

## Stewardship Jack Suggests Ways to Care for the Environment

### Be a Home Inspector

#### 1. **Make a Wind Detector**

Do some checking around your house. Take a 2-by-12-inch strip of tissue paper and hang it from a large paper clip to make a Wind Detector. Hold the detector up to the edges of doors and windows. Observe what happens. If the paper moves, there is probably a leak.

How might you help? You could make draft stoppers. Take some old socks—old pantyhose also works—and stuff them with scraps of fabric or clean rags. Add some small rocks (pebbles) for weight. Place them at the bottom of the door where you found the draft or along the leaking window sill.

#### 2. **Scrap Your Journal!**

Most paper is manufactured from tree pulp. So, cut down on paper waste by designing a journal from an assortment of scrap papers. Blank sides work best. Trim all pages to a size that works for you. Fasten with staples or punch holes in the pages and tie them with string to form a journal. Keep track of your data and observations from your wind detector exercise here.

#### 3. **Be a M.A.D. Scientist (Move and Dig)**

When you throw something away, is it really gone? Do this What-Happens-to-Waste Experiment. Choose four or five items, like food, notepaper, a plastic object, or a piece of foam. Move the items to your yard and dig holes for each one. Bury them in separate holes. Predict what will happen for each object, and record your predictions in your Scrap Journal. Mark each spot in the ground and water it regularly as you would a plant. Check the items weekly to observe the changes, if any. (Remove the soil from around the items, then rebury them.) Which items break down? Record the information you dig