

# Litterbug K-2

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## Lesson

Litter is what we call trash that has not been disposed of properly like soda cans, candy wrappers, or food containers that have been thrown on the ground, along the roads, or in the Ocean instead of a trash can. A litterbug is what we call a person who throws trash all over except for in the trash can where it belongs. Litter is bad for the earth, it is dirty & can be harmful to our environment. Turtles, seals, birds & dolphins are just some of the animals that can mistake litter, especially plastic litter, for food & it can be very destructive to them. Fifty five percent of litter is done by people who throw unwanted things on the ground on purpose. The most common item found on the ground is fast food containers. Littering is a serious offense & the police can even arrest you for doing it, so don't be a litterbug! You can always look for a trash can nearby & if there isn't one, you just hold on to it or put it in a bag until you can find one. We all need to do our part & keep our planet clean... one piece of trash at a time.



## Questions for students

Why do you think people litter?

Why is it bad to litter?

What are some ways that we can stop litter?

What would you say if you saw someone throwing trash on the ground?

**Please us the Other Resources Page before you start the art project**

## Materials



- Have an adult help gather things around the house like bottle caps, old newspaper, a plastic bottle, a pipe cleaner, a feather. Whatever you can find.
- Glue or Tape
- Scissors
- Optional: Paint/Markers/Stickers/eyes/



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# Other Learning Resources

## Books About Littering

**Michael Recycle Meets Litterbug Doug** by Ellie Bethel

Watch the video of it here: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zjh\\_zUfslvA](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zjh_zUfslvA)

**I Can Save The Earth** by Alison Inches

**Look Out For Litter** by Lisa Bullard



## Learn More About Littering

<https://worldschildrensprize.org/litterfacts>

<https://www.conserve-energy-future.com/various-littering-facts.php>

## Videos About Littering

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1zQQXac62X0>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lp7yppOAYPw>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ntW7NaJEvt4>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FVArB2cnB4Y>



# Instructions

Parents should help with the steps in Green



1. Gather all your materials
2. Start putting together your own bug made out of litter & create your own "Litterbug!"
3. Fill your bottle, paint it, tie things to it, glue things to it! Be creative & experiment.



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