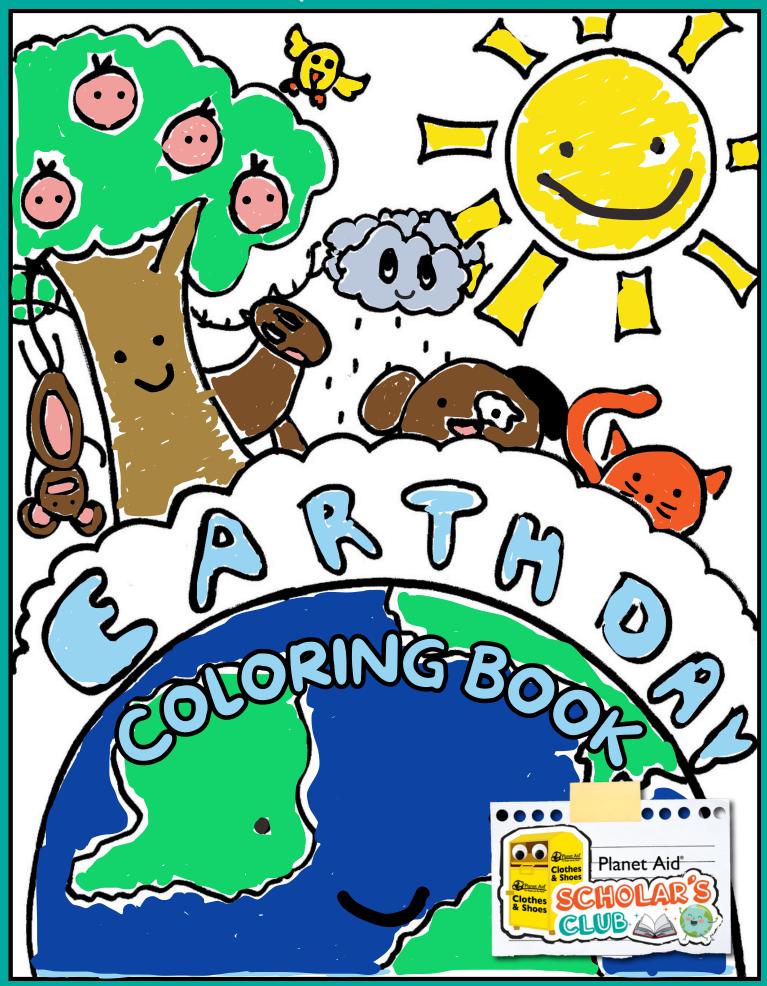
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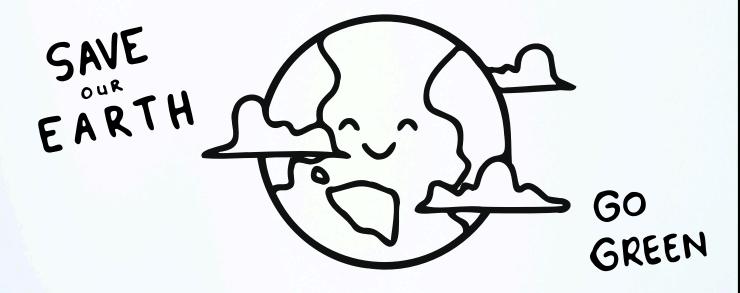
Why Do We Celebrate Earth Day?

Earth Day, celebrated on April 22nd, began in the 1970s thanks to Senator Gaylord Nelson. Inspired by the 1969 Santa Barbara oil spill, Nelson aimed to raise environmental awareness. On April 22, 1970, millions of Americans protested against pollution, leading to the creation of the EPA and laws like the Clean Air Act and Clean Water Act.

For students, Earth Day holds significance as it highlights the power of collective action and individual responsibility in safeguarding our planet. It emphasizes that small actions, like recycling and conserving resources, can have a big impact. Earth Day also offers educational activities, such as planting trees and learning about climate change, fostering environmental stewardship among young people.

