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ACTIVITY BOOK

YOUNG TREES: GRADES 5–7

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1) NATURE AND ISLAM

Allah (God) has created everything on this Earth. Water, air, soil, plants, animals, mountains, and every other thing on this planet are all signs of Allah (God)'s power and blessings.

As Muslims, we need to:

- 1) Respect and care for Allah's creation
- 2) Use resources wisely and not waste
- 3) Study our environment and be leaders of environmental conservation



Take Care of the Earth



1) NATURE AND ISLAM

Allah (God) says we must care for our world

Everything on this planet has been created in balance and for a reason. All living things are dependent on each other and on non-living resources such as light energy, oxygen and water. For example, we get our oxygen and energy (food) from plants and animals. Plants get their energy from the sun and nutrients from the soil. Nutrients come from and natural waste products and dead animal material. Without plants, animals and humans would have no food. That means, without water, there would be no life.

Draw a food web with pictures using the words underlined above to show how life is interdependent on our planet. You can say which animals you are talking about.



2) WATER

Allah (God) has given us water as a blessing:

In Islam we need water for istinja, whudhu (ablution) and ghusl (bathing).

Cleanliness is half of our Imaan (faith).

As Muslims we need to look after water and not waste it.

If we waste water, we are depriving other people, animals and plants of this precious resource.

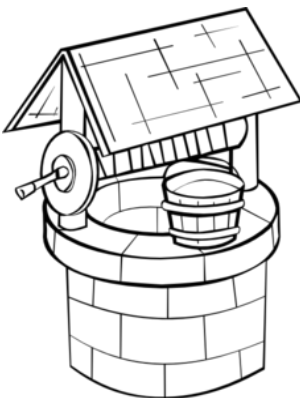
The story of Hajra (A.S) and Hazrat Ismaeel (A.S)

When Hazrat Hajrah (A.S) was left by Ibrahim (A.S.) in the city of Makkah, before there was anybody living there, there was no natural water. After her supplies were finished, she became so stressed that she ran seven times between the hills of Safa and Marwa trying to find water for her thirsty baby Ismaeel (A.S). By the mercy of Allah (God), a spring of water gushed out at the feet of Ismaeel (A.S) and Hajrah (A.S.) appreciated this precious gift of life. Having no water to drink or feed your child is one of the hardest trials.

When the spring of Zam-Zam came out of the ground, Hajrah (A.S) realised she needed to care for it. She rushed to find stones and built a well around the spring to prevent water from being wasted. After having no water, she realised the importance of conserving water.

Lesson to take away:

Water is scarce in many parts of the world. In order to show our thanks to Allah for providing us with water to drink and clean ourselves with, we should refrain from wasting water and look after what we have.



