

# The Planet Patrol



Lesson 4:	Be Accountable! Planet Patrol to the Rescue!
Objective:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Students will identify cause and effect situations related to environmental depletion</li><li>• Students will identifying the limitations of the natural world</li><li>• Students will develop a plan of action to promote environmental awareness</li></ul>
Materials:	Truffula Tree pattern Green butcher paper (background) Tape or glue stick Pencils Crayons Chart paper
Book:	<u>The Lorax</u> by Dr. Seuss
Websites:	Dr. Seuss site (have to get it)
Activity:	<p>Read the story, <u>The Lorax</u> to the students. Discuss the book. Have students make connections between the hazards and issues facing our own environment and those of the Truffala Village. Discuss solutions for problems facing our own environment today.</p> <p>Allow students to work in groups to write down solutions to problems facing our environment. Have the teams write their solution on a Truffula tree. When the teams have finished allow them to share with the whole group. Then tape or glue the trees to the green butcher paper to begin to rebuild the Truffala village.</p> <p>Explain to students that our environment is fragile we need to be careful with it. There are over 5 billion people on this Earth and all of them need food, water, and shelter. These needs sometimes come with a price. If we all pitch in and work together, we can make the world a better place.</p> <p>Hand out copies of the lyrics from Ben Harper's song, "With My Own Two Hands." Choral read with students.</p> <p>Ask students to mentally recall all that they have learned in the last few days. Brainstorm a list of ways that they can make a difference in our community.</p>

Once the list is completed, begin to narrow it down to one project that the group can accomplish.

Sites for ideas on group projects

Service Learning

<http://www.epa.gov/epaoswer/general/educate/svclearn.pdf>

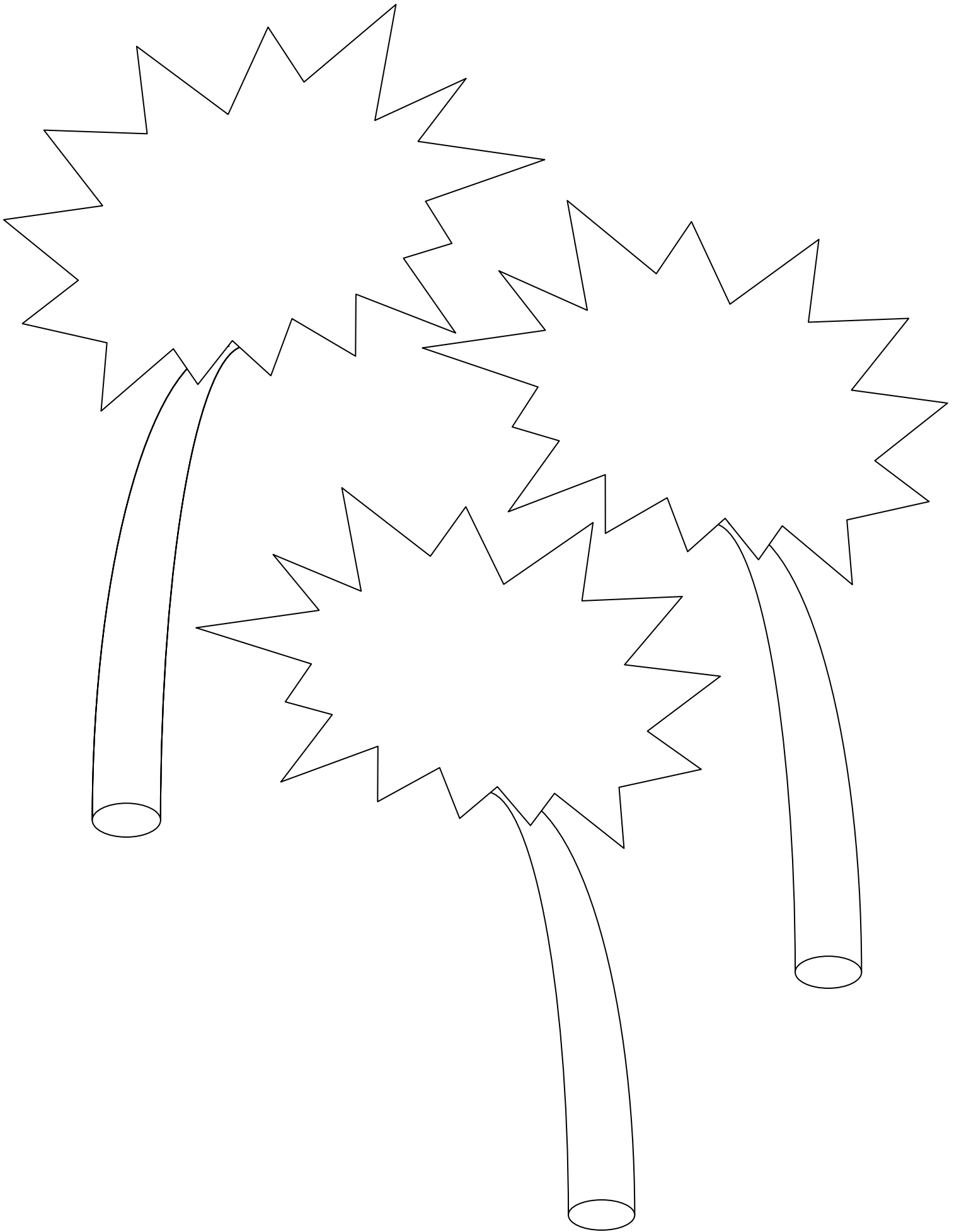
The Green Squad

[http://www.nrdc.org/greensquad/intro/intro\\_1.asp](http://www.nrdc.org/greensquad/intro/intro_1.asp)

Optional

Journal Writing:

1. Pretend you are the Lorax. Speak for the animals that were driven from the Truffula forest.
2. Pretend you are a Truffula tree. What do you want to say to the people who are cutting you down?



# "With My Own Two Hands"

## Lyrics by Ben Harper

I can change the world  
With my own two hands  
Make a better place  
With my own two hands  
Make a kinder place  
With my own two hands  
With my own  
With my own two hands

I can make peace on earth  
With my own two hands  
I can clean up the earth  
With my own two hands  
I can reach out to you  
With my own two hands  
With my own  
With my own two hands

I'm gonna make it a brighter place  
I'm gonna make it a safer place  
I'm gonna help the human race  
With my own  
With my own two hands