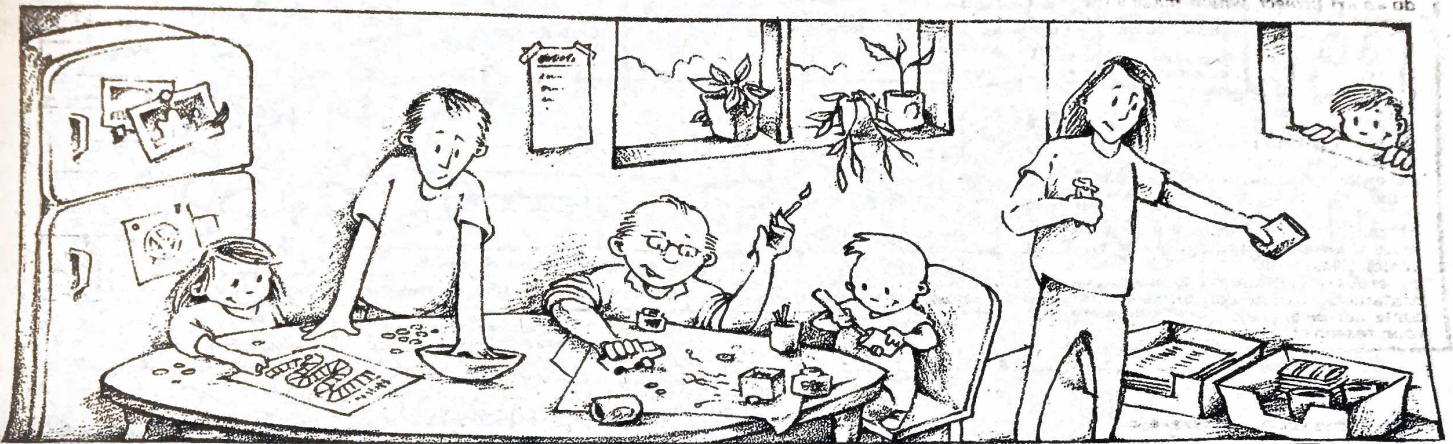


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Take Home Activities

TRY THESE ACTIVITIES WITH FRIENDS & FAMILY



Re • duce: To not use or buy items which are unnecessary or disposable.

Preycling Check-list

To "precycle" means to consider how you will dispose of an item before you buy it. Make a chart and go through each room in your house and write down how each item will be disposed of. You'll probably see many things which are valuable to you or your family, and these will be reused in some way. There are probably items which can be recycled. You might find many items which you could do without - or do with something different. We make choices when we buy things and bring them into our homes. What kind of choices does your family make?

Re • use: To use an item again for its original purpose or a new purpose.

Reuse Party

Any excuse for a party! Host a party next time there are good leftovers in the refrigerator. Make party games and favors from reused materials - magazines, catalogues, cardboard boxes and tubing. Many plastic items are good sources for materials. For the highlight of the party, have a "reuse gift exchange" where guests bring an item that is 100% usable but 100% unwanted by them - this is particularly fun done "grab bag" style.



Re • cycle: The official definition is "collecting, reprocessing, marketing and using materials once considered garbage."

Recycling at Home:

When we say we are "recycling" in our homes we usually mean we are collecting materials once considered garbage. To make recycling easy it is necessary to collect these materials in places that make sense for how your home is organized. Pretend you are a special designer who has been hired by your family to design the perfect recycling system for your home. You might want to draw pictures of it or maybe make a model (out of reused materials of course.) Show it to your family - maybe they will "hire" you to make it real.

