fay Muir & Sue Lawson

**Make a poster** to encourage others to take only what they need so we can save our environment.

**Materials:** Card paper, textas, scissors, magazine pictures



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## Week 4 - Changing for the Good

### Being Generous

Watch *Tiddalick* on Youtube [Dreamtime Stories - Tiddalick The Frog - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0y3Ta5xcKV4](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0y3Ta5xcKV4)



### Get Creative – Bee Hotels

Be generous to bees by making a bee hotel so they can enjoy your garden. Make one together to hang in the church garden or make individual ones to take home.

#### Supplies

Clear recycled drink container with both ends cut off.  
Cut card from used carry bags into strips approx..  
18cm x 15cm  
Pencils  
String

#### Method

Curl card around the pencil until you have enough to fit tightly into the container. Tie a piece of string to each end so you can hang in a tree where it is protected. Observe over the next few weeks and see how long before the bees are enjoying their hotel



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