

THE BIG BEACH CLEANUP

POP

AT HOME

GROWN-UP ACTIVITY GUIDE

MATH

Build your child's understanding of numbers through the variety of manipulatives within the box.

Counting by 2's

In the story, Cora looks for helping hands. Use a pencil and paper to trace both hands of each person in the child's home.

Have the child count how many "helping hands" they have in their house. Encourage child to count hands by 2's.

What other things can you count by 2's? (feet, eyes, ears, wheels on bicycles, etc.)

Counting by 5's and 10's

How many "helping fingers" are in your family? Try counting fingers by 5's and by 10's.

Materials you need:

Paper, pencil, and family members' hands.

LITERACY

Encourage early literacy experiences to ensure a lifetime of literacy success.

Before You Read

Take a picture-walk through the book and discuss the pictures without reading the words. Talk about what you see happening on each page and all the helpful and unhelpful things you notice.

While You Read

If you were Cora, what would you do to get other people to help clean up the beach?

After You Read

Who were the characters in the book?

What was the problem? What was the solution?

How were the characters feeling in the beginning, middle, and end of the book?

Together, make a list of ways you can help the Earth.

Materials you need:

The Big Beach Cleanup (book), paper, and something to write with.

FINE MOTOR

Strengthen your child's hand muscles to prepare for future writing experiences.

Go on a trash hunt inside AND outside of your house.

Use two popsicle sticks or sticks from outside, to pick up as many pieces of trash you can find to help clean up our Earth.

Make sure the litter makes it into a trash can or recycling bin!

Materials you will need:

Two sticks, a bag for collecting litter, trash can and recycle bin.

STEM CHALLENGE

Build your child's problem-solving skills through an open-ended activity.

Go through your recycling bin at home. Sort the recyclables as quickly as you can into three groups: paper, plastic, and aluminum.

Use these recycled items to build a castle. Make it a "tall one, a funny one, or one that makes you want to pack up your bags and move in."

Materials you will need:

Recycled items

ART

Think of something you want to make better for our Earth. Create a poster like Cora did to ask people to help with the Earth Day project.

Draw a circle on a piece of paper. Take old magazines and cut out blue and green pictures to create a collage of Earth.

Materials you will need:

Paper or poster, markers and/or crayons, magazines, and scissors

AND MORE...

Challenge yourself to pack a lunch that does not have any items that need to be thrown away.

Walk around the house and turn off all of the lights in rooms that are not being used.

Brainstorm other ways you can help take care of our Earth!

Materials you will need:

Reusable containers and food for packing a lunch