

For the Home

Little Things Make a Big Difference

Let's show our children the power they have to positively influence the world around them, and show them that little things do make a big difference.

Watch this!

Play *A Whale's Tale*

- In this film, a boy notices plastic in his fishing net. We follow the net as it falls deep into the ocean and gets stuck on a whale. This whale sees the effects of water pollution and does his part to clean up the ocean. But he cannot do it alone and gets help from everyone in order to succeed.



Talk about it!

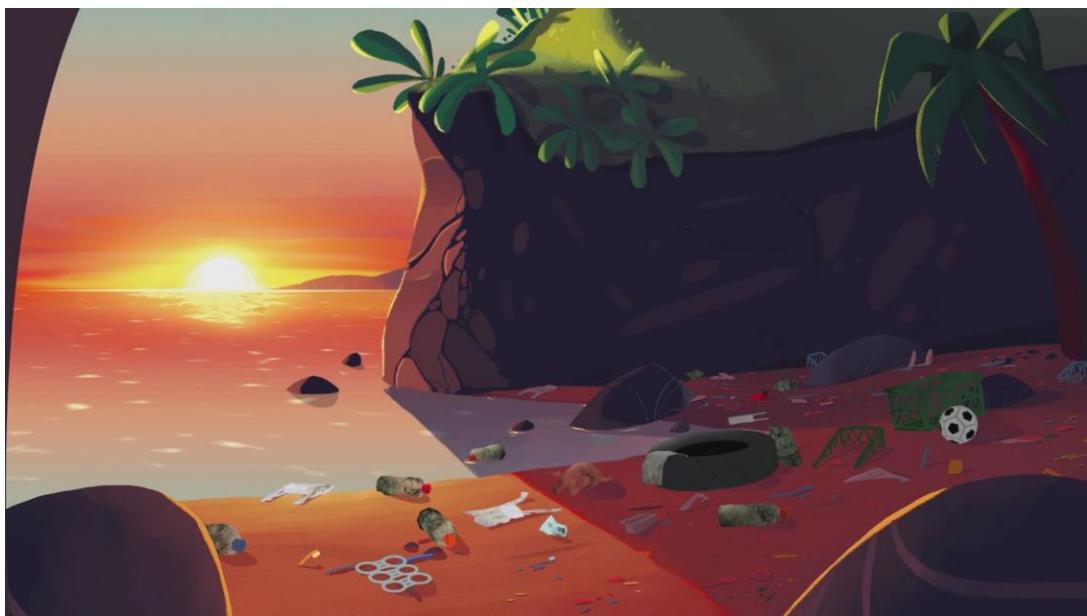
	What did your child take away from the film? Ask him/her!	How can your child relate this film to their own lives? Ask them!
Emotions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">What was the boy trying to do at the beginning?How did seeing the plastic in his fishing net make him feel?What happened to the animals that were surrounded by the plastic?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Do you feel like pollution is a big deal or not?Have you ever been involved in a community clean up?How did helping make you feel?Did you see a big difference before and after the clean up?
Reasoning	<ul style="list-style-type: none">What animals were affected by the plastic in the ocean?How were the animals affected?Can one small piece of plastic garbage affect an animal?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Do you recognize the garbage in the film as something that you might find in your school or in your house?Do you think that it is okay to use plastic as long as you throw it away in a garbage can?
Actions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The huge whale took it upon himself to clean up the ocean. Did it work?In the end, there were a lot of boats surrounding the whale. What were they doing there? Were the humans helping?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">We all learn about the importance of doing our part to keep the world healthy. What have you done? What could you do? Cleaning up is not fun, but the feeling of helping others is. Would you agree with that?

Try this!

What can you do to help the problem today?

Help your child see that they can do something to help make the world a better place.

- In the film, it showed all of the things that were lying on the beach.



- Look at the image and ask your child to circle all of the things that can be found in your home.
- Open your refrigerator and count the number of plastic, glass, and metal items that will be discarded when they are empty.
- Come up with a plan to waste less by reusing more.

Reuse!

Help children find creative ways to reuse what you had intended to throw out.

- Pull out a plastic bottle from the recycling bin.
- Wash it and let it air dry.
- Tell your child that you are going to be making a piggy bank out of the bottle.
- Glue 4 bottle caps to the side of the bottle. These will be the legs.
- Draw 2 small circles on the top to act as the snout.
- Cut out and glue paper ears onto the top of the bottle.
- Draw 2 eyes on your pig.
- Don't forget to cut a slot in the top for the money!
- Encourage your child to use the piggy bank to save money, and the environment!