



Little Earth Charter

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LITTLE EARTH CHARTER

8 X 5:00 min.

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The Earth Charter is a set of fundamental principles that seeks to define a just, sustainable and peaceful society for the 21st century. Since its creation in 2000, it has been endorsed by governments, businesses, institutions, world organizations and individuals. The Earth Charter has been embraced by UNESCO as a means of educating the public of the importance of creating a sustainable world. It has as its mission “to establish a sound ethical foundation for the emerging global society...” Thus, the **Little Earth Charter's** focus is to bring that foundation to children aged 4-8.

The purpose of the **Little Earth Charter** is to help teachers convey its universal principles to children at an early age, with a view to becoming responsible earth stewards for a sustainable future. The mission of the LEC is to reach as many children as possible, in every region of the planet.

The **Little Earth Charter** offers educators a springboard tool to introduce students to a wide variety subjects within the curriculum. Its content relates directly to learning standards for Grades Pre K to 3: earth science, physical science, life science, ecology, environmental studies, geography, history, social studies, citizenship education, and moral education. Through the LEC, students will learn to “find answers to the questions raised by their need to develop as individuals while being respectful of society around them”, “prepare to critically address science-related societal, economic, ethical and environmental issues” and to “develop a sense of personal and social responsibility, and prepare for autonomous, responsible citizenship.” (Pan Canadian Science Protocol)

Its usefulness as a teaching tool extends through the social sciences and environmental curriculum to a basis for ethical and spiritual advisory. It is also unique in that it touches on every aspect of human life, at every level. It can therefore be applied to teach children about dealing with bullying, for example, conflict resolution, or eating a healthy diet. As such, the LEC may be integrated into any program for children aged 4 to 8, and even up to the age of 12.

The **Little Earth Charter** is ideal in addressing the various needs that result from individual learning styles, cultural backgrounds, emotional dispositions and socioeconomic situations. Multiple intelligence learning techniques have evolved out of the understanding that humans learn and excel in a variety of ways, and therefore it is beneficial to recognize and support children in each of these capacities. Examples of the various types of intelligence are: picture smart, word smart, body smart, self smart, music smart, number smart, artistic smart and nature smart. The **Little Earth Charter** addresses many of these types of intelligence by providing visual, aural, manual, narrative, personal and linguistic components to deliver its message.

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THE PRINCIPLES OF THE LITTLE EARTH CHARTER

1. LIFE

What is it?

The Principle of Life means respecting and caring for all living things, no matter how big or how small. All life is important, not just human life, so treat all living things with respect and consideration.

Do you pledge to uphold the Principle of Life?

"I pledge to respect and care for all living things, no matter how big or how small."

Enriched Play

Name some of the living things that you care about. Include your favorite plants, animals, insects, and people! Then draw pictures of these favorite things, cut them out and glue them into a scrapbook. You can easily make your own scrapbook by punching holes in sheets of paper and binding them together with yarn or ribbons. You can call it **"The Little Earth Charter Book of Life"**.

The Song!

Music and Lyrics by JC Little, arranged and performed by Rosie Emery

From 1 to 8, *The Little Earth Charter*
Earth and Rosie will take you there

ONE! Is LIFE and life is everywhere
For all of LIFE we must respect and care
Every little insect, every tiny seed
Animals and people, flowers and trees

CHORUS

So, follow the Charter from 1 to 8
ONE is LIFE and it's never too late
Earth and Rosie will take you there
The Little Earth Charter's a treasure to share

I'm Planet Earth!

There are so many different creatures living together on me, plants, animals and people
Every single one is special and deserves respect and consideration
We can all take care of each other. It's a universal responsibility!

CHORUS

For LIFE we'll care

2. INTERCONNECTED

What is it?

The Interconnected Principle means that everything is connected to everything else. Each and every person and living creature has its own special qualities. We all have a place on this earth and we all need each other.

Do you pledge to uphold the Interconnected Principle?

"I pledge to respect and understand that everything on earth is interconnected and is somehow connected to me.",

Enriched Play

Name some of the different things that you think are important on our Planet. Think about the food that you eat and the clothes that you wear, and where they come from. Were they grown in the soil? Did someone make them? Then draw some pictures of these important things, cut them out and paste them on a large piece of paper in a circle. Draw a picture of yourself in the center of the circle and then draw lines to connect each of these important things to you. You can call it ***"The Little Earth Charter Interconnected Web"***!

The Song!

Music and Lyrics by JC Little, arranged and performed by Rosie Emery

From 1 to 8, *The Little Earth Charter*
Earth and Rosie will take you there...