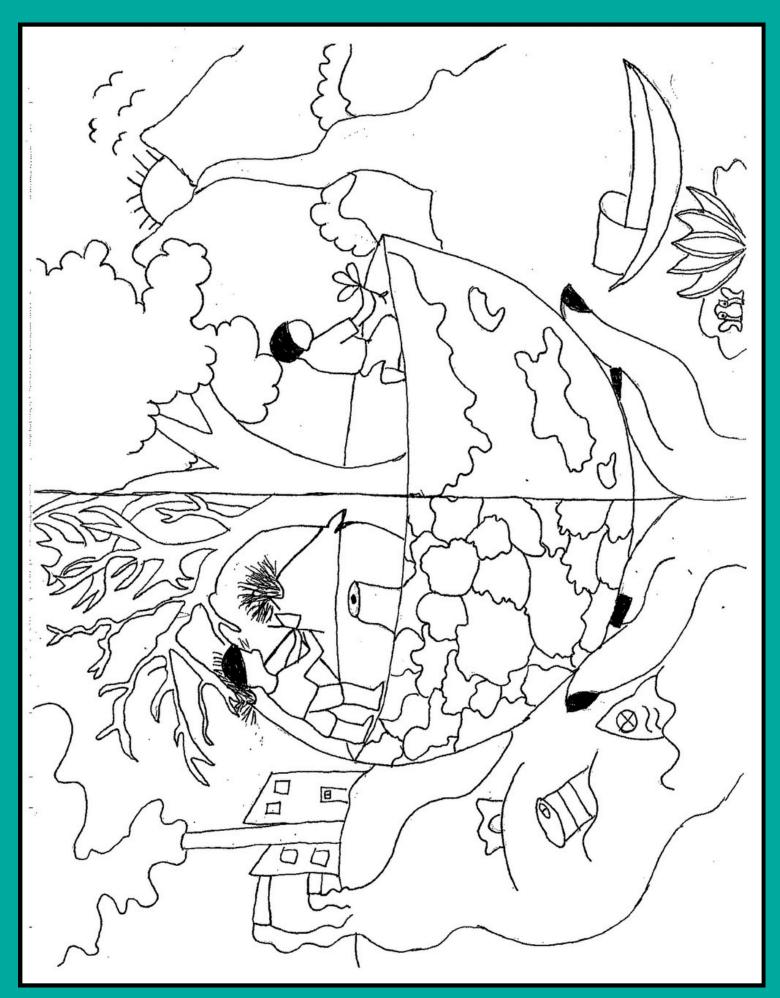
The Planet Aid Scholar's Club asked students from all over the country to create coloring pages that would spread awareness about Earth Day and encourage others to engage in activities that will benefit the planet. The response we got was incredible! It wasn't easy, but the Planet Aid office voted on their favorites to include in this special book.

We're proud to present this student-created Earth Day Awareness Coloring Book and hope that children all over the country are inspired to get creative and do something for their planet. Happy coloring!

