

Bull Trout's Gift

A RIF GUIDE FOR COMMUNITY COORDINATORS

Themes: Nature, Responsibility, American Indian Culture

Book Brief: Follow along as a group of fifth graders learn the importance of protecting every part of our environment.

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TIME TO READ!

Before reading: Introduce the book in small sections; don't try to read it all at once. Discuss with the group the importance of keeping our environment clean and saving our natural resources for the future. What is *reciprocity*?

RELATED ACTIVITIES

ENVIRONMENTAL CLEAN-UP (AGES 5-12)

Materials: large plastic bins, paper, markers

If you don't already have one, set up a recycling area at your center. Have children make posters to show which items can be recycled and which ones have to be thrown away. If your center has a yard or outdoor area, try setting up a compost pile or bin to collect food scraps. For more information, visit <https://www.epa.gov/recycle>. How do recycling and composting give back to nature?

FISH WITH A TWIST (AGES 5-12)

Materials: thin plastic water bottles, tissue paper, construction paper, scissors, white glue (mixed with a little water), paint brushes

Every child needs a clean plastic water bottle—the thinner the plastic, the better. Remove label and cap. Hold the bottom of the bottle with one hand and the body of the bottle about 2" up with the other. Twist. The bottom of the bottle should make the fish's tail fin. Cut tissue paper into small squares. Paint the

bottle with white glue; add tissue paper squares for the scales. Cut fins out of construction paper and glue onto the bottle. Add eyes. Let the fish dry, then display them around the center!

FOR THE BIRDS (AGES 5-12)

Materials: cardboard toilet paper rolls, peanut butter, plastic knives, bird seed, oat cereal, string

How can humans give back to nature? Spread peanut butter on the outside of a toilet paper roll. Roll it in bird seed and oat cereal. Thread string through the hole in the roll. Hang your bird feeders in trees around the center. Put them near windows so the children can watch the birds enjoy their gifts!

TECHNOLOGY LINK

To learn more about the bull trout and efforts to protect it, visit www.fws.gov/pacific/bulltrout or watch this short video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u2Gz0PcSSV0>

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

OTHER BOOKS BY THIS AUTHOR

Beaver Steals Fire: A Salish Coyote Story (2005),
Ktunaxa Legends (1997).



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