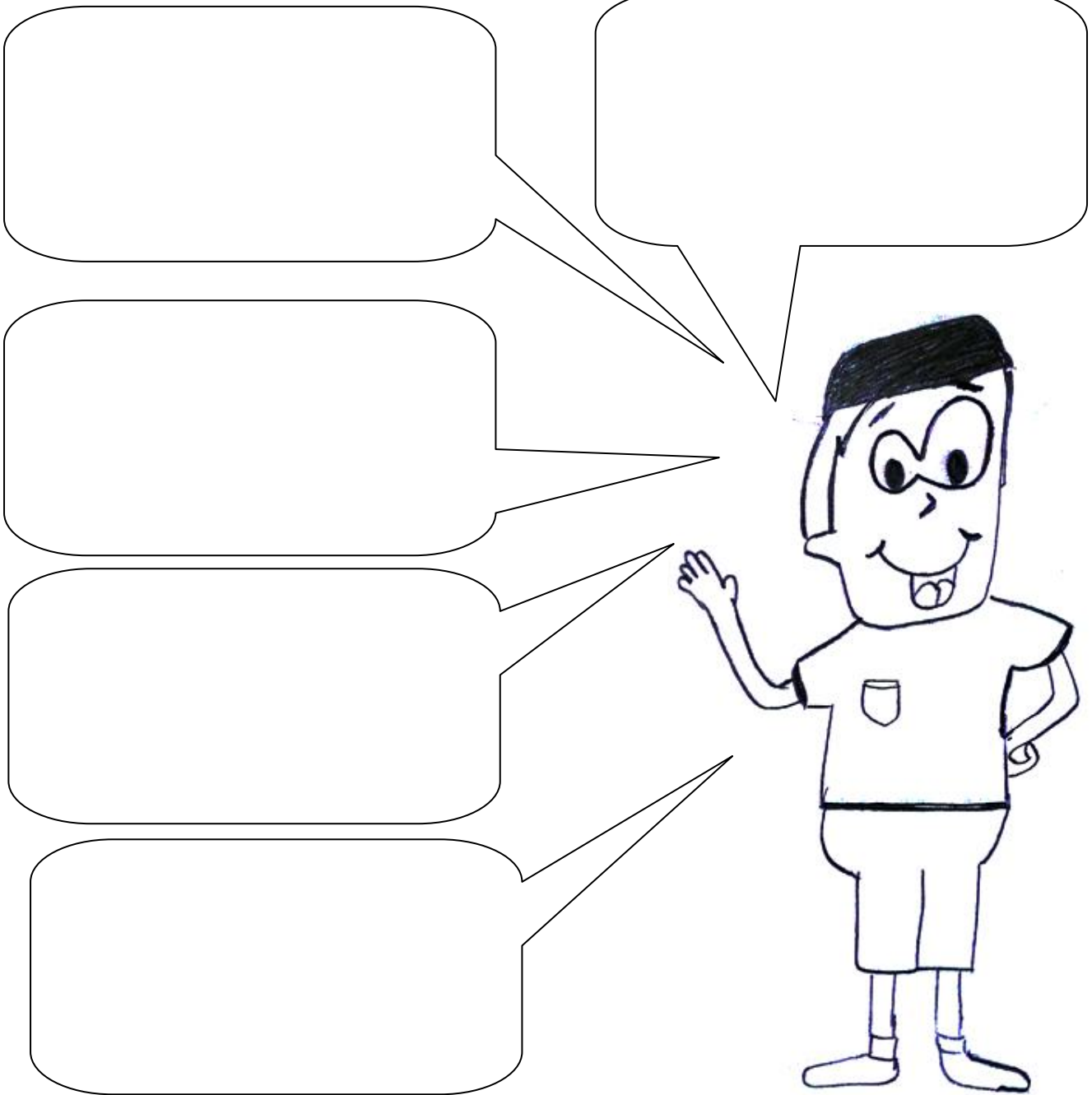
Water is a blessing from Allah (God),
Coming as merciful rain from the heavens

Allah (God) tells us to look after water

2) WATER

There are many easy ways to save water in our everyday lives.

Think about 5 ways in which you and your family can save water at home, then write them down in the spaces below:



3) PLANTS AND ANIMALS

Love and care for all plants and animals

Allah (God) created all the plants and animals on earth. We need to care for plants and animals and make sure that they are not damaged or harmed.

Plants

Plants and trees are the homes of other animals and insects. If we cut down, burn or destroy trees and other plants, we are also destroying the homes of animals. Planting trees is an act we will get rewarded for Insha-Allah.