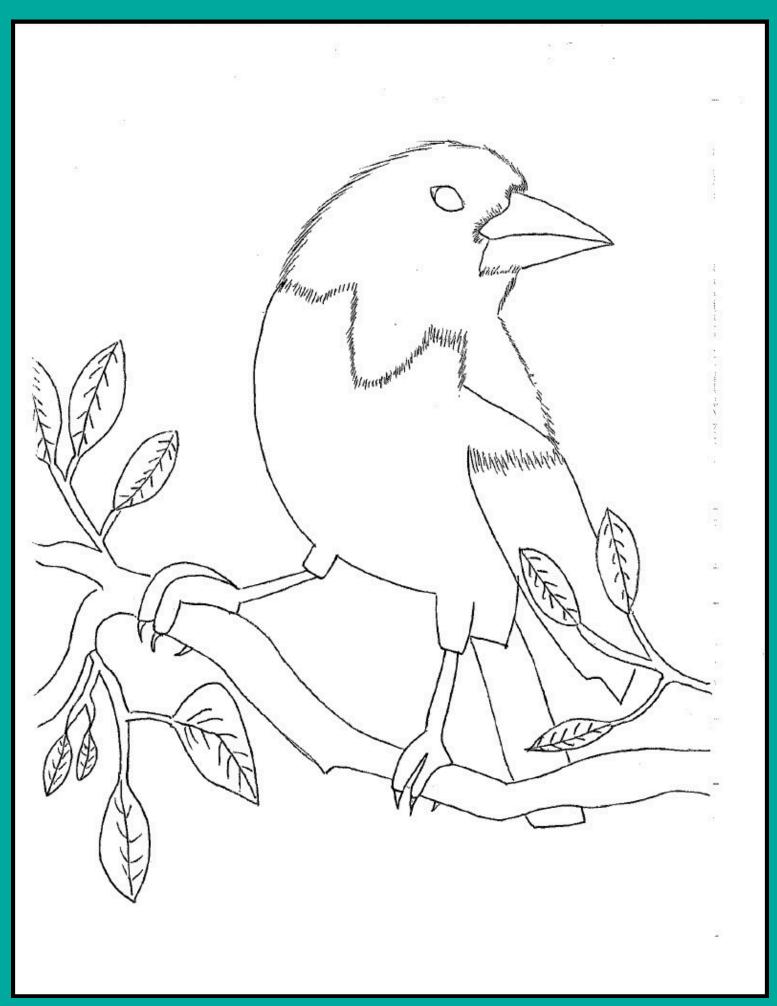


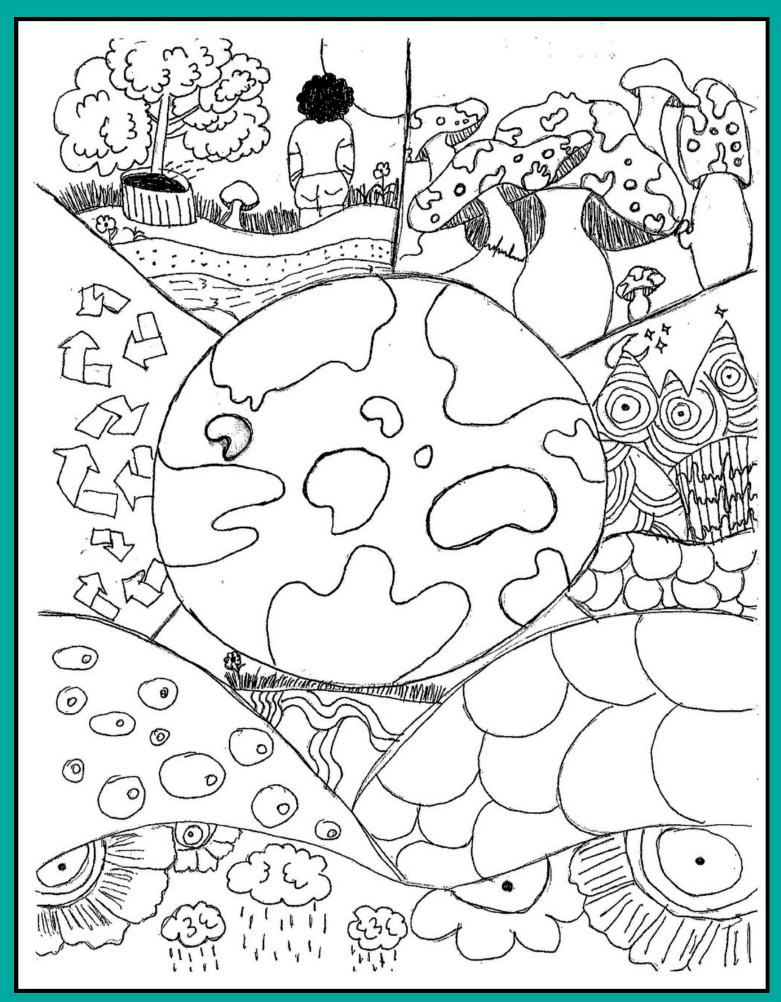


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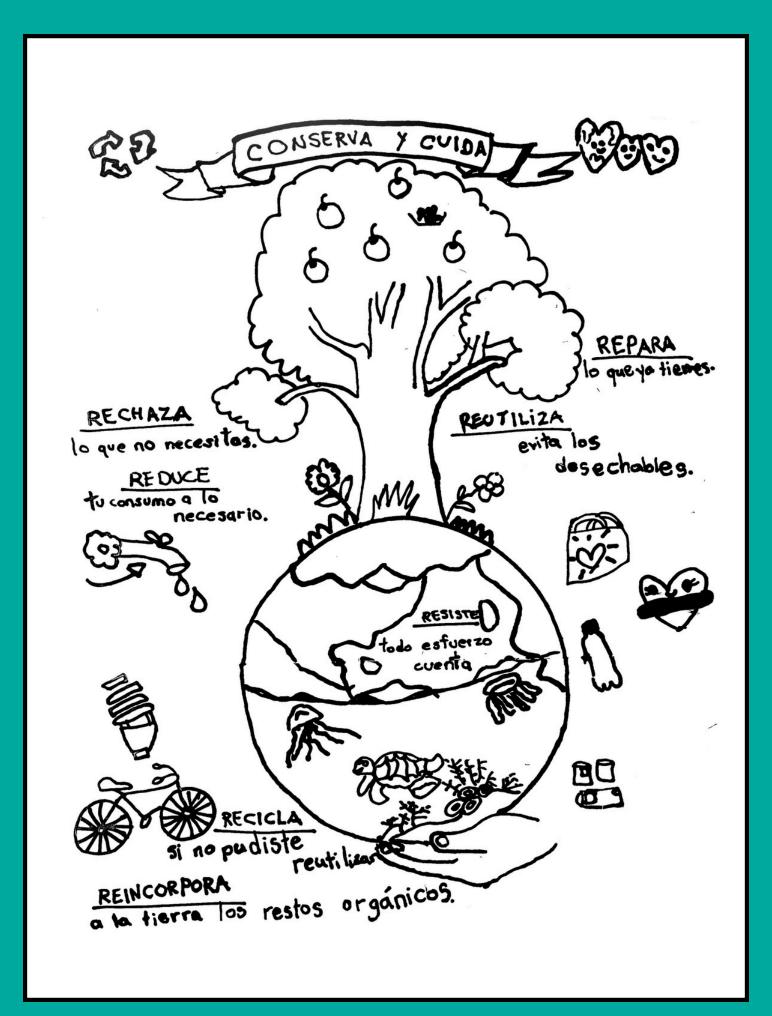
