

Earth Day activities for preschoolers allow young learners to understand the importance of taking care of the environment. With engaging crafts, activity games, and eco-friendly lessons, children can learn lifelong green behaviours in a fun way.

### **Lesson Objectives**

1. Teach preschoolers the importance of Earth Day.
2. Impart green habits like recycling and water conservation.
3. Develop motor and cognitive skills through hands-on activities.
4. Teach love for nature through reading and crafts.

### **Materials Needed for Earth Day Activities for Preschoolers**

- Recyclables (paper, plastic bottles, cardboard)
- Earth-themed picture books
- Earth Day-themed coloring pages
- Paint, glue, scissors, and paper
- Small pots and seeds for plants
- Spray bottles or watering cans

### **Interactive Discussion: Why Should We Care About Earth?**

Ask questions to engage children:

- "What do we throw away in the trash?"
- "Where does water originate?"
- "What can we do to make the Earth clean?"
- Encourage responses and bring up concepts like recycling, water conservation, and planting trees.

### **Recycling Sort Game**

Objective: Teach kids how to sort recyclables.

- Provide a mix of recyclable and non-recyclable materials.
- Have three bins with the names: Paper, Plastic, and Trash.
- Let kids sort the material into their respective bins.
- Tell kids why recycling is best for the Earth.

### **Handprint Earth Craft**

**Objective:** Enhance creativity while reinforcing Earth Day themes.

- Give each child a round paper or plate to represent Earth.
- Let them dip their hands in blue and green paint to create an Earth handprint.
- Discuss how their hands can help the planet.

### **Planting a Tiny Garden**

**Objective:** Teach children how plants help the environment.

- Give each child a small pot, some soil, and a seed.
- Show children how to plant and water seeds.
- Explain how to clean the air and supply oxygen through plants.
- Get children to tend their plants at home.

### **Story Time - 'The Earth Book' by Todd Parr**

**Objective:** Reinforce learning through storytelling.

- Read the book aloud with exciting expressions.
- Ask questions about the story: "What did the character do to help the Earth?"
- Connect the book's message to their activities.

### **Wrap-Up and Reflection on Earth Day Activities for Preschoolers**

- Request children to tell one thing they learned.
- Sing an Earth Day song together.
- Reward each child with an "Earth Helper" sticker or certificate.

### **Assessment and Follow-Up**

- Track sorting and crafting activity participation.
- Encourage parents to carry environmentally friendly practices home with them.
- Send home an Earth Day colouring page or green activity checklist for kids.