

LUC Parent Page Sept. 25, 2016
This Month's theme: Integrity of the Earth

Affirmation: *I love and take care of my earth home.*



Today's story was called: "People are more important than things"

Quotable quotes:

"If one's life is simple, contentment has to come. Simplicity is extremely important for happiness. Having few desires, feeling satisfied with what you have, is very vital: satisfaction with just enough food, clothing, and shelter to protect yourself from the elements." ~ Dali Lama
"Smile, breathe and go slowly." ~ Thich Nhat Hanh

Overview:

This is our third week exploring the theme of loving our earth. In week one, the power of nature was explored and the take home message was our need to respect nature. Last week we explored the importance of protecting wildlife and learned about giant sea turtles and touched on what extinction means. Today, the story "People are more important than things" speaks of our tendency to have too much "stuff" with the emphasis on our need to be thoughtful and responsible with our stuff when we no longer need it. This morning, Bob and Lis Lister, our Refugee resettlement leaders, spoke to the children about our two refugee families that we are waiting for. One of the families has young children and so they explored what these children liked to play with and what they liked to do. The children were invited to take a look at their own "stuff", when they go home, to see if they might have something that they would like to donate as a gift to these children. They ended the morning by creating cards for our new families. Over the next few Sunday's the children are encouraged to bring in small donations for the children that can then be paired with the home made cards. What a wonderful opportunity to experience the gift of giving!

Supplementary resources:

For older kids there is a fabulous youtube video called The Story of Stuff, you can find it at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9GorqroigqM>



These 2 books, with a refugee theme, are available in our children's library in the transept:

A New Life, by Rukhsana Khan: A story about what it's like for two children and their family to start a new life in Canada.

Azzi In Between, by Sarah Garland: Graphic novel style telling the exciting 'adventure' story of a family fleeing to safety.

