**Respect for the Environment Kids Devotional**

**Breakfast**

**Prayers:**

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:  
where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
where there is injury, pardon;  
where there is doubt, faith;  
where there is despair, hope;  
where there is darkness, light;  
where there is sadness, joy.   
  
O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek  
to be consoled as to console,  
to be understood as to understand,  
to be loved as to love.  
For it is in giving that we receive,   
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned…

-St. Francis of Assisi

“I grant forgiveness to all living beings, may all living beings grant me forgiveness. My friendship is with all living beings. I have no animosity towards any living beings.” –Jain prayer

“O Great Spirit, Help me always to speak the truth quietly, to listen with an open mind when others speak, and to remember the peace that may be found in silence.” –Native American Prayer

“I have committed, O my Lord, my spirit and my entire being into the right hand of Thy might and Thy protection, and I lay my head on my pillow through Thy power, and lift it up according to Thy will and Thy good pleasure. Thou art, in truth, the Preserver, the Keeper, the Almighty, the Most Powerful.”

-Abdu’l-Baha

“O God! Educate these children. These children are the plants of Thine orchard, the flowers of Thy meadow, the roses of Thy garden. Let Thy rain fall upon them; let the Sun of Reality shine upon them with Thy love. Let Thy breeze refresh them in order that they may be trained, grow and develop, and appear in the utmost beauty. Thou art the Giver. Thou art the Compassionate.” –Abdu’l-Baha

**Quotes:**

…every part of the universe is connected with every other part by ties that are very powerful...“ –The Bahai Sacred Writings

“Train your children from their earliest days to be infinitely tender and loving to animals.” –Abdu’l-Baha

“Look deep into nature, and then you will understand everything better.”

-Albert Einstein

“Every time I turn my gaze to Thine earth, I am made to recognize the evidences of Thy power and the tokens of Thy bounty. And when I behold the sea, I find that it speaketh to me of Thy majesty, and of the potency of Thy might, and of Thy sovereignty and Thy grandeur. And at whatever time I contemplate the mountains, I am led to discover the ensigns of Thy victory and the standards of Thine omnipotence.” –Baha’u’llah

“Consider the world of created beings, how varied and diverse they are in species, yet with one sole origin. All the differences that appear are those of outward form and color. This diversity of type is apparent throughout the whole of nature…Let us look…at the beauty in diversity, the beauty in harmony, and learn a lesson.” -The Bahai Sacred Writings

“Man is organic with the world. His inner life moulds the environment and is itself also deeply affected by it.” –Shoghi Effendi

**Songs:**

**Hooray for the World Song** (Red Grammer, Teaching Peace CD)

CHORUS: Hooray for the world, I’m glad to be on it. Hooray for the world, I’m glad to be on it. Hooray for the world, it’s a special place, we got mother nature and the human race.

The world’s got buffalo. The world’s got bees. The world’s got jellyfish swimming in the seas. We got beavers and bears, bats and bugs, miniature poodles and slimy old slugs. Oh…

CHORUS

The world’s got salami, the world’s got cheese, we got maple syrup and mulberries. We got Egg Foo-Yung, bagels and lox, corn on the cob, and raisins in a box, so…

CHORUS

We got moms and dads, uncles and aunts, brothers, sisters, grandmas and gramps. We got neighbors next door, kids down the street. Everywhere we go we got new friends to meet, oh…

CHORUS

**Environment Song** (The Family Learning House, Favorite Children’s Songs CD)

What can I do differently today to live a more environmental way?

When I go to bed at night, I can turn out all the lights. I can do it differently today.

What can you do differently to day to live a more environmental way?

When you’re buying groceries, don’t use plastic bags please!

You can do it differently today.

What can we do differently today to live a more environmental way?

We can drive a smaller car. We can walk if it’s not far. We can do it differently today.

What can I do differently today to live a more environmental way?

I’ll save water for the flowers just by taking shorter showers. I can do it differently today. Yay!

**Game:**

Something with the Earth ball

**Story:**

**Art:**

-Decorate cloth bags with stamps

-Tree with Quote

**Playtime**