TWO is everything is interconnected,
for INTERCONNECTED respect and care.
Everyone is different, we all have a place.
The earth is connected to the whole human race.

CHORUS

So, follow *The Charter* from 1 to 8
TWO is INTERCONNECTED, it's never too late
Earth and Rosie will take you there
The Little Earth Charter's a treasure to share,

You know me, Planet Earth!
Life on me comes in so many forms, it's a rich variety of living beings.
They are a big part of my vitality and my beauty!
And absolutely every one of them is interconnected and connected to you!

CHORUS

For INTERCONNECTED we'll care...

3. FAMILY

What is it?

The Principle of Family means doing everything that you can to make sure everyone in the human family is well treated; it means that you will work with others to make sure that all boys and girls have a home, clean water to drink, food to eat, a school to go to and a doctor to look after them if they are sick.

Do you pledge to uphold the Principle of Family?

"I pledge to respect and understand that I am part of the whole human Family and I will do all that I can to make sure everyone in the human family is well treated."

Enriched Play

Invite children to draw pictures of themselves and collect photographs of children in other countries. Talk about how children in other countries are different and also how they are the same. Name some of the things that everyone needs, no matter where they live. Put all of these self portraits and drawings together in an album and call it **"Our Little Earth Charter Family Album"**.

The Song!

Music and Lyrics by JC Little, arranged and performed by Rosie Emery

From 1 to 8, *The Little Earth Charter*
Earth and Rosie will take you there...

THREE! Is FAMILY and family is everyone!
For the FAMILY respect and care
Everyone should have a home, Food and water too;
Every boy and girl should have doctors and schools.

CHORUS

So, follow the Charter from 1 to 8
THREE is FAMILY it's never too late!
Earth and Rosie will take you there
The Little Earth Charter's a treasure to share

Hey there, Planet Earth here!
Believing in you is so important and believing in others is important too
The human family has to look after all its brothers and sisters
in every corner of Earth (that's me!) to be happy and healthy! Hooray!

CHORUS

For the FAMILY... we will care

4. PAST

What is it?

The Principle of the Past means that you will learn from all the different people who have lived before you, discovering what made their lives good and what made their lives difficult and you will be inspired by their gifts of wisdom.

Do you pledge to uphold the Principle of the Past?

"I pledge to respect and understand the past and to learn from all the different people who have lived before me."

Enriched Play

Investigate people of the past and how they lived. Did they have the same things you have? Were their lives easier or more difficult? Were they happier or unhappier because of this? Were they closer to nature? Imagine what your life would be like if you lived in the past. Put on a play and call it **"Our Little Earth Charter Show of the Past"**.

The Song!

Music and Lyrics by JC Little, arranged and performed by Rosie Emery

From 1 to 8, *The Little Earth Charter*
Earth and Rosie will take you there...

FOUR! Is the PAST, all that has passed before us
For the PAST we must respect and care!
Remember all the good deeds done, reflect on our mistakes
Learn from the past and the price that was paid.

CHORUS

So, follow the Charter from 1 to 8
FOUR is the PAST it's never too late!
Earth and Rosie will take you there
The Little Earth Charter's a treasure to share

Around and around, I'm Planet Earth!
I've been around for a very long time and the wisdom of the ages must be
passed on to take good care of me
Everyone can help each other by sharing what they know! Ho- ho!

CHORUS

For the PAST, we'll care

5. EARTH

What is it?

The Principle of the Earth means that you promise to take care of this Earth, the water, the air, the soil and all living things and you will do everything in your power to live in a way that is not wasteful nor greedy. The Earth is the home we share

Do you pledge to uphold the Principle of the Earth?

"I pledge to respect and care for the Earth, the home we all share. I will do all that I can to protect the water, the air, the soil, and all living things."

Enriched Play

Grow something edible! Planting seeds in real earth is a hands-on experience in caring for our Planet. Teach children how to water a plant and to give it enough light and good soil. If you are growing beans or tomatoes, you can pick them once they are ripe and eat them. The earth needs to be healthy for our food to be nutritious! You can call this "***Our Little Earth Charter Earth Garden***".

The Song!

Music and Lyrics by JC Little, arranged and performed by Rosie Emery

From 1 to 8, *The Little Earth Charter*
Earth and Rosie will take you there...

FIVE! Is EARTH , the home that we share,
For the EARTH, we must respect and care!
The mountains and the forests, the rivers and the sea,
The soil, the water and the air that we breathe!

