

## Activity for Children

### GETTING YOUR CHILD TO THINK ABOUT RECYCLING

Look at the amount of rubbish your household puts in the bin every day. **It's a lot, right?** Now imagine how much rubbish the whole world throws away! Is there anything you could recycle instead of throwing it away?

### RECYCLING FACTS

- By 2025 the EU wants to recycle 50% of all plastic
- It takes 1 million years for a glass bottle to break down
- Recycling one ton of paper waste saves 17 trees.
- One million plastic drink bottles are sold every minute around the world.
- You can make a bicycle out of 650 recycled aluminium cans.

Brainstorm ways that you can reduce, reuse, and recycle items instead of throwing them away.

These might include things like:

- Using a reusable shopping bag instead of a plastic one
- Choosing paper straws over plastic straws
- Avoiding plastic bottles and using refillable bottles instead
- Find new uses for old items
- Donate old clothes to charity shops or clothing banks

### ACTIVITY - MAKE A PLANT POT FROM A PLASTIC BOTTLE

#### MATERIALS NEEDED:

Plastic water bottles  
Paint  
Paintbrush  
Tape  
Scissors  
Plant

#### DIRECTIONS:

- Use the scissors to cut your bottle in half. (Scissors are sharp so you may need help from an adult.) Recycle the other half.
- Paint and decorate your bottle with your favourite colours.
- Put holes in the bottom of the plastic bottle with your scissors. This stops the soil from getting too wet.
- Add soil and put in your plant.
- Find a place for your plant pot where it can get the sun.
- Sit back and admire your work!

## Glossary and Tips for Parents

There are some words in this comic script that young people may not be familiar with. We have included this short glossary to explain what they mean.

**Climate Change:** This describes a change in the weather for a region over a long period of time. For example, a change in temperature or the amount of rain.

**Greenhouse gases:** Gases such as carbon dioxide and methane, that trap heat coming from the Earth, causing climate change.

**Landfill:** This is a place where all the rubbish we throw away is sent and stored.

**Recycle:** This is collecting materials that would have been thrown away and turning them into something new. Recycling is an important way to reduce the amount of waste we send to landfill.

**Reduce:** To use less.

**Reuse:** To use something again. This saves money, energy, and resources.



**FAMILY FOOTPRINTS**

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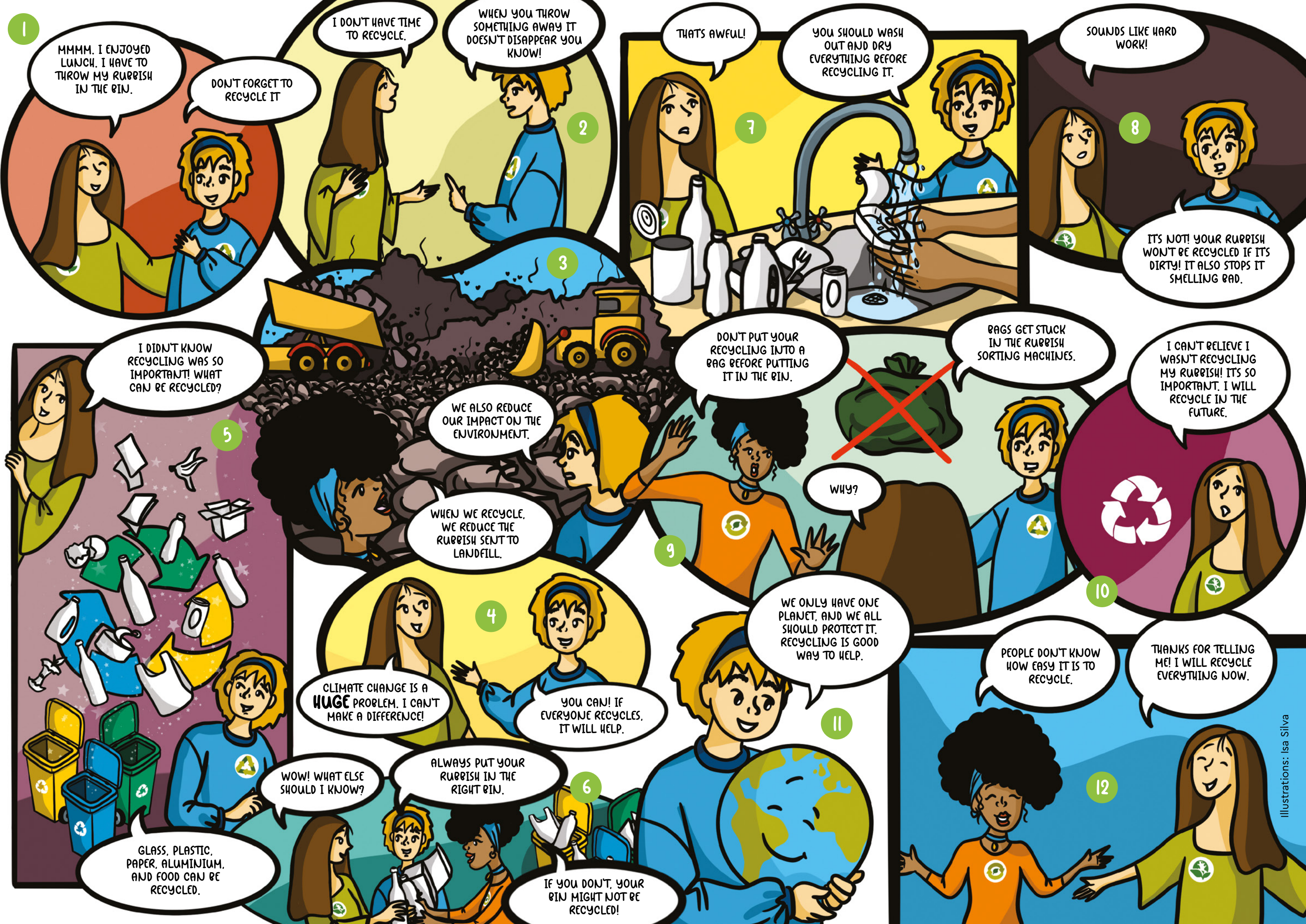
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# Recycling



