

# R-E-C-Y-C-L-E ME

## Production Notes

R-E-C-Y-C-L-E ME is an upbeat musical production using child created puppets made from recyclables.

The project is expandable to include any number of children and can be adapted for all ages of elementary school students.

R-E-C-Y-C-L-E ME can be used as a quick create and perform project or used as a unit study with fact finding research that would be incorporated in the program.

R-E-C-Y-C-L-E ME has a family follow up plan that encourages children to take responsibility in educating parents and making it a family project.

### YOU WILL NEED TO COLLECT:

Plastic bottles of all sizes    Water, milk, juice

Plastic containers

Cardboard boxes and containers...all kinds, shapes and sizes

Paper towel rolls and toilet tissue rolls

Paper bags

Newspapers

Bottle caps and lids

Tabs from drink cans

Aluminum drink cans

Cans of all sizes with lids removed with no sharp edges

Larger cardboard boxes for set construction

Paper plates and cups made of recycled materials

Plastic knives, spoons and forks

Old wooden spoons

Re-purposed craft supply additions for decorations    Ribbon, fabric, felt, foam, yarn, buttons  
artificial flowers and greens

### YOU WILL NEED TO BUY:

Low temperature glue guns and low temperature glue sticks

Tacky Fabric Glue

Movable eyes of all sizes

### PUPPET CONSTRUCTION:

1. Decide on type of puppet and choose materials for person or animal  
Body    Arms    Legs
2. Choose head and face materials    Design puppet face    glue features in place
3. Choose hair style and select materials
4. Glue puppet together    Attach face to head
5. Add hair    Add clothes for people    Decorate

## GETTING STARTED

### SETTING THE STAGE:

Put a variety of recyclables in a basket in front of the stage, representing all the different items used in the script. I use artificial trees and/or plants on each side of the stage or performing area if no stage is used. I put bird puppets in the trees and paper in the branches to represent the second line of the script. I combine R-E-C-Y-C-L-E ME with The Habitat Is Where It's At and have the Habitat puppets as part of the set. See Habitat Production Notes for directions. We finish the performance with Our World Is A Wonderful Place.

Divide the script according to the number of children Example: A narrator can be used to announce the program and do the first 2 lines. Then divide the rest of the lines one or two at a time and have everyone join in on the last 2 lines.

Next: Go right into singing R-E-C-Y-C-L-E ME and divide the script the same way according to the number of puppeteers. The Narrator picks up each group of the recyclables or points at them as the puppets do the lines or it can also be used without a stage having children pick up the recyclables as they say the lines of each part.

To make picking up the groups easy, glue several items together so the group can be picked up as one item

### ECOLOGY FOR YOU AND ME

Ecology for you and me  
It's as easy as can be  
You have to care  
and be aware  
And everyone treat this world fair  
When you understand  
You need to lend a hand  
We'll do good throughout this land

Ecology for you and me  
It's as easy as can be!

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## **R-E-C-Y-C-L-E ME**

When a pile of trash like this you see  
**It always says RECYCLE ME**

When litter on the sidewalk is as messy as can be  
**It always says RECYCLE ME**

When paper gets caught in the branches of a tree  
**It always says RECYCLE ME**

When cans thrown down on the ground roll free  
**It always says RECYCLE ME**

Milk bottles....cereal boxes....egg cartons, too  
**It's time to RECYCLE for me and you**

Puppets enter: Swinging and singing

### **R-E-C-Y-C-L-E**

Recycle me! ( DRUM: Pum pum pum pum pum pum pum)

### **R-E-C-Y-C-L-E**

Yes, you can see.. ( DRUM: Pum pum pum pum pum pum pum)

**R-E-C-Y-C-L-E      It's as easy as 1-2-3**  
**RECYCLE ME**

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# **OUR WORLD IS A WONDERFUL PLACE**

## **REFRAIN:**

**Our world is a wonderful place  
You can tell by the smile on my face  
Our world is a wonderful place  
As long as we keep it clean**

**The sky is a beautiful blue...A beautiful blue  
It watches over you  
The sky is a beautiful blue  
As long as we keep it clean**

## **REFRAIN:**

**The trees and the grass are a beautiful green  
As you have seen...what a beautiful green  
The trees and grass are a beautiful green  
As long as we keep them clean**

## **REFRAIN:**

**The rivers flowing free  
Our responsibility  
To keep this world clean  
Wherever we all go...in summer or in snow  
We have to keep the world clean...OH YES!  
We ALL have to keep the world clean.**

**Our world is a wonderful place  
You can tell by the smile on my face  
Our world is a wonderful place  
As long as we keep it clean**

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