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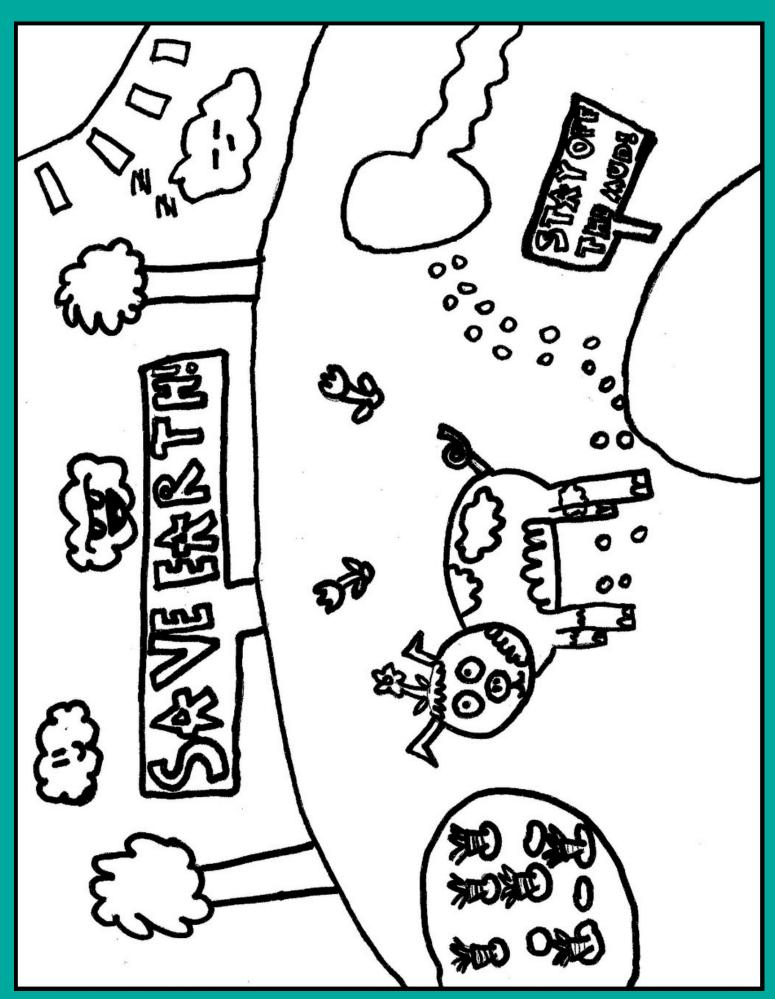
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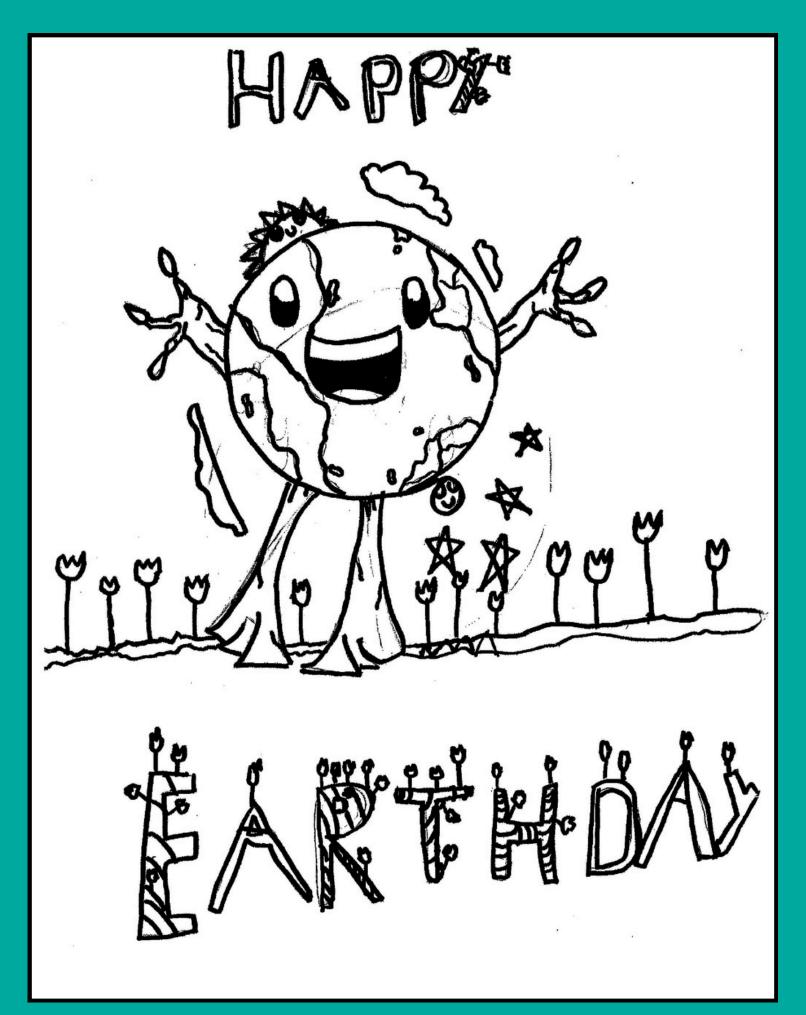


