



Litter and Waste Theme

Songs for Pre-Schools/Jnr Primary

The songs listed below are to help introduce the theme of litter and waste to children in a very child friendly and fun way. The songs will also help them to understand what litter and waste is and what it does to the planet and to remember all they learn well into the future.

This Old Earth

Sung to: "This Old Man"

This old earth
Needs our help
To stay fresh and clean and green
With a pick it up; pitch it in; and throw it in the can
This old earth needs a helping hand!

This Land

Sung to: "This land is your land"

This land is your land
This land is my land,
Let's work together
To make it better
From tall green forests to clear blue waters
This land depends on you and me!

Clean Up

Sung to: "Twinkle, twinkle, little star"

Twinkle twinkle little star
Time to clean up where you are.
Put litter back in its place,
Keep a smile upon your face.
Twinkle, twinkle, little star,
Time to clean up where you are.

Litter Bugs

Sung to: "[Frere Jacques](#)"

We're not litterbugs
We're not litterbugs,
No siree, no siree!
We pick up our trash,
We pick up our trash,
Yes siree, yes siree!

I Put Litter In The Garbage Can

Sung to: "The [Wheels on the Bus](#)"

Oh, I put litter in the garbage can,
Garbage can, garbage can.
I put the litter in the garbage can,
I'm not a litter bug.

Let's all put litter where it belongs,
It belongs, it belongs.
Let's all put litter where it belongs,
Don't be a litter bug.

10 Bottles Of Pop On The Wall

Sung to: "99 bottles is the tune"

Ten bottles of pop on the wall,
Ten bottles of pop,
Put one in the recycling bin,
Nine more bottles of pop on the wall
(Continue until no more bottles are left on the wall)

Clean Up The Earth

Sung to: "Skip to My Lou"

Chorus:
We'll clean up the Earth till it shines like new,
Clean up the Earth till it shines like new,
Clean up the Earth till it shines like new,
That's what we'll do, my darlings.

Cans on the highway someone threw!
Cans on the highway someone threw!
Bottles and cans some litterbug threw!
What should we do, my darlings?

Collect them and recycle them.
Bag them up and take them in.
Tell the factory: "Use 'em again!"
That's what we'll do, my darlings.
(Repeat chorus.)

Plastic trash from the things we use,
Plastic trash from the things we use,
Lasting trash. Got the plastic blues!
What should we do, my darlings?

Think things through before you shop.
Don't buy plastic bags and cups.
Reuse the plastic things we've got.
That's what we'll do, my darlings.
(Repeat chorus.)

Air pollution, yuck, p.u.!
Air pollution, yuck, p.u.!
Air pollution in our skies of blue.
What should we do, my darlings?

Clean the chimneys, clean the flues.
Don't be wasteful, mind what we use.
Turn down the heat and burn less fuel.
Oh, That's what we'll do, my darlings.
(Repeat chorus.)

Oil in our rivers and oceans, too,
Oil in our rivers and oceans, too,
Killing the fish, it's sad but true.
What should we do, my darlings?

Remind the grownup people who
Spill the oil, "It's our world, too.
We clean up our messes, how 'bout you?"
That's what we'll do, my darlings.
(Repeat chorus.) The End.

It's an Earth Day Party

Sung to: "She'll Be Comin' Round the Mountain"

Chorus:

It's a happy Earth Day party, you all come.
It's a happy Earth Day party, you all come.
We will celebrate our planet;
We will change our wasteful habits.
It's a happy Earth Day party, you all come.
(You all come.)

We will walk instead of riding, you all come.
We will walk instead of riding, you all come.
We will walk instead of riding,
We'll save gas 'cause no one's driving
To the happy Earth Day party, you all come.

We will plant a tree together, you all come.
We will plant a tree together, you all come.
We will plant a tree together,
So the air we breathe is better
At our happy Earth Day party, you all come.
(Repeat chorus.)

We will pick up cans and bottles, you all come.
We will pick up cans and bottles, you all come.
We will pick up cans and bottles,
I'm sure we'll collect a lot,
Then we'll recycle what we've got. Oh, you all come.

We'll sing, "Save all living creatures," you all come.
We'll sing, "Save all living creatures," you all come.
We'll sing, "Save all living creatures,
Save the whales, the birds, and trees."
We'll have a happy Earth Day party, you all come!
(Repeat chorus.) The End

Working on the trash

Sung to: "I've Been Working on the Railroad"

We've been working on RECYCLING All the trash we can,
We've been working on recycling, It's a very simple plan,
Separate your glass and paper, Separate your plastic and tin.
Take the trash that you've recycled To your recycling bin!
We've been working on REDUCING All the trash we can.
We've been working on reducing It's a very simple plan
Don't go wasting any products, Use just exactly what you need.
Don't buy things in extra wrapping, Reduce and you'll succeed!
We've been working on REUSING All the trash we can.
We've been working on reusing, It's a very simple plan.
If it's a paper bag you're using, Don't use it once, use it twice!
Give old clothes and toys to someone, To reuse them would be nice!

This Land Is Our Land!

Sung to: "This Land Is Your Land"

We must take care of the world we live in.
We must not waste what nature has given.
We need clean air, soil, and water, too,
This land was made for me and you!

Chorus:

This land is our land; we must respect it.
We must protect it, and not neglect it.
If we take care of what we've been given
This land will stay for you and me!

We breathe the air and we feel the sunlight,
Our plants need water and soil to grow right.

We need both plants and animals, too.
This land was made for me and you!