CHORUS

So, follow the Charter from 1 to 8
FIVE is the EARTH and it's never too late!
Earth and Rosie will take you there
The Little Earth Charter's a treasure to share

Hi! I'm Planet Earth, your home!
And whether you live here, or here, or here, you all live together somewhere on me.
Each and every one of you needs to take care of me because I am one of a kind!
I have everything you need and there's enough for ALL if we do it right!

CHORUS

For the EARTH, we'll care

6. PEACE

What is it?

The Principle of Peace means that you promise to live in peace and to cooperate with others to resolve conflicts in a non violent way. If you do have a conflict, you must seek solutions that are fair to everyone.

Do you pledge to uphold the Principle of Peace?

"I pledge to do everything I can to live in peace and to cooperate with others to resolve conflicts in a non violent way that is fair to everyone."

Enriched Play

Do you know anyone who is lonely, angry or upset? These feelings can make someone feel separate from the rest of the group. Sometimes giving someone a card can bridge the distance between them and others. Make a Peace Card for someone you want to reach out to, and help them feel that they belong. Decorate your card with images of peace, and happiness, such as flowers, birds, butterflies and smiles, or just pretty colours that you like. Sending a "**Little Earth Charter Peace Card**" is a message of peace that shows that you care.

The Song!

Music and Lyrics by JC Little, arranged and performed by Rosie Emery

From 1 to 8, *The Little Earth Charter*
Earth and Rosie will take you there...

SIX! Is PEACE and peace is very precious,
And so for PEACE ,we must respect and care!
Cooperation in every place on Earth for ever more,
begins with each of us, no matter rich or poor!

CHORUS

So, follow the Charter from 1 to 8
SIX is PEACE and it's never too late!
Earth and Rosie will take you there
The Little Earth Charter's a treasure to share

I'm Planet Earth, the home you share!
Learning how to avoid conflict and get along is very important.
It only takes a little bit of effort, so that most of the time we can play!
A big cheer for PEACE! Hip-hip hooray! (I'm spinning around now....)

CHORUS

For PEACE we will care.

7. LOVE

What is it?

The Principle of Love means that you promise to be truthful and kind to others, to build trust amongst those that know you and to understand the ways of each person that you meet. It means that you will take responsibility for your actions in all things.

Do you pledge to uphold the Principle of Love?

"I pledge to be kind and truthful to others to understand the feelings of others, and do all I am able to make the world a more loving place."

Enriched Play

Acts of kindness are a great way to show love. An act of kindness doesn't have to cost any money! You can give a smile, make a card, sing a song, give good wishes, or just listen to someone who needs to talk. Make a list of good things that you can do. It is important to do these things for goodness sake and not for any reward. Keep a scrap book of your acts of kindness and try to do at least one every day. You can call your group **"Our Little Earth Charter Kindness Club"**.

The Song!

Music and Lyrics by JC Little, arranged and performed by Rosie Emery

From 1 to 8, *The Little Earth Charter*
Earth and Rosie will take you there...

SEVEN! Is LOVE, a promise that we make to others,
And so for LOVE we must respect and care!
Be truthful and kind to our sisters and our brothers,
Compassion, Understanding and Trust if you dare!

CHORUS

So, follow the Charter from 1 to 8
SEVEN is LOVE and it's never too late!
Earth and Rosie will take you there
The Little Earth Charter's a treasure to share

Hey, it's Planet Earth!

Children everywhere are different and yet somehow the same!
If you can put yourself in someone else's shoes and feel how you are the same as them,
then it's easy to show kindness to others. Loving kindness makes the world go round!

CHORUS

For LOVE we will care.

8. FUTURE

What is it?

The Principle of the Future means that you will do everything possible in your lifetime to make sure that everyone now and in the future can live together in health, peace and harmony on this beautiful Earth.

Do you pledge to uphold the Principle of the Future?

"I pledge to do everything possible in my lifetime to help make our Earth a healthy, harmonious and peaceful home for everyone in the future."

Enriched Play

Organize a Fundraiser! Children will be empowered by this activity because they will be actually helping to make a difference in the world. Have a bake sale, an art exhibition of your Little Earth Charter drawings, a raffle or a movie party. Your fundraiser can generate money to protect an endangered species habitat or some land in the rainforest. Fundraisers are a fun way of investing in all of our futures. You can call your fundraiser **"Our Little Earth Charter Future Fund"**.

The Song!

Music and Lyrics by JC Little, arranged and performed by Rosie Emery

From 1 to 8, *The Little Earth Charter*
Earth and Rosie will take you there...

