

Drama card and masks for Climate Change & Biodiversity

Drama is a very effective way of teaching about climate change and biodiversity. This drama card has simple stories which can be turned into dramas about important aspects of climate change and biodiversity

DRAMA



Why Is Biodiversity Important?

A school boy after reading his science lesson slept and had a dream of waking at sunrise and looking out the window. To his amazement he saw no trees or bushes so he opened the door but saw nothing but sky. The trees, bushes, sounds of birds, beautiful flowers, small insects all were missing. He felt as if there is no life without those. He felt suffocated. His daily activity had ground to a halt since he did not get his newspaper, milk, and usual food items ... all he used to get from plants and animals. He walked in the hot sun but found nothing to eat, and so he started crying.

Then he felt someone shake him and sprinkle drops of water on his face. All his family members stood around him, concerned, and he realized he had been dreaming. Still frightened, he explained the dream. He and his whole family realized that this dream foretold their future without the amazing diversity of animals, plants and habitats. The family decided to change their bad habits and try to protect and improve the environment.

Live more simply - give up some luxury

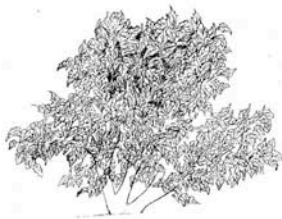
Sunita's family was having their evening meal. They were multi-tasking: eating, chatting and watching the news on t.v. It was about very heavy rains in a part of their country and explaining how climate change played a role. Appa was skeptical. Amma was frightened. The two brothers told what their teacher had said but nobody could understand because they were talking at the same time. Sunita kept quiet... she was thinking. Then Amma said, let's go to a movie. Appa said great idea! I'll get the car. Brothers fought to get out the door first so they could have the seat next to Appa. Sunita asked why are we taking the car, the theatre is just six blocks away and it's early! Why do you care said the older brother? Sunita explained what she had learned about climate change and the overuse of natural resources (petrol). She said if everybody give up some luxury, then the world could turn the weather crisis around. And if we walk, it's good for our health as well, she said. All at once, the family understood. Yeah! said the brothers. It will save money

on petrol too, said Appa. If we walk more I can lose that horrible 5 kilos I put on during vacation, said Amma. Sunita was happy. But don't forget the real reason! We want to lower carbon emissions and turn around this crazy weather.

Right ! let's do it ! said the family as they walked out the door together.

Restoring the forest

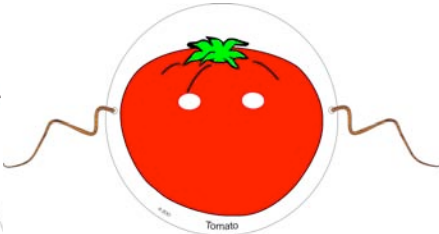
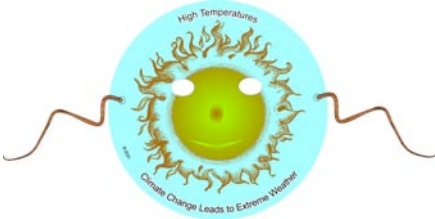
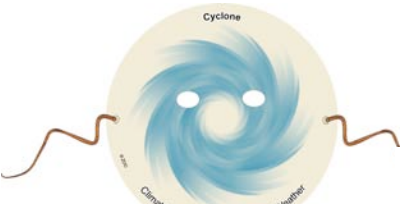
In 1900 a group of people left their homeland and settled in beautiful, forest land which they cleared of trees to make their home. They cleared more forest for farming in order to grow food. In 1925 they built new houses using old, large trees from the forest. They sold off more trees in nearby towns and began planning other crops like tea and coffee. In 1950 they laid roads and cleared more forest land which provided more wood for sale. Those people were happy and healthy those days. In 1975 they used modern tools and were able to clear even more forest. By 2000 there was nothing left in the forest. Where there was once clean, fresh water, the water was dirty, polluted. People began to suffer from diseases since much of the daily wastes were dumped in the forest. Water was not sufficient to water crops, so food had to be brought from outside and was very costly. Looking back over their history people of the 21st century saw that the misuse of the forests by their ancestors had spoiled the once bountiful land. They vowed to try and restore the forest and teach their children to care for it.

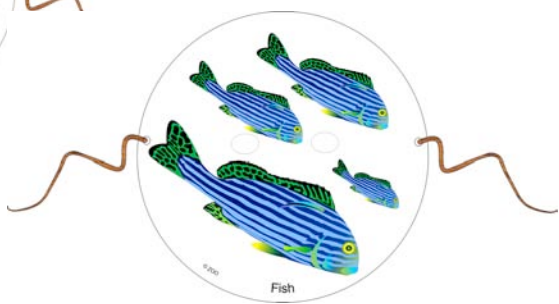
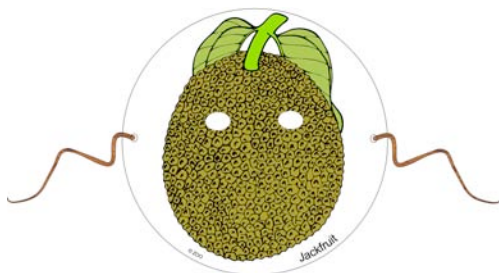


Simple steps to Create your own drama

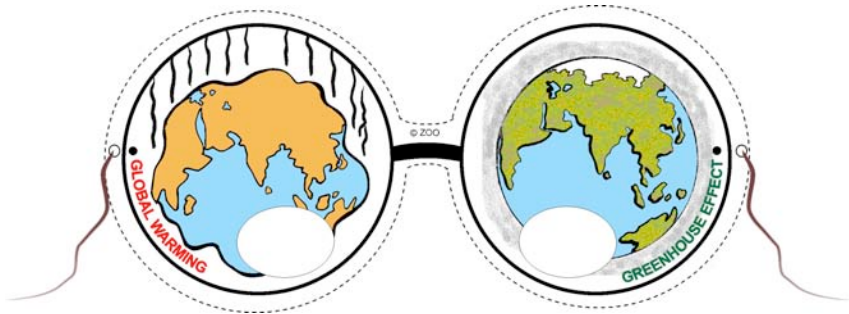
1. Using the booklet in the packet, pick an issue related to biodiversity or climate change or both and list characters.
2. Decide the drama situation and visualize the scene.
3. Develop dialogues keeping your story line. Create a situation in the drama to tell the main message. Include main events in your drama.
4. Let your group choose their character and after discussing the message and theme of the drama rehearse.
5. Fix timing and present the drama. Use masks to play drama.
6. After the end of the drama initiate a discussion so that you will get a chance to listen to some of the experiences of your audience.

Climate Change and Biodiversity Drama Kit Masks





Climate Change glasses



Climate Change commitment bracelet

These bracelets were inspired by an Indian religious tradition that takes place on Raksha Bandhar. It is a special day when sisters tie a bracelet (called a "rakhi") on their brother's wrist. It is a tradition that celebrates brotherly love. We distribute these thematic bracelets and suggest that participants make a pledge or commitment to protect the environment, live more simply, etc. It is a very powerful activity with deep meaning.