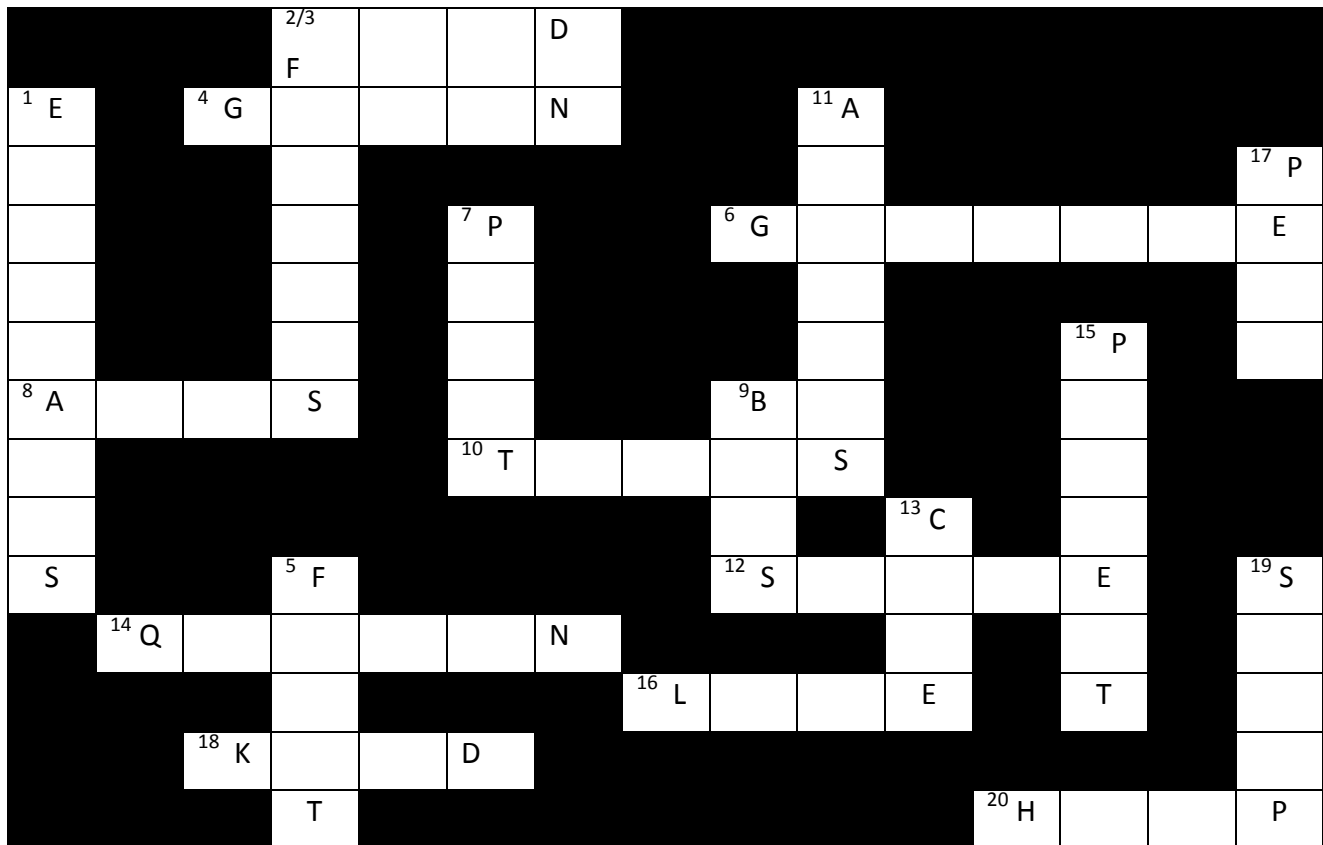
Animals

Treating animals with kindness is a Sunnah of the Prophet Muhammad (S.A.W). Being cruel to them is sinful.

It is related from A'isha (R.A.) that she was once riding on a camel that was difficult to handle. She then began to push it from behind. The Prophet (S.A.W) then said to her: "Be gentle [with the camel]" -Muslim



How much do you know about plants and animals in Islam? Complete the crossword below and find out



Down

1. Allah created animals in all shapes and sizes. **E**_____ are the biggest animals on land and are an example of Allah's Power and Blessings.
3. Some animals are **F**_____ that we eat.
5. Allah created plants for many reasons. Many delicious kinds of **F**_____ (e.g. apples and mangoes) grows on trees and provide food for us and other animals.
7. We should always try and preserve our environment. We can **P**_____ trees, flowers and other plants.
9. All of Allah's Creation has been put on earth for a reason. **B**_____ make honey.
11. **A**_____ are our friends.
13. We should **C**_____ for plants and animals and all Allah's Creation.
15. We should **P**_____ plants and animals from harm.
17. We should always remember to look after, play with and feed our **P**_____ at home.
19. Allah has given us **S**_____ and other animals to slaughter for food. We should be good to animals even when we are going to slaughter them for eating.