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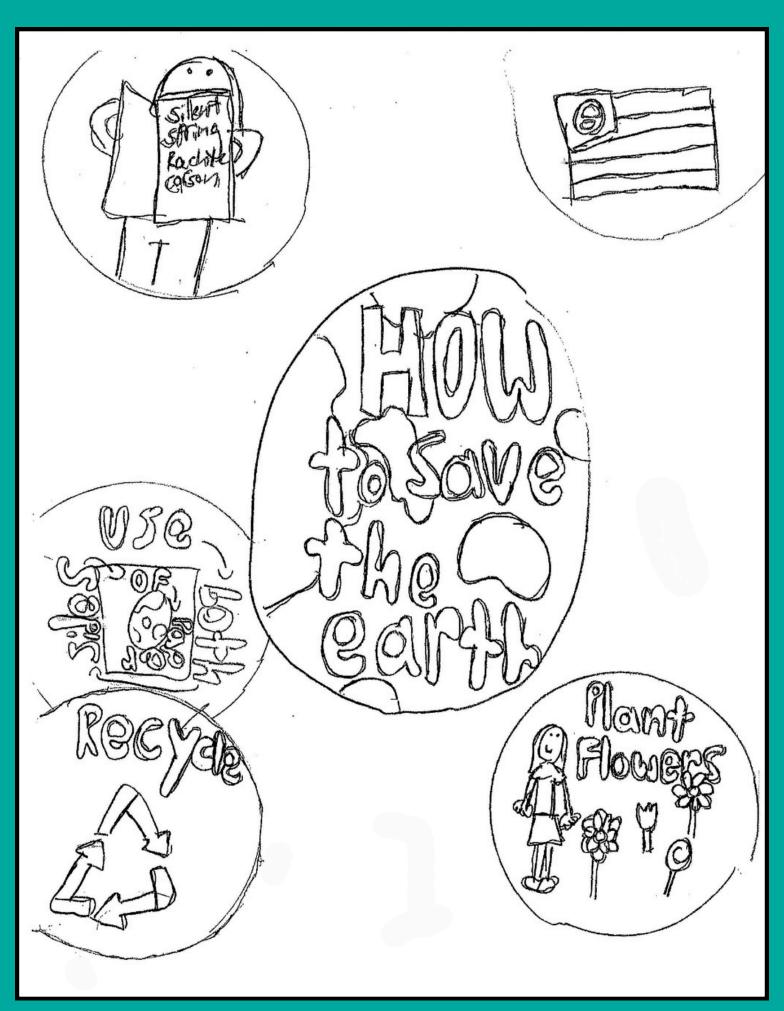