EIGHT! Is the FUTURE, all that lies before us,
For the FUTURE, respect and care!
Do everything you can to live in harmony
The future is the treasure that everyone will share.

CHORUS

So, follow the Charter from 1 to 8
EIGHT is the FUTURE and it's never too late!
Earth and Rosie will take you there
The Little Earth Charter's a treasure to share

Always turning - Planet Earth - that's me!
Taking turns is a great way to share.
It's your turn now, so take care of the soil, the water,
the air, and all the plants and animals
because tomorrow it will be someone else's turn!

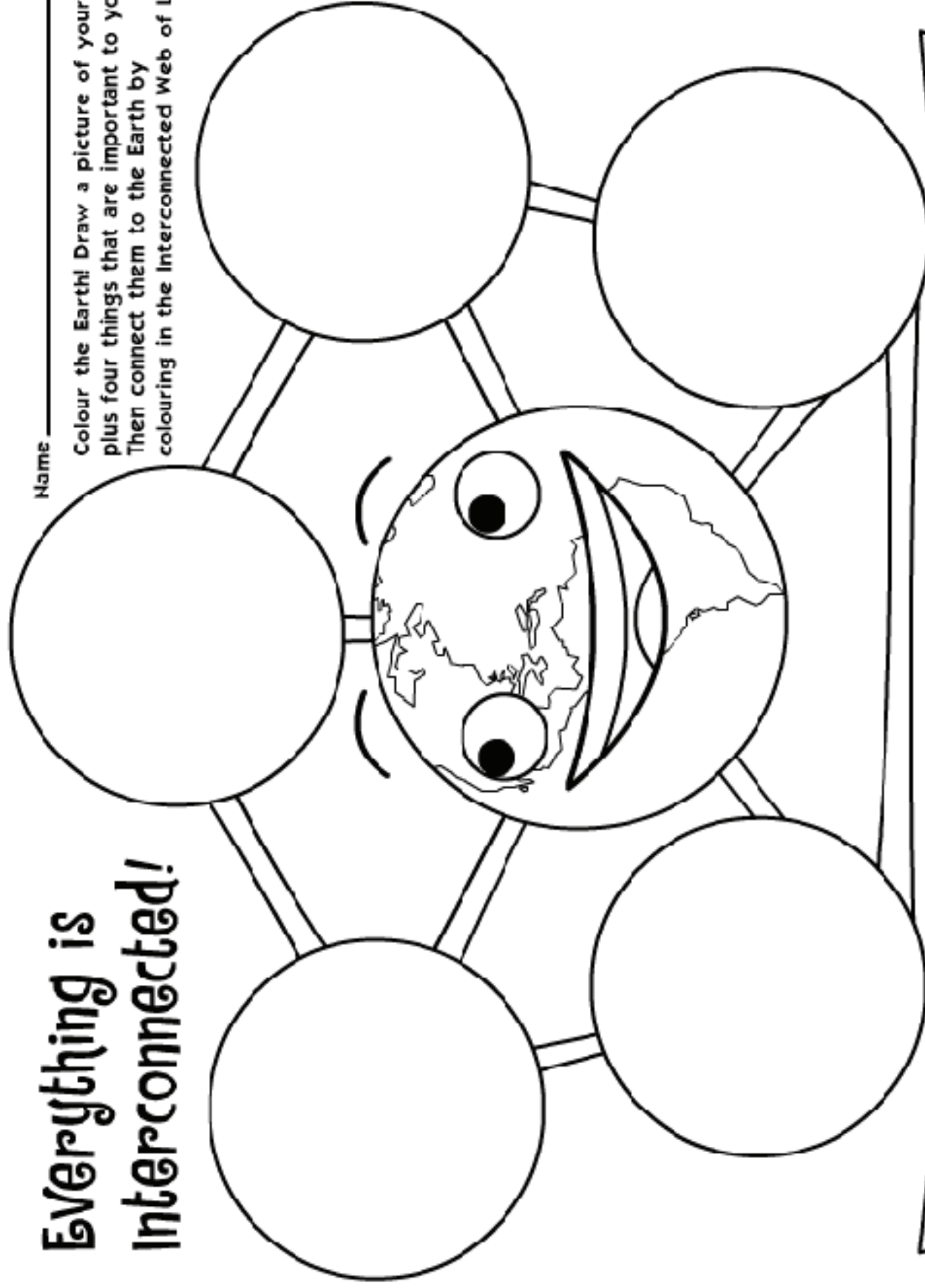
CHORUS

For the FUTURE we will care.

