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A special note from Friendly the Eagle

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SAVE THE EARTH: SKIP THE PLASTIC

Everyone knows we should recycle, but there are still tons of plastic that still ends up in our landfills, taking up space and energy to destroy it.

Here are some easy things you can do to help the Earth and skip the plastic:

- Say no to plastic straws - use paper or reusable straws instead
- Fill up a reusable water bottle at a fountain
- Pack sandwiches and snacks in cloth sacks or reusable containers
- Go for the cone instead of a scoop of ice cream in a plastic dish

Source: <https://kids.nationalgeographic.com/explore/nature/kids-vs-plastic/10-tips-to-reduce-your-plastic-use/>

How long does it take trash to decompose?

- Styrofoam - never biodegrades
 - Glass - 1000 years
 - Plastic Bottles - 450 years
 - Aluminum Can - 80-200 years
 - Plastic containers - 50-80
 - Plastic bags - 10-20 years
 - Newspaper - 6 weeks
 - Orange or banana peel - 2-5 weeks
 - Paper towel - 2-4 weeks
- Until these items decompose, they are stuck in our landfills and can make their way to our oceans.

Source: <https://safety4sea.com/marine-debris-long-gone/>

GIVING WISELY

Part of becoming financially responsible is learning how to save your money - and spend it - wisely. There are a lot of things you can spend your money on, from things you need (like food, clothing and shelter) to things you want (like a new toy or going to the movies). But there is another way you can spend your money - giving it to charity.

WHY GIVE YOUR MONEY?

One of the main reasons to give, or donate, your money is that it helps the people, animals, and even the environment, in your local community, making the place where you live better for everyone. There are places, called non-profit organizations, that work hard to help their community (some examples of non-profits are the food pantry, humane society or Greenpeace). These places are like businesses, but instead of earning money by selling a product or service, they depend on people to donate their money to keep their organization running.

"I don't think you ever stop giving. I really don't. I think it's an on-going process. And it's not just about being able to write a check. It's being able to touch somebody's life."

- Oprah Winfrey

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Don't forget to go to the Friendly's Club page on our website, at the beginning of each month, to view the new monthly trivia question. Answer the question at any Waukesha State Bank office, and get a token that you can redeem for cool prizes.

FUNDRAISING IDEAS

Giving your own money is great, but what if you asked your family and friends to chip in and made one giant donation?

Here are some fun ideas to help you raise money.

- Ask your parents if you all can join a run/walk for a non-profit
- Host a bake or craft sale
- Help your neighbors clean up their yard and donate the money you earn



DIY "GIVE" PIGGY BANK

Chances are you already have a piggy bank to save your money for something you want to buy. Why not make one for money you want to give?

What you need:

- A container with a lid (you could even recycle an old bottle or jar!)
- A label, or a small piece of paper and tape
- A Marker

How to make your bank:

1. If you're using a used container, wash it out with soapy water and let it dry completely.
2. Using the label or paper and a marker, write the word "GIVE" on it and tape it to the front of your container.
3. If your container has a soft lid, you could cut a slit in it so you can add your money at the top. Otherwise you can simply remove the lid when you have money to add.
4. That's it! Now you're ready to start adding money to give away or donate.

Optional Ideas:

- Make a list of how much money you want to save up to give and where you want to donate it to.
- Decorate your bank with stickers or whatever other decorations you have.

HOW DO YOU KNOW WHERE TO DONATE YOUR MONEY?

If you search online, you can find all sorts of non-profit organizations that need donations. According to *A Kid's Guide to Giving**, deciding how to donate your money can be broken down into four steps:

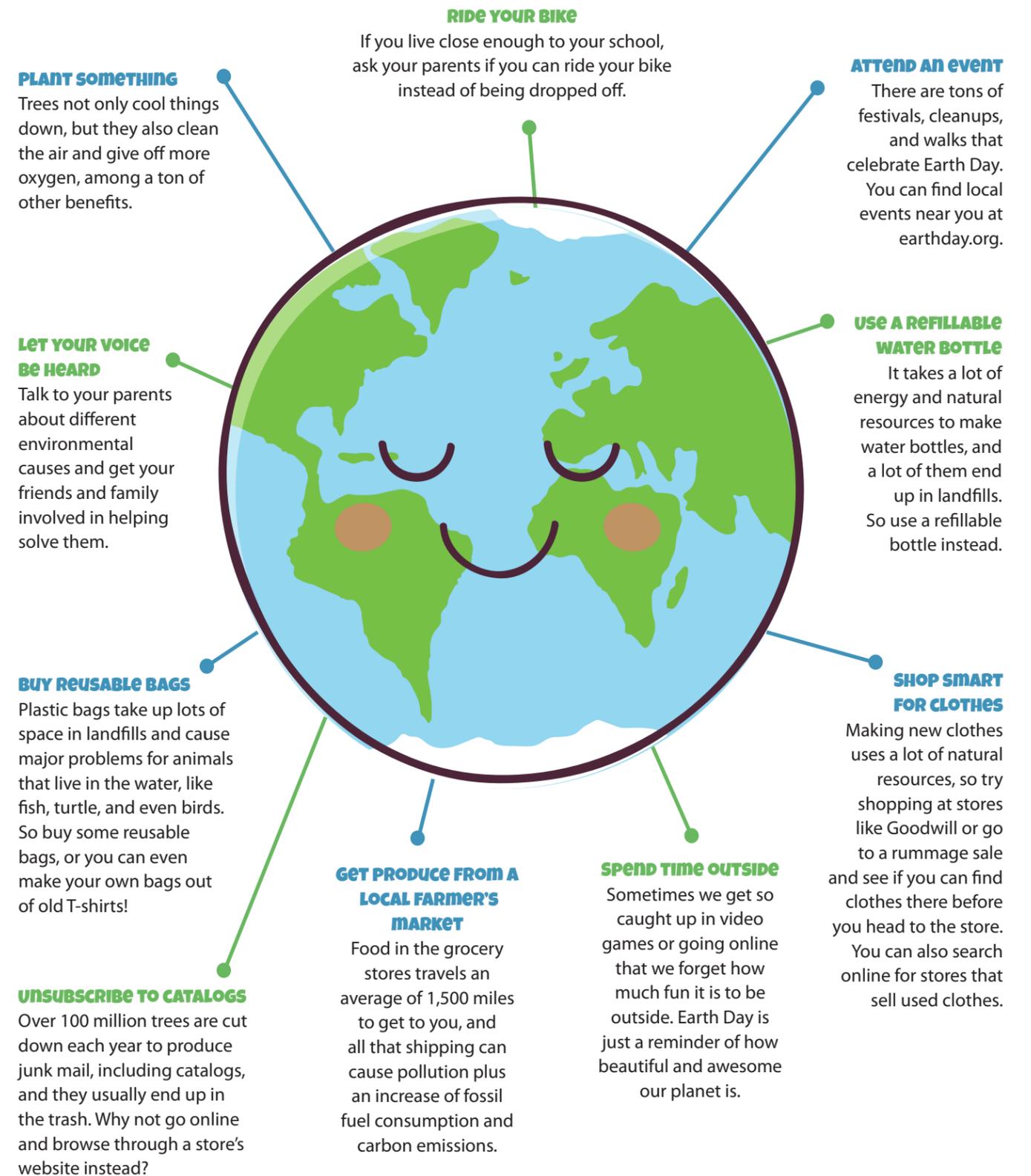
1. Look into your heart and think about what cause means the most to you. Maybe it's helping people who can't afford food or are homeless, helping animals, or even keeping our environment clean.
2. Search online to find those organizations with causes that you love.
3. Decide if you want to simply donate your money, or maybe even volunteer your time or help the organization fundraise to get more funds they can use.
4. Spread the word. Make a list of your favorite organizations and send it to your friends and family so they can make a donation on your behalf instead of buying you a birthday or Christmas gift. They may even want to help and get more involved themselves!

No matter where you choose to give your money, you'll feel great knowing that you are doing something to help a cause that's important to you.

**For more information, visit <http://www.networkforgood.org/KidsGuideToGiving>.*

10 SIMPLE THINGS TO DO TO CELEBRATE EARTH DAY

Earth Day is on April 22nd! Here are some fun ways to celebrate:



Source: <https://www.teenvogue.com/story/10-ways-celebrate-earth-day>