**FAMILY FOOTPRINTS**





1  
 MMM. I ENJOYED LUNCH. I HAVE TO THROW MY RUBBISH IN THE BIN.  
 DON'T FORGET TO RECYCLE IT

2  
 I DON'T HAVE TIME TO RECYCLE.  
 WHEN YOU THROW SOMETHING AWAY IT DOESN'T DISAPPEAR YOU KNOW!

3  
 THAT'S AWFUL!  
 YOU SHOULD WASH OUT AND DRY EVERYTHING BEFORE RECYCLING IT.

4  
 SOUNDS LIKE HARD WORK!  
 IT'S NOT! YOUR RUBBISH WON'T BE RECYCLED IF IT'S DIRTY! IT ALSO STOPS IT SMELLING BAD.

5  
 I DIDN'T KNOW RECYCLING WAS SO IMPORTANT! WHAT CAN BE RECYCLED?

6  
 WE ALSO REDUCE OUR IMPACT ON THE ENVIRONMENT.  
 WHEN WE RECYCLE, WE REDUCE THE RUBBISH SENT TO LANDFILL.

7  
 DON'T PUT YOUR RECYCLING INTO A BAG BEFORE PUTTING IT IN THE BIN.  
 BAGS GET STUCK IN THE RUBBISH SORTING MACHINES.

8  
 I CAN'T BELIEVE I WASN'T RECYCLING MY RUBBISH! IT'S SO IMPORTANT. I WILL RECYCLE IN THE FUTURE.

9  
 GLASS, PLASTIC, PAPER, ALUMINIUM, AND FOOD CAN BE RECYCLED.

10  
 CLIMATE CHANGE IS A HUGE PROBLEM. I CAN'T MAKE A DIFFERENCE!  
 YOU CAN! IF EVERYONE RECYCLES, IT WILL HELP.  
 WOW! WHAT ELSE SHOULD I KNOW?  
 ALWAYS PUT YOUR RUBBISH IN THE RIGHT BIN.  
 IF YOU DON'T, YOUR BIN MIGHT NOT BE RECYCLED!

11  
 WE ONLY HAVE ONE PLANET, AND WE ALL SHOULD PROTECT IT. RECYCLING IS GOOD WAY TO HELP.

12  
 PEOPLE DON'T KNOW HOW EASY IT IS TO RECYCLE.  
 THANKS FOR TELLING ME! I WILL RECYCLE EVERYTHING NOW.