



How You Can Help Save the Planet

A Recycling Activity Book for Kids in Grades K-3



Charlie's Word List

REDUCE - To use less of something

Example: Don't use as many paper plates.

REUSE - To use something again

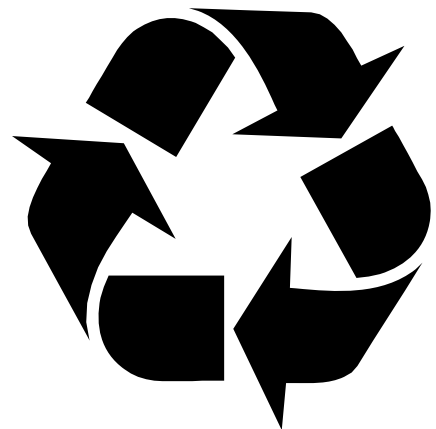
Example: Take your lunch to school in a lunch box instead of a paper bag.

RECYCLE - Turn something old into something new

Example: Recycle your water bottle to make a new water bottle.



Do you know
what this is?



Recycling Education Idea: City of Mesa Solid Waste Outreach Staff is available to visit your school to talk about recycling. For more information, have your teacher send an email to waste.info@mesaz.gov.

ANSWER: It's the recycle symbol!

Solve the Question

Write the letter in the blank space that matches the number so you can answer Charlie the Chimp's question.



Hmm...
Why Should I
Recycle?

NUMBER CODE:

1 - T

3 - A

5 - P

2 - S

4 - E

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“Recycling Isn’t Monkey Business!”

Trash in the black barrel, recyclables in the blue barrel.

Hey Kids!

I’m bananas about recycling!

Remember to recycle these items in your blue barrel! You can memorize them by saying them out loud in front of mom, dad, or even your family pet!



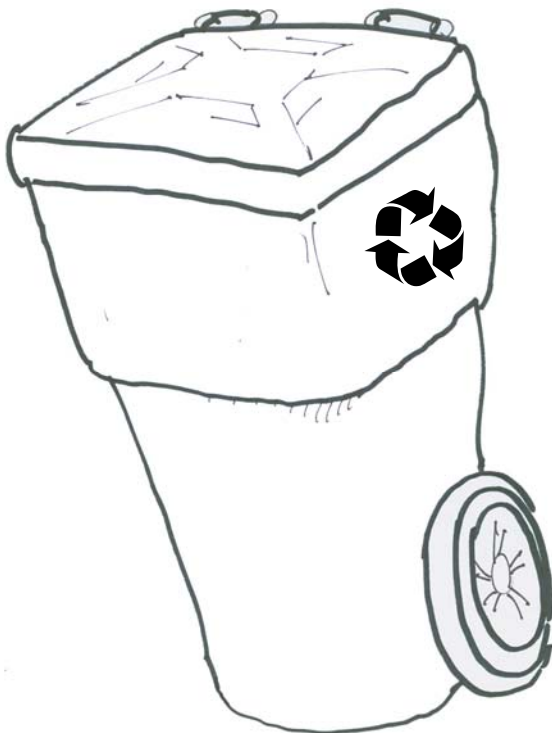
- Aluminum
- Cardboard and Paperboard Boxes
- Junk Mail
- Magazines and Telephone Books
- Metal Cans
- Milk and Juice Cartons
- Food and Beverage Glass Jars/Bottles
- Plastic Cups and Containers #1-#7
- Newspaper
- Paper



Facts About Plastic

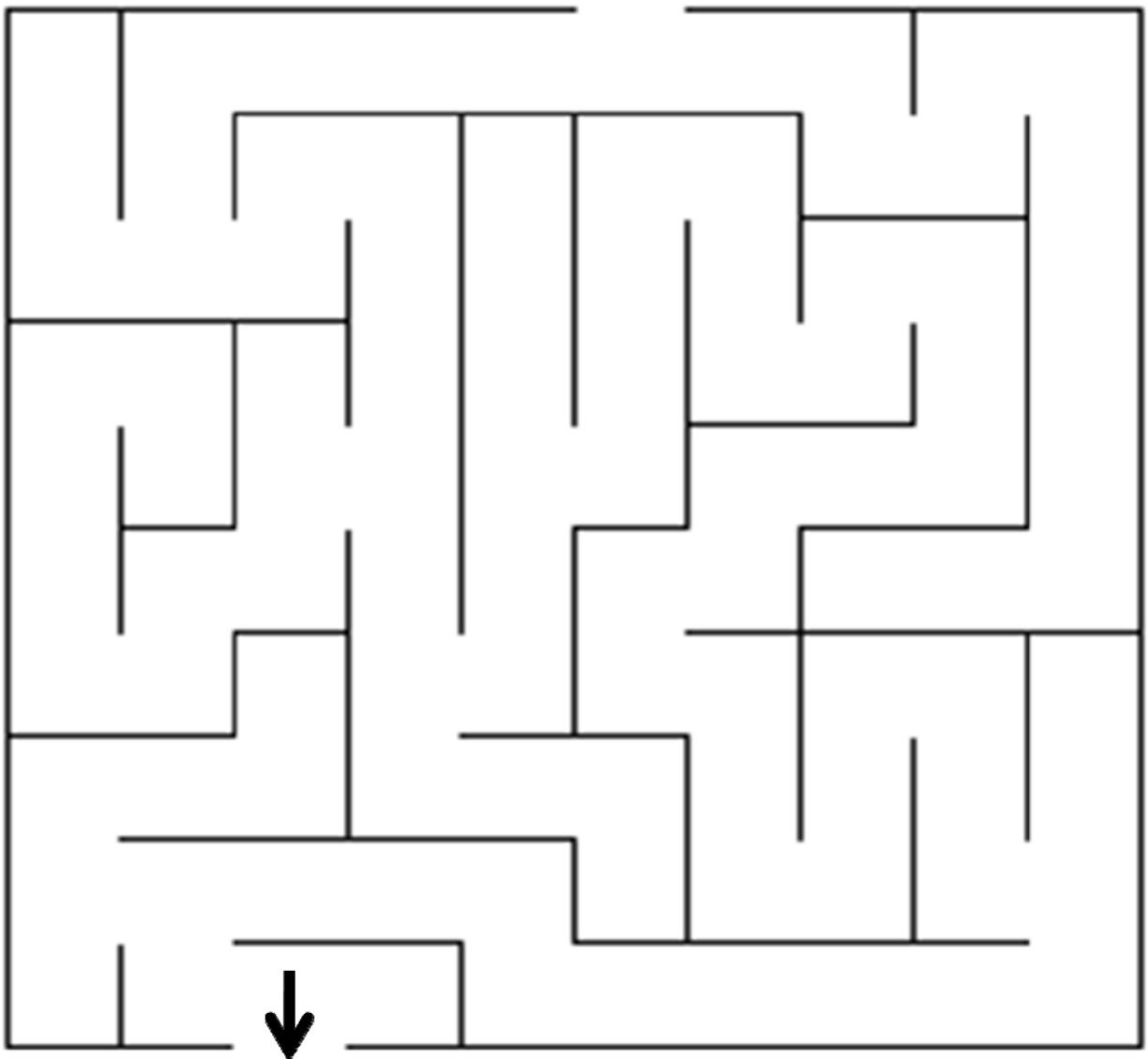
- Plastic bags can only be recycled at the grocery store.
- Can you name three things you buy at the grocery store that come in plastic?

- Plastic bottles can be recycled in your blue recycle barrel.



Count the number of plastic bottles Charlie will recycle. _____

Help Charlie Take His Items To The Recycle Barrel



Facts About Metal

- Recycling aluminum saves energy.
- Aluminum soda cans are 100% recyclable, and new cans are made from old ones.
- Recycling 1 aluminum can saves enough energy to keep a 100-watt bulb burning for almost 4 hours or run your television for 3 hours.

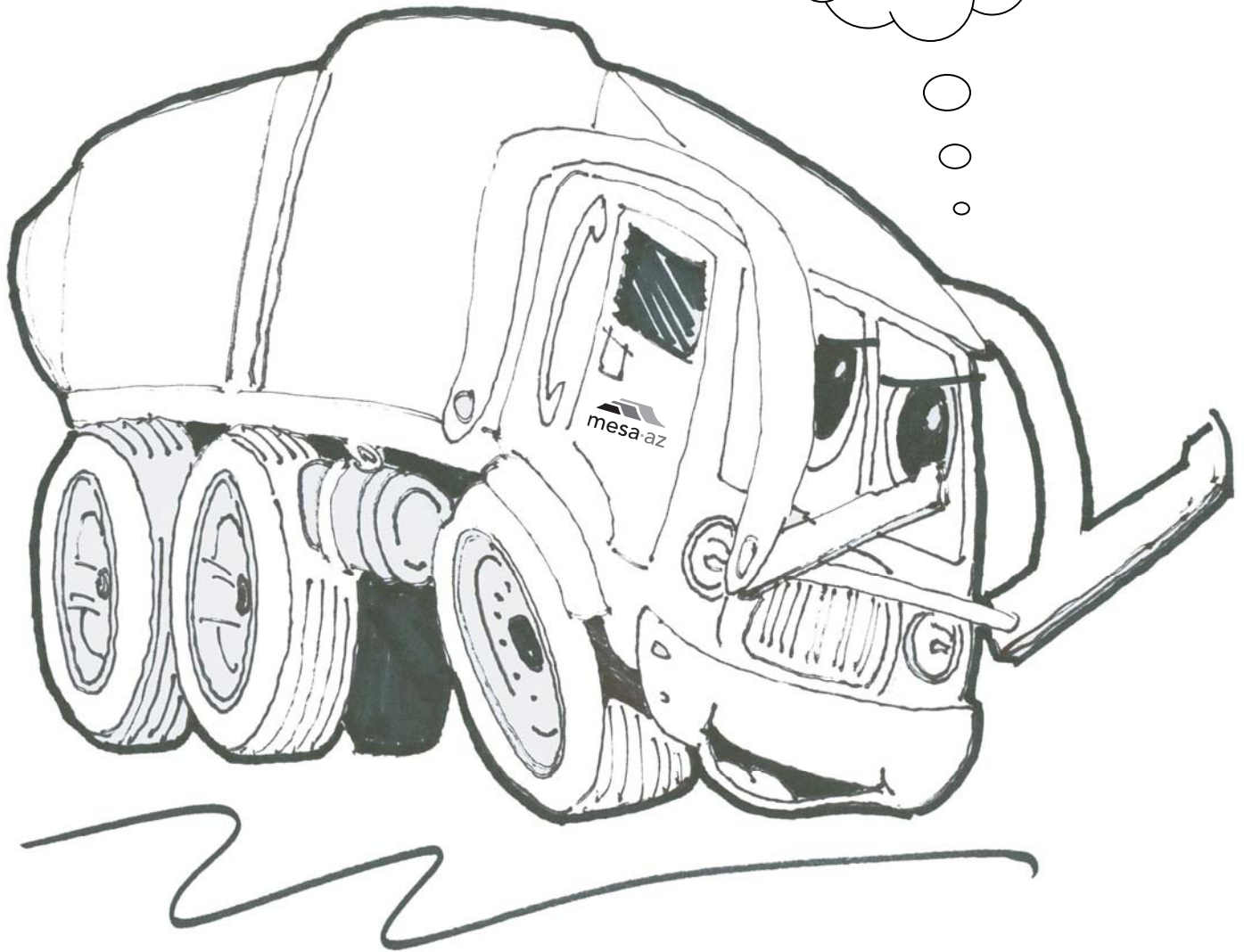


Count the number of cans Charlie will recycle. _____

Source: earth911.com

Always Wave "HELLO" When You See A Mesa Truck!

Color Me!



Truck Safety:

- Don't play near trucks.
- Keep toys and bikes away from trucks.
- Remind your friends and younger family members to stay back.


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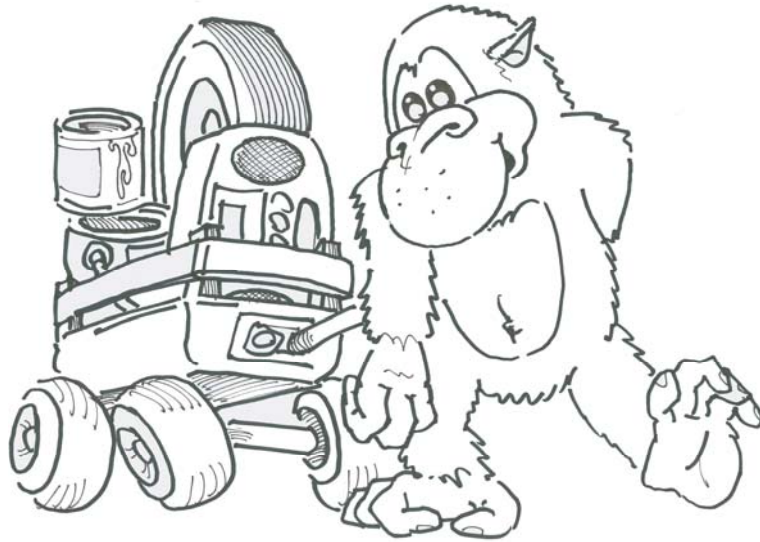
Facts About Glass

- Glass containers are 100% recyclable.
- Remember to recycle your jelly and pickle jars.
- Glass bottles mostly come in three different colors: green, brown and clear.

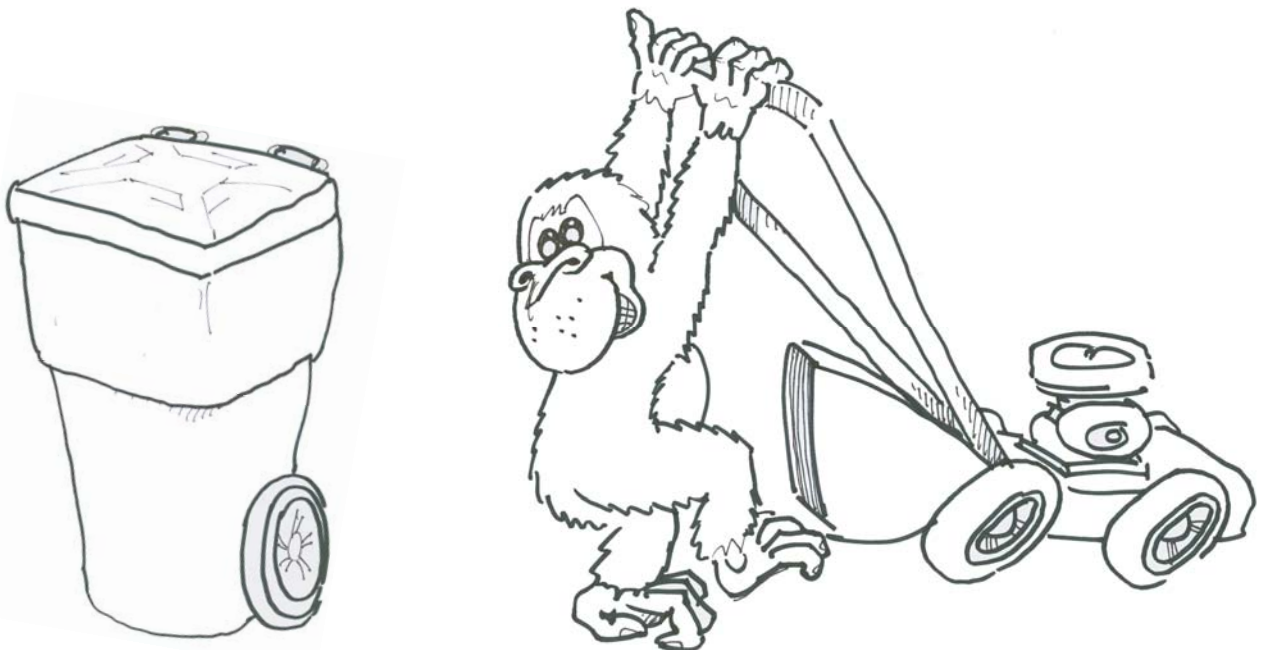


Charlie Takes Care Of The Planet By...

Taking his tires, appliances, electronics, batteries, oil and paint to a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event!



Placing grass, leaves and small tree branches into his green yard waste barrel so it can be kept out of the landfill.



Facts About Paper

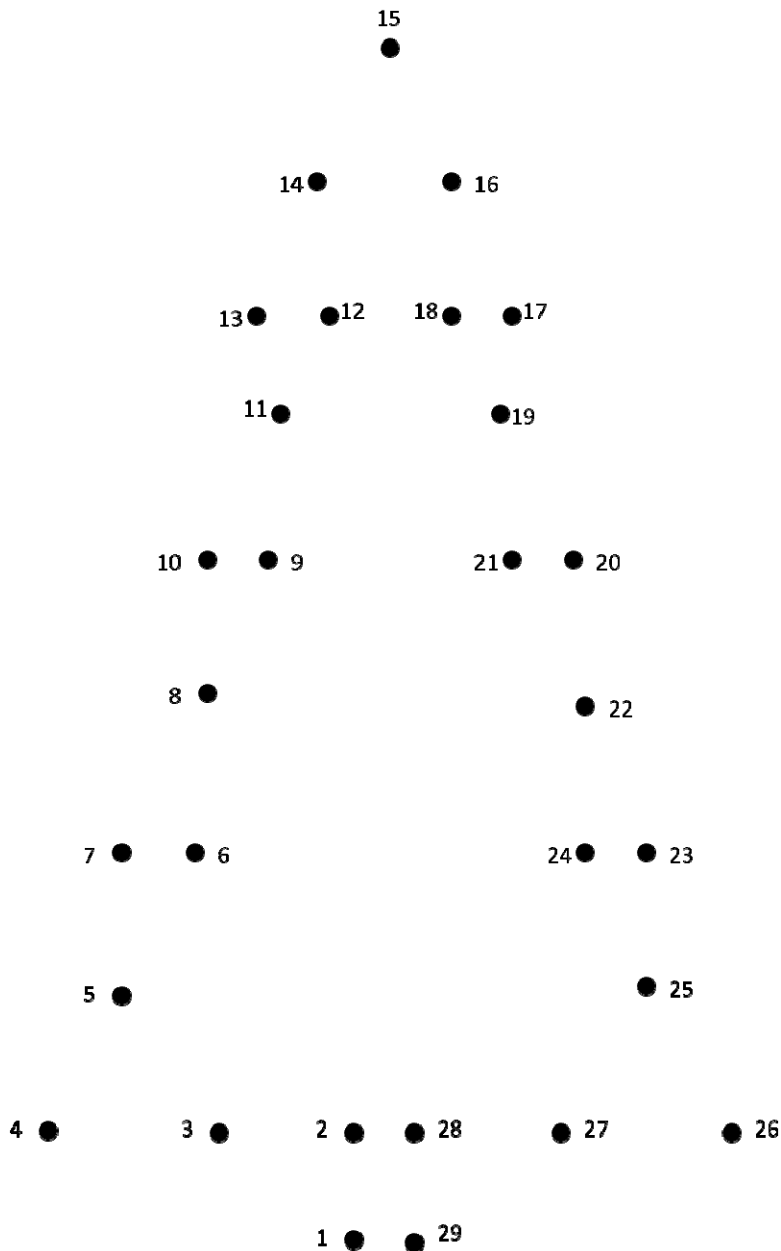
- Paper comes from trees.
- Newspapers and telephone books can be recycled.
- You can recycle your milk carton at school.