Repeat Chorus

Pollution poisons our air and farmlands.
It's not from nature, but from our own hands.
The health of nature rests on what you do.
This land was made for me and you!

Repeat Chorus

Down at the dump

Sung to: "Down by the station"

Down at the dump early in the morning,
See the dump trucks standing in a row.
See them dump the garbage
In a great big pile,
dump, dump, dump, dump,
watch them go.

Pretty soon our dumps will all be full,
We had better figure out something to do.
We could all recycle
Some of our garbage,
Recycle, recycle,
Watch us go.

Earth Day Song

Sung to: "Down by the station"

Mary Had a Little Lamb"
Plant a seed and you will see,
you will see, you will see,
Plant a seed and you will see
What a beautiful world it can be.
Help us to recycle things,
recycle things, recycle things,
Help us to recycle things,
What a beautiful world it brings.
Put your trash where it belongs,
where it belongs, where it belongs,
Put your trash where it belongs,
And the world stays beautiful for long.

Litter is Garbage

Sung to: "The Wheels on the Bus"

Litter is garbage that wasn't put away,
Wasn't put away,
Wasn't put away,
Litter is garbage that wasn't put away,
In the garbage can.

I put my garbage in the garbage can,
The garbage can, The garbage can,
I put my garbage in the garbage can,
I'm not a litterbug.

Earth Day song

Sung to: "Twinkle Twinkle Little Star"

Earth Day, Earth Day,
Comes once a year.
But we should make our message clear.
Love and clean our Earth each day.
Make that plan a plan to stay.
Earth Day, Earth Day,
Comes once a year,
Love and care for our Earth so dear.

Pollution Song

Sung to: "My Bonnie Lies Over the Ocean"

The litter blows over the highway
The litter blows over the park: Unless we do something to stop it
The world will be *LITTERALY* dark
pick up, pick up, oh pick up the litter you see, you see.
Pick up, pick up, oh pick, the litter you see.
The cars that drive over the highway
Are spewing exhaust in the air
We're leading our world to extinction.
And just don't seem to care
Bring back, bring back, bring back a clean world to me to me
Bring back, bring back, please bring back a clean world to me.
God gave us clean air for our breathing
But we just don't keep it that way:
Instead we pollute it from smoke stacks
and breath in the garbage each day
Bring back, bring back, bring back a clean world to me to me.
Bring back, bring back, please bring back a clean world to me.

God's Good Earth

Sung to: "Jesus Loves Me"

Let's take care of God's good earth,
water, forest, air, and soil
Don't toss out that used time foil
Ride your bike and don't burn oil.

CHORUS

Love one another
Share with each other
Save God's good earth
And learn to do with less
Only buy the things you need
Enjoy the simple things in life
Do a hobby, play some game...
Eat at home, invite some friends

Earth Day song**Sung to:** "Mulberry Bush"

This is the way we pick up trash,
pick up trash, pick up trash.
This is the way we pick up trash
To help our Mother Earth.

Recycling Song**Sung to:** "Row Row Row Your Boat"

Save, save, save the cans, throw them in the bin,
We can help to save the earth if we all pitch in.
Save, save, save the paper....
Save, save, save the bottles....
Save, save, save the plastics....

Recycling In My Home**Sung to:** "wheels on the bus"

Recycling in my home goes round and round,
Round and round, round and round.
Recycling in my home goes round and round,
All through the day.
Tie up the papers and take them back,
Take them back, take them back.
Tie up the papers and take them back,
All through the day.
Crush the cans and take them back.....
Rinse the milk bottles and take them back....
Save the glass and take it back.....

Caring, Sharing

Sung to: "My Bonnie Lies over the Ocean"

This world is a great place to live in
With friends from all over the Earth
We all must take care of each other
And know what each person is worth.

Chorus: Caring, sharing
Come join hands together in play...today
Caring, sharing
We'll make the world better today!

So treat every person with kindness
And greet each new friend with a smile
The world needs our new understanding
Give kindness a chance for a while

Repeat chorus

Earth Day Song

Sung to: "Mary Had a Little Lamb"

Plant a seed and you will see,
you will see, you will see,
Plant a seed and you will see
What a beautiful world it can be.

Help us to recycle things,
recycle things, recycle things,
Help us to recycle things,
What a beautiful world it brings.

Put your trash where it belongs,
where it belongs, where it belongs,
Put your trash where it belongs,
And the world stays beautiful for long.

Recycling Song

Sung to: "Mulberry Bush"

Recycling is the smart thing to do,
smart thing to do, smart thing to do.
Recycling is the smart thing to do,
separating things we can use.

Love Our World

Sung to: "If You're Happy and You Know it"

If you love our world, clap your hands (clap, clap)
If you love our world, clap your hands (clap, clap)
If you love our world, really love our great big world;
If you love our world, clap your hands! (clap, clap)

If you love our world, plant new trees (new trees!)
If you love our world, plant new trees (new trees!)
If you love our world, plant new trees for birds and bees;
If you love our world, plant new trees! (new trees!)

If you love our world, recycle (recycle!)
If you love our world, recycle (recycle!)
If you love our world, then recycle and reuse;
If you love our world, recycle! (recycle!)

If you love our world do your part (do your part!)
If you love our world do your part (do your part!)
If you love our world, really love our great big world;
If you love our world, BE SMART! (be smart!!)

Recycling

Sung to: "Ten in a bed"

A can in the bin
And another went in.
Recycle! Recycle!
We all recycled and added a can.
There were two in the bin and another went in.
Recycle! Recycle!
Continue to you get to five...

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