Littering
Introduction - Don't Litter

Materials:

Set up a container sorting area. Label (words and pictures) the baskets (i.e. small plastic baskets that you can set on a counter:

→ Newspapers
→ Glass
→ Tin Cans
→ Aluminum Cans
→ Colored Paper
→ etc.

(Optional) If space doesn't allow for this, set up a tray with mini objects to sort or pictures of items on cards to sort into labeled (words and pictures) baskets.

Presentation:

1. During Circle Time, Explain to the children about littering. That littering is what we as human beings do to pollute the earth.
2. Invite the children to say the word littering.
3. Bring out the baskets and introduce each one and explain what you would put in that basket.
4. Show the children where the baskets will be kept.
5. Invite the children to recycle on their own.

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Extension – Mini Litter Environment

Materials:

Set up a jelly roll pan as a mini litter environment

→ Cover the bottom with fake grass.
→ Small tin bucket for trash can.
→ Tiny bits of papers, tops of cans, string, etc.

(Optional) You can make it more difficult to add tongs or a tweezers.

Presentation:

1. During Circle Time, show the children the mini litter environment.
2. Demonstrate how to pick up each piece using the three finger grasp.
3. Return the litter to the bottom of the tray.
4. Show the children where the environment will be kept.
5. Invite the children to pick up the litter on their own.