



## DESCRIPTION

In this lesson students will discover that everything we do everyday, in some way, affects the environment, by taking a look at some of their own day-to-day activities while at Wildlife World Zoo.

### OBJECTIVE:

#### Learners will-

examine one's own day-to-day activities while visiting Wildlife World Zoo and how those activities affect the environment.

### SETTING THE STAGE:

Ask students if they have had a glass of water today.

Ask students if they feel that drinking a glass of water affects the environment.

Discuss how there is enough water for 3 million people living in a desert to have water to drink, wash cars, water lawns, etc. (i.e. dams and reservoirs or taking water from elsewhere like the Colorado River).

Discuss if these methods of getting water to 3 million desert dwellers impact the environment.

Tell students that we impact the environment with every product we use, the food we eat, the water we drink, even the pencils and paper we use at school. All those things are created in some way that impacts the environment, or the product itself might affect the environment, as soaps and cleaners do.

### CUB-LEVEL ACTIVITY:

Divide the class into groups.

Have each group find five activities at the zoo that may impact the environment.

Let each group share their findings with the rest of the class.

### TIGER-LEVEL ACTIVITY:

Ask students, on the way to the zoo, to reflect on their day so far, and think of any ways they feel they have had an impact on the environment today.

Have each student compile a list of the ways they feel they have affected the environment today.

Have each student monitor their own activities while visiting the zoo and add to their previous list 5-10 activities they did that impacted the environment.

Let the students share their findings with the class.

Ask if there are any activities that particularly surprised them.

### CLOSURE:

Encourage students to observe how many different ways people impact the environment everyday.

### MATERIALS:

**CUB:** Paper and writing utensil

**TIGER:** Paper and writing utensil

## ZOO ACTIVITY