Across

2. Animals are important. Animals like cows, sheep, and chicken provide us with **F**_____.
4. We should try and live our lives in a **G**_____ way and be environmentally friendly Muslims.
6. Allah's Creation is beautiful. One example is the **G**_____ whose long neck allows the animal to feed off high trees in the bush.
8. Every Creation is in constant worship of Allah. We should not harm any of Allah's creation from large trees to small insects as small as **A**_____.
10. **T**_____ give us oxygen that we need for breathing.
12. Trees also provide us with **S**_____ and are homes for many birds.
14. The **Q**_____ is the book of Allah and a guide to all Muslims. Animals and plants are mentioned many times in the **Q**_____ and this shows us how important and loved they are in Allah's Eyes.
16. We should **L**_____ each other and All of Allah's beautiful creations.
18. We should be **K**_____ to stray animals
20. We must try our best to always **H**_____ animals in need, and we must also **H**_____ our mums or dads in the garden

4) ENERGY

Where does our Electricity come from?

Coal is an important natural resource and is burnt at very high temperatures to make electricity. We use electricity to power the lights, fridges, stoves, fans, heaters, aircons, computers and many other appliances in our homes, schools, businesses and the city.

Coal has to be dug out from deep under the surface of the earth. This process is called "Mining". On average, 128kg to 190kg of coal is needed to make electricity per South African per month.

Even though South Africa has large reserves of coal, mining coal to supply us with all our electricity is not good for the environment. Not only does burning coal pollute the air, but the mines we build have harmful effects on the natural land.

What are the advantages and disadvantages of having a large amount of coal as a natural resource to produce electricity?

You may go to the following website to help you find the answers!

<http://www.eskom.co.za/c/article/200/coal-power/>

Advantages	Disadvantages



4) ENERGY

Don't waste electricity or fuel

Allah (God) loves those Muslims that do not waste anything. As Muslims we should not waste electricity or fuel.

In our homes we use electricity to cook, to keep warm, for light and for entertainment. We use a lot of fuel when using our cars. Complete the activity below to see how you could help to save electricity and fuel.

Draw arrows linking the actions in Column A with how to save electricity and fuel in Column B:

Column A		Column B
When leaving the room for more than 15 minutes		Unplug the charger when it's finished charging
Charging a cellphone		Close any doors and windows tightly
Need free, environmentally friendly electricity		Offer a lift to your neighbour and save petrol
Need to boil only 2 cups of tea		Switch off any lights
Travelling by car to school or Madressah		Use solar powered appliances (the sun's energy)
Using the heater in winter		Fill the electric kettle only half way



5) WASTE, LITTER AND POLLUTION

Allah has created everything. All of Allahs' creation prays to Allah for all that He has provided them with.

When we litter and pollute the environment, we are disrespecting Allah (God) by harming the plants and animals that belong and pray to him. If we respect the environment we are showing respect and kindness to Allah (God).

A hadith (saying) narrated by Abu Hurairah (R.A) said that the Prophet Muahmmad (S.A.W) said: "removing harmful things from pathways is an act of charity".

Remember:

Even though humans use the roads and streets to walk on, animals and insects as small as ants make use of their own pathways in the land. By removing any thing that may be harmful to us or the creation of Allah is considered an act of charity.

Can you think of four items people dump that could be harmful to humans, animals or plants?