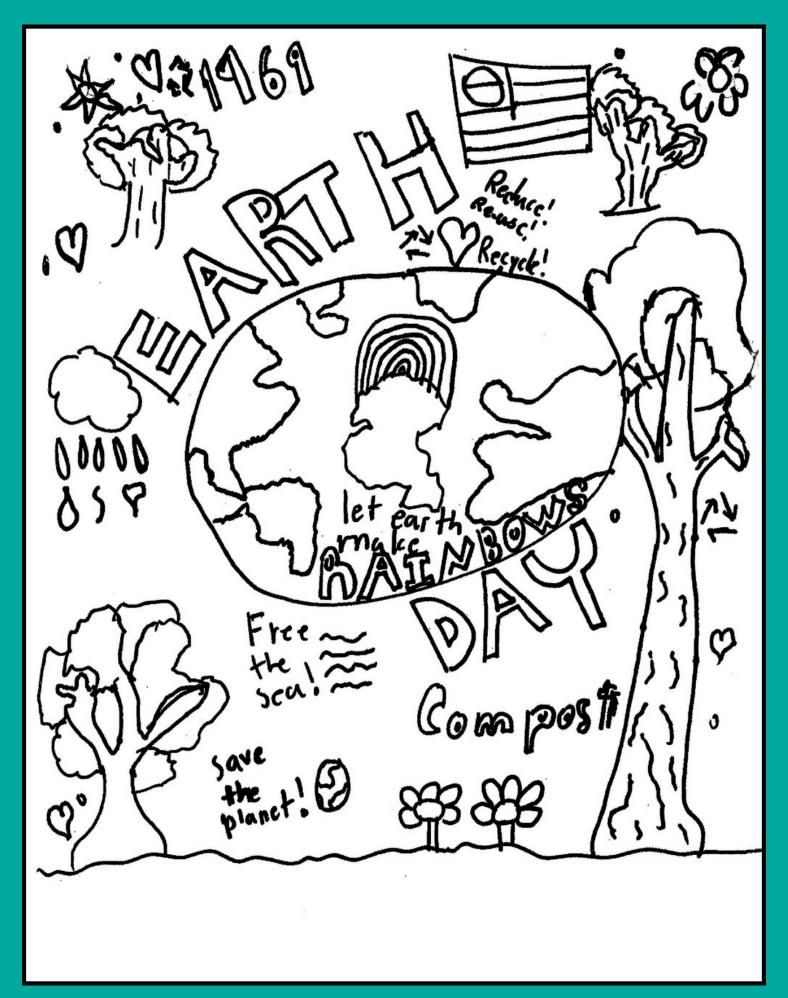




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What Do We Do at Planet Aid?

Did you know that the average person throws away 81 pounds of clothing every year? All this waste adds up to 3.8 billion pounds of textiles filling up our landfills. Clothing, shoes, and household textiles make up 5.2% of the stuff in landfills. Not only does this contribute to greenhouse gas, it's also an incredible waste of resources.

Planet Aid is on a mission to help! We collect old clothes, shoes, and textiles, even if they are worn, torn, or stained. You can recycle almost anything made from fabric. The items just need to be clean and dry.

Recycling with Planet Aid helps because:

- It saves water and reduces the need for chemicals and pollution from making new clothes.
- Recycled textiles can be resold in secondhand stores here and abroad.
- They can be processed into new materials like paper, yarn, insulation, and carpet padding.

The proceeds from the clothing donations go to fund global projects that help developing nations with health, education, and farming. And a big part of our mission is involving students like you! We want to educate and empower the youth to make small changes that lead to a big impact.

Visit <u>www.planetaid.org/partner/schools</u> to see how your school can get involved!