Everything is Interconnected!

Name _____

Colour the Earth! Draw a picture of yourself,
plus four things that are important to you.
Then connect them to the Earth by
colouring in the Interconnected Web of Life!



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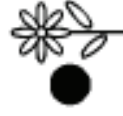
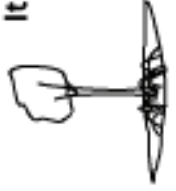
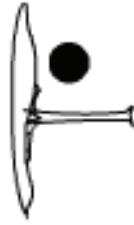
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Connect everything to everything else using different colours. It's an interconnected web!



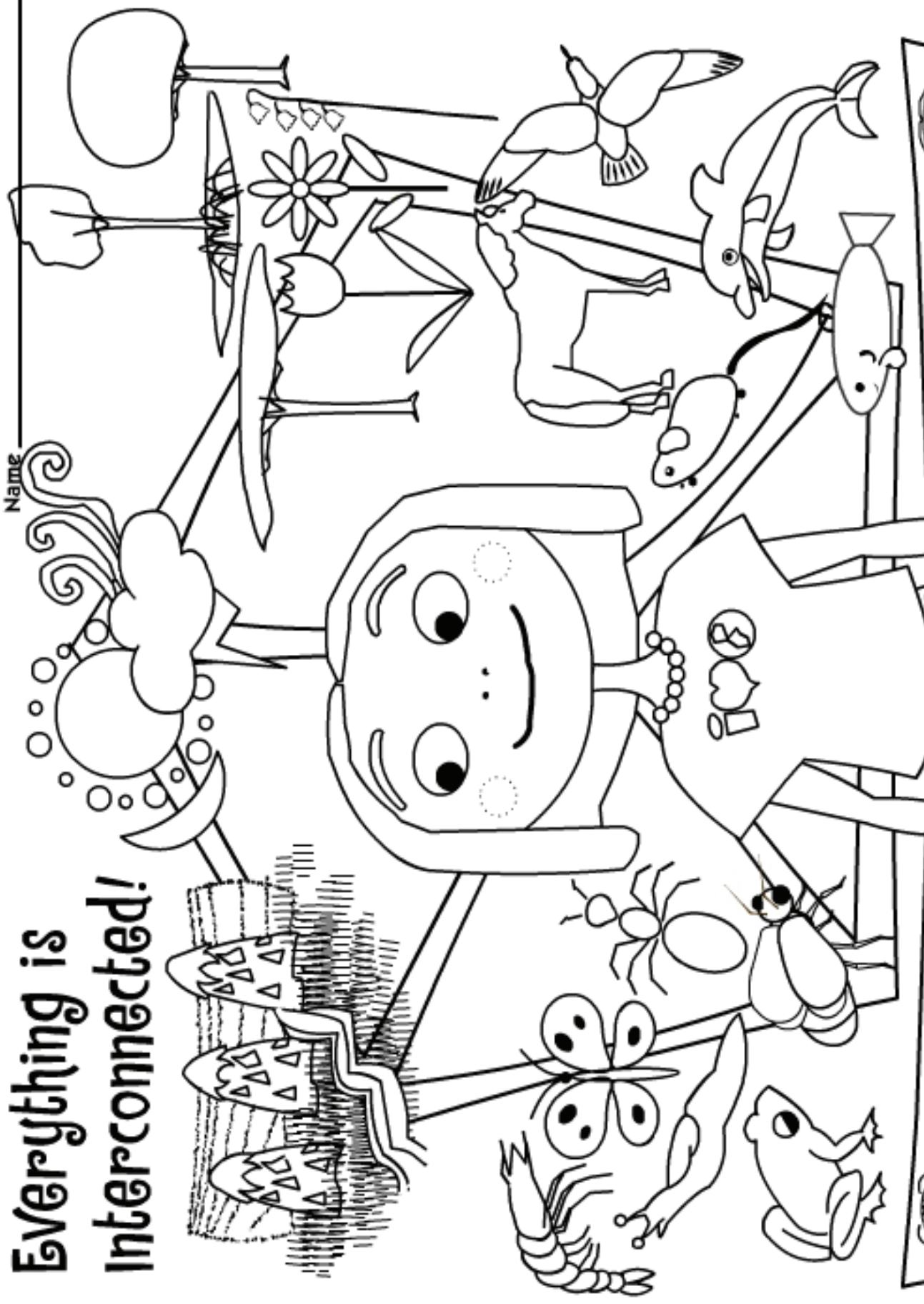
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