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

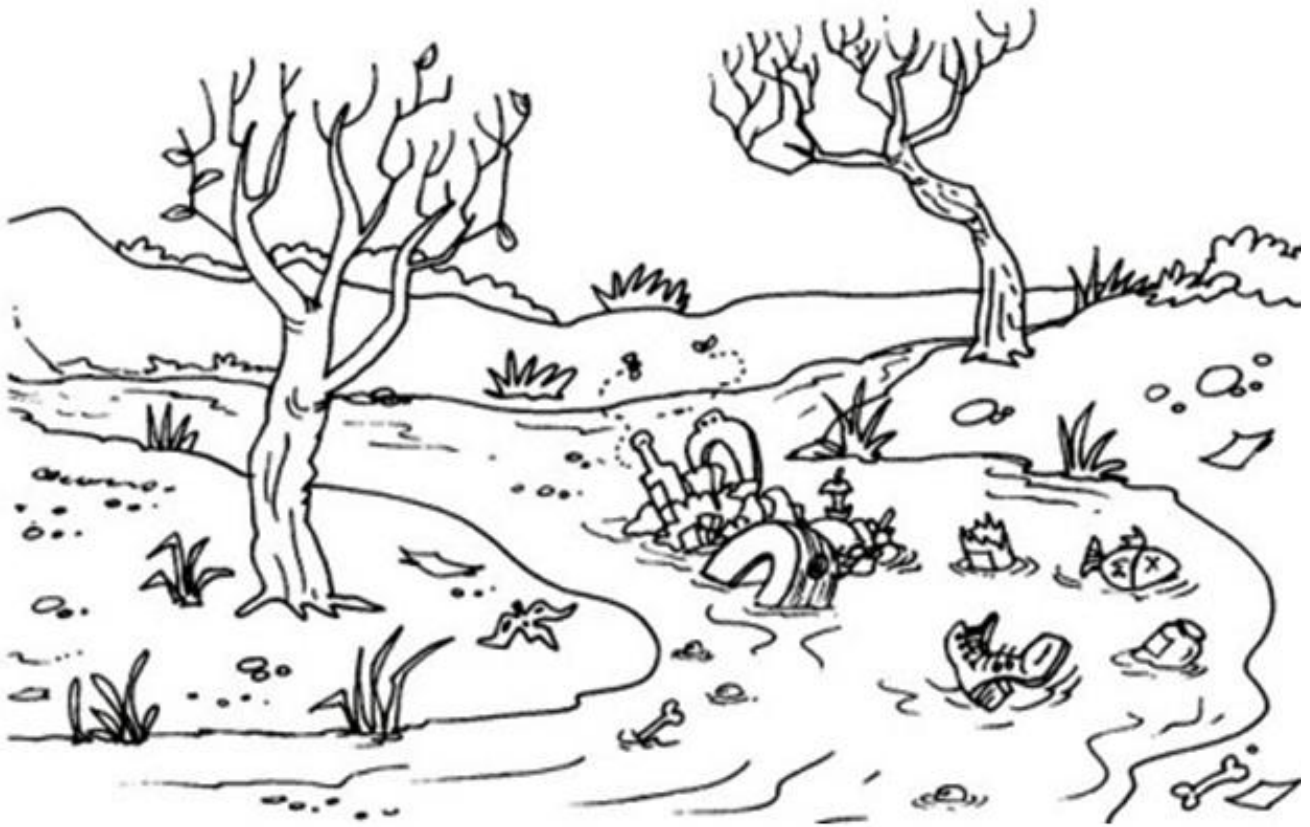
4. _____



Zip it in the zibaalah!
(arabic for dustbin)

5) WASTE, LITTER AND POLLUTION

Can you spot what is wrong in the picture and draw in what could be causing it?



