



# ONE PLANET

## VALUES-BASED ASSEMBLY



### Aim

To find out ways we can care for our planet



### Bible verse

'God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to farm the land and to take care of it.'

(Genesis 2:15 *GOD'S WORD*)



### Resources

- PowerPoint presentation
- 'One Planet' video
- One Planet promise cards (optional) colour and black-and-white option
- One Planet sticker (optional)



### You will need:

- A large beautifully decorated giftbox with a gift ribbon. Inside place a 3D representation of planet Earth (eg a globe or a ball covered with an image of the world). Leave the gift on display at the front, perhaps on a table.
- If using the promise cards, print enough for each pupil, then cut and assemble into a bundle for each class.
- If using the planet stickers, insert the image into a sheet of circular sticker labels then print.

If using the promise cards, include either slide 17 or 18.



## INTRODUCTION

### Slide 1 - Giftbox

*Introduce yourself and welcome pupils to assembly.*

Hello and welcome to assembly. I'm really excited today; today has started off really well. Can you guess why? *Take several answers.* I was given this lovely gift.

*As you talk to the pupils, play about and be very careless with the giftbox. Eg balance it in one hand, toss it from hand to hand, leave it over the edge of the table, hold the ribbon with one finger and swing it, almost drop it ...*



# RIGHT TRACKS

My friend popped by and gave me this amazing looking gift. I'm not sure why. It's not my birthday, I haven't done anything special, or won a competition or passed an exam. My friend just said, 'I saw this and knew you would love it. It's perfect for you!' I'm so excited. It's been ages since I've been given a gift. It's put a huge smile on my face today. I can't wait to open it. I have not a clue what it could be.

*At some point while you are speaking, drop the gift (or drop and accidentally step on it or kick it) and look shocked. Dramatically go over and pick it up.*

Oh, no! Is it broken? *Shake the gift and listen to it.* I'm not sure. Oh, I can't believe this happened. What am I going to tell my friend? What bad luck. I can't believe it might be damaged. And I didn't do anything wrong - did I? *Try and look guilty!* Or is there something I should have done?

*Encourage the pupils to suggest ways you could have looked after the gift better.*

You're right. When I was given this amazing gift, I should have looked after it. There were lots of things I could have done differently. I wonder if there is anything inside worth saving.

## MAIN TALK

*Open the gift. Take out the model world.*

I don't believe it! It's the world! Our world! What an amazing gift! My friend was right - it's exactly what I need and it's perfect! And it looks OK - for now ... But if we don't look after it, it won't be. Our planet, our home, needs our help.



### Slide 2 - Ways to look after our planet

I'm sure you know lots of ways we can look after our planet.

*Quickly go through each category, encouraging pupils to share two or three ideas of what we can do to care for our planet. General ideas are also included, if needed. Click to reveal a key phrase from the song.*



### Slides 3 & 4 - Plastic

What can we do to reduce how much plastic we use? (*Reduce the amount; recycle unwanted plastic; re-use for another purpose.*)





# RIGHT TRACKS

'If we use less plastic, that would be fantastic.' So which idea do we do? All of them!



## Slides 5 & 6 - Energy

How can we use less energy? (*Reduce vehicle use; switch off lights in empty rooms; switch off or unplug unused electrical equipment - check with an adult first.*)

'If we walk or ride, or we turn out the lights.' So which idea do we do? All of them!



## Slides 7 & 8 - Rubbish

What do we do with items when we don't want them any more? (*Recycle in correct bins; re-use for another purpose; if good quality, donate to charity or give to someone.*)

'Recycle what you use.' So which idea do we do? All of them!



## Slides 9 & 10 - Food

What about the food we eat? (*Recycle scraps - food composting; save leftovers for another meal; find out which food grows near you or grows in which season.*)

'Eat food that's grown near you.' So which idea do we do? All of them!



## Slide 11 - Effects

If we all tried our best at each and every one of these ideas, if we all acted together, imagine what changes we could make! We could reduce pollution. We could clear up the oceans and the land. The world would become a better place for you and me and all the animals - a cleaner and better place. The world was once exactly like that.



## Slides 12 & 13 - Christian perspective

Christians believe that God created and gave us this planet, that this amazing world is a gift from God. Near the beginning of the Bible, the special holy book for Christians, there is the story of the Garden of Eden - which was an amazing place God created. God gave the garden as a gift for people to live in as it had everything the people needed. They just had to look after it.





# RIGHT TRACKS

‘God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to farm the land and to take care of it.’

(Genesis 2:15 GOD’S WORD)

This instruction, to work the land and to take care of the land, is the very first instruction, the very first rule that God gave.



## Slide 14 - Salvation Army perspective

The Salvation Army, as a Christian church and charity, takes this command very seriously. It is committed to caring for our planet.

The Salvation Army believes God gave us this amazing gift, this world we call home, because God cares for us and wants us to live our best life. But this is not possible unless our planet is protected and cared for. All over the world people’s lives are being affected by climate change and pollution, so The Salvation Army works with communities to help those who are affected and to prevent further harm. The Salvation Army also campaigns, to raise awareness and to change laws to help protect our planet.

Caring for creation is one of The Salvation Army’s top priorities. This means that every member, volunteer and employee of The Salvation Army is committed to looking after the environment and preventing further damage.



## REFLECTION

### Slide 15 - Reflection

Let’s take a moment to reflect on what we can each individually do to care for our planet - this amazing world which has everything we need. After all, this is our home.

*Pause for a short reflection time.*



## SONG

### Slide 16 - Song

To help raise awareness, The Salvation Army has created a song to share with you. You have already shown an amazing understanding of what we need to do to care for our planet. Let’s celebrate by singing this song, ‘One planet’ Some of the lyrics may be a little familiar to you already!

*Play the song ‘One Planet’ and encourage pupils to sing along.*





# RIGHT TRACKS



## Slides 17 & 18 - Promise card (optional)

*Display the black-and-white or colour promise card. Explain how to fill out the card, using examples the pupils shared earlier. Give a class bundle to each teacher, or to a pupil from each class if the teacher is not there.*



## Slide 19 - Goodbye

*Thank the pupils and staff for letting you be a part of their assembly.*

*You may wish to give pupils a sticker (or the sheets of stickers to each teacher) as they leave.*

*Play the song 'One Planet' as pupils leave.*

