

## CURIOSITY TIME: TOYS, NOT TRASH

**VIDEO:** Toys, not trash

**LEARNING OBJECTIVE:** Students will learn about the importance of recycling, donating and reusing things they no longer need

**FOR AGES:** 4-8 years old

**LESSON TIME:** 1 hour



### INTRO (5'):

Tell your students that today you will be learning about the importance of recycling, reusing and donating their things.

- Ask for your pupils to sit down on the carpet facing the board, and project [this video](#).

### LESSON (20'):

- Place three pieces of paper in the center of the classroom.
- Write reuse/donate/recycle on each one of them
- Pair up your students so that everyone has a partner
- Tell your students they will have 10 minutes to go around the classroom and find something to place in each pile (next to each piece of paper)
- For the next 10 minutes, go over the three piles and together decide if the elements in each pile should be reused/donated/recycled

Tell students they will earn a point for each item they put in the correct pile.



## PRACTICE (30'):

### WORKSHEET FOR YOUNGER STUDENTS (PAGE 1)

With the help of their teacher, younger students will focus on the spelling of the words REUSE/RECYCLE/DONATE. With the help of their classmates, students will be asked to draw the examples given in the video for each of the concepts they have learned: reusing/recycling/donating

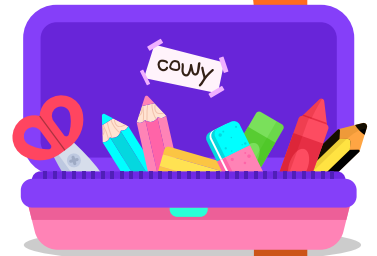
### WORKSHEET FOR YOUNGER STUDENTS (PAGE 2)

Students will explain the differences between reusing/recycling/donating, think of an example for each of them, and draw a picture to illustrate it.

*\* The teacher should feel free to use **these materials** in any way that matches the needs of their students: promoting independent work, getting students in turns to do the activities on the board, etc.*

## TRANSITION TO THE NEXT CLASS (5'):

Allow for students to clean up the classroom, put materials away, and get ready for the next class.



## ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR CURIOSITY TIME: TOYS, NOT TRASH

### DONATE BED SHEETS AND SHOES

Did you know that typically the things that charities need the most are bed sheets and shoes? With the help of a grown up select bed sheets and shoes that are clean and in good condition but that no longer serve you. Ask your other family members, friends and neighbors to do the same. Once you have them all clean and ready to go, donate them to a charity or an organization that will give them a second home.



### REUSE BACKYARD SALE:



Backyard sales are a great way to declutter your home and ensure your no-longer-needed-stuff is getting reused. For starters, we suggest you go through your clothes, toys and books and select those that you no longer use. List them on a piece of paper and then label each of them with a price. Create flyers stating the location and date for your backyard sale, then share them with your neighbors. Alternatively, you can check if there are any local flea markets in your area that you could join. Ask your family members and/or classmates to help or participate as well!

### RECYCLE OUTDOOR CLEANING:

For this activity you will need rubber gloves and trash bags. Talk to grown ups and friends and organize a hike in a nearby area so that you can enjoy some time outdoors together. The goal for this outing is to pick up the trash you find on your way and place it later into the correct recycling bin. This way you are killing two birds with one stone: you are helping to clean the environment, and you are recycling the trash.