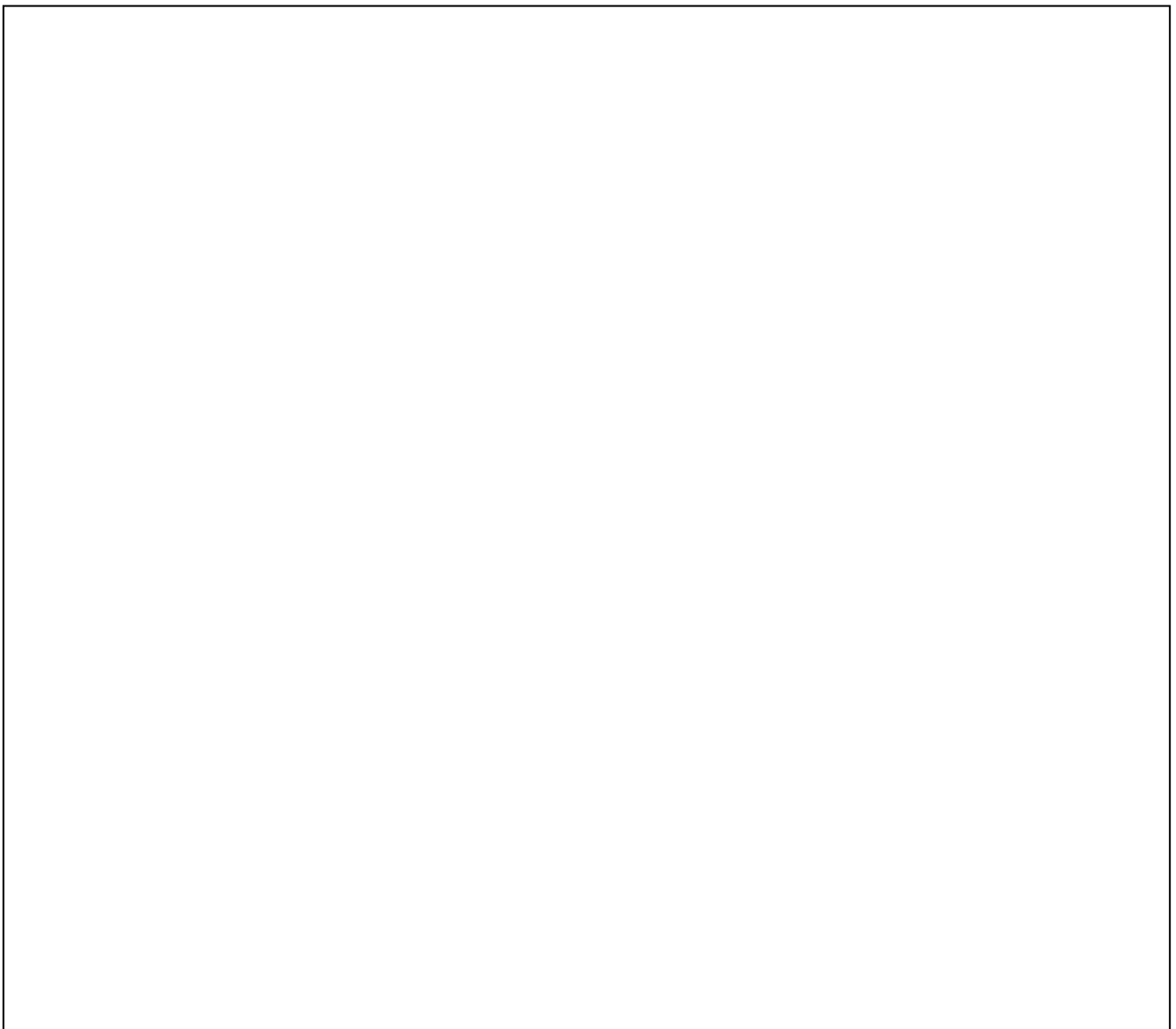
List 5 everyday items that can be recycled or reused:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____



I care for Allah (God)'s creation
I can make a difference
I will care for the environment
I will be a Green Deen Kid

As a Green Deen Kid, design your own Green Deen emblem. Your emblem may contain any words or pictures that you think will make other kids also want to be Green Deen Kids!



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