

# Solar's Children's Programming

Solar has a wide variety of interactive and educational games and activities for children of all ages. The majority of our activities teach children to appreciate and respect the environment, and to explore the environment in alternative ways.

## 1. Environmental Games

- a. **Where Does it Come From?** - Explores how everyday items are made and how we can use more earth-friendly replacements.
- b. **How Old Am I?** - Explores how many years items remain in landfills before biodegrading.
- c. **Picture This** - Using easel paper, children explore components of various parts of nature and each component's purpose, for example: parts of a tree and purpose for each part (e.g., roots, trunk, bark, branches, stems, leaves, flowers, fruit, bugs, birds, squirrels, bees, butterflies).
- d. **Where in the World?** - Using a globe and passing it around to identify where animals, people, places, and natural elements are located (a fun game that all children get to play when they hold the globe).
- e. **Follow the River** - Using a glass of water, children explore: Where does water come from?; Where does water go when we spill it?; Why does water go down hill?; Where does water go when we shower?; Where does water go when it rains?; What is rain?; What lives in water?; and How much water is in us?
- f. **What is Wrong with this Picture?** - Using a picture book of modern scenes, ask what has a negative impact on the environment: too many cars, too many houses, bad air, bad water, trash on the streets, pollution from cars, burning forests, not taking care of nature, etc.

2. Environmental Puppet Show - Children will laugh and learn through puppets who care about the environment

3. Environmental Education Hands-On Workshop - Hands-on activities to teach children the importance of taking care of our environment

4. Animated Series - Upcoming shorts entertaining children while educating

## 5. Arts & Crafts

- a. recycled art
- b. enviro-collages
- c. Global Warming and Environmental Posters

6. Enviro Book Readings - Children's authors read engaging environmentally-themed titles including *My Mom Hugs Trees*, *Mbutu's Mangos*, *No Eat, Not Food* and *The Last Little Polar Bear*.

7. Basic book publishing workshop - Explores various facets of children's book publishing including: writing, illustration, layout & design, and encourages children to use their imaginations and to write for fun.

8. Earth Dances & Songs - Artists from the *Earth Day Everyday* CD are available to perform as children dance, sing and play along on various instruments from around the world.