Count the number of telephone books on Charlie's head that he will recycle. _____

Charlie Remembers To Recycle After The Holidays

Connect the dots to see what Charlie recycles at the end of the Christmas season.



Answer: His Christmas tree

What Goes Where?



Black Trash Barrel

Cut out the items below and paste them in the right barrel.













Blue Recycle Barrel



Green Yard Waste Barrel

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Plastic Bottle	
Grass	
Newspaper	
Broken Toys	
Leaves	
Glass Jar	
Milk Carton	
Food Scraps	
Small Branches	
Metal Can	

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(Answers on next page)

What Are Charlie's Favorite Holidays?

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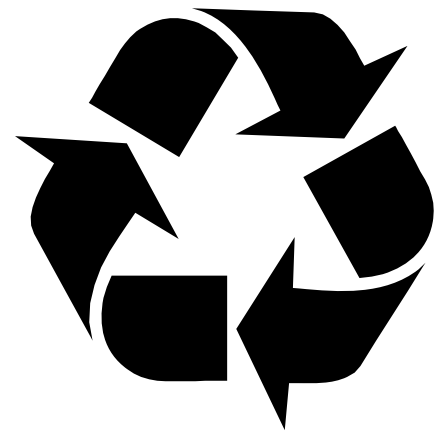
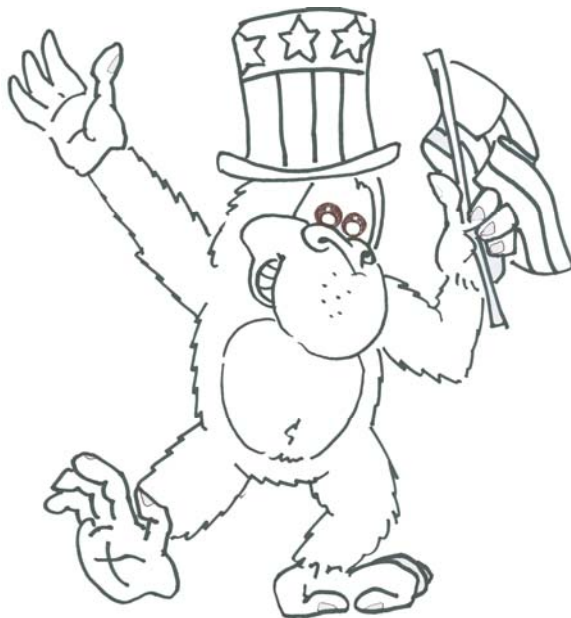
Earth Day - April 22nd

www.earthday.org



America Recycles Day - November 15th

www.americarecyclesday.org



Answers to *What Goes Where?* game:
Black barrel - Broken toys, food scraps
Blue barrel - Plastic bottle, newspaper, glass jar, milk carton, metal can
Green barrel - Grass, leaves, small branches

My Promise To The Planet

Will you reduce, reuse or recycle?

Write a sentence and draw a picture about something you promise to do that will help save the planet.

(Draw picture below)



Please Remember To...

REDUCE

REUSE

RECYCLE



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