



UPCYCLED PIGGY BANK

WHY FAMILY VOLUNTEERING?

Family Volunteer Day is a day of service that celebrates the power of families who work together to support their communities and neighborhoods. Volunteering is a great way for kids and adults to make new friends, develop compassion for their neighbors, and even pick up a new skill or two!

THE ISSUE OF SUSTAINABILITY

Our environment has a limited amount of resources. For example, an estimated one third of the world's total oil supply, which is used in the creation of products like gasoline, plastic, and even deodorant, has already been produced. The more we can reuse and repurpose things, the less resources we use, and that is better for the environment!

WHAT YOU'LL BE DOING

Turn old soda bottles into piggy banks to help the environment and collect cash for a cause you care about!

IDEAS TO CHAT ABOUT

- Why is it important to protect the environment?
- What are some other ways you can practice sustainability?

WHAT YOU'LL NEED

- An empty soda bottle
- Paint
- Paintbrush
- A box cutter (for adult use only)
- Black marker
- Scissors
- Glue and/or tape
- Pink construction paper
- Pink pipe cleaner

REFLECTION:

Have participants come together after the project is over. Challenge each family member to come up with 5 words that describe the day's experience in response to the questions below. If more than one family participated, consider forming teams!

- Why was it important to do this project?
- How did you help?
- What was it like to volunteer with your family?
- What was the funniest part of the experience?
- What volunteer activity would you like to do next?

PROJECT INSTRUCTIONS

1. Collect empty soda bottles.
2. Paint the soda bottle pink and let it dry.
3. Cut a hole, about 1 ½" x 1/8", in the side of the bottle with the box cutter, so that there is a slot to put the money in.
4. Use the black marker to draw a nose on the bottle cap and eyes above it.
5. Cut two pieces of construction paper into the shape of pig ears, about 1" wide x 1 ½" long.
6. Use tape or glue to stick the ears onto the side the bottle.
7. Cut four pieces of construction paper into rectangles, about 1" wide x 2" long - these will be the legs!
8. Roll the paper rectangles up into tubes and tape them closed.
9. Use tape or glue to stick the legs onto the underside of the bottle.
10. Cut the pipe cleaner to use for the tail - make it as short or as long as you want!
11. Wrap the piece of pipe cleaner around your finger to make it curly.
12. Use tape or glue to stick the tail to the bottom of the water bottle.
13. With the rest of your bottles, try making different animals, like cats, dogs or even elephants! Get creative!
14. Give the extra piggy banks to friends, neighbors, or teachers and encourage them to save their spare change for people in need.
15. Start saving loose change!
16. When the bottle is full, donate the money to a charitable organization, like a local food bank or homeless shelter.

ADDITIONAL IDEAS AND RESOURCES

- Watch this [video tutorial](#) on making a piggy bank and getting creative with decorations!
- There are a lot of fun and useful upcycling projects you can do. Find some inspiration [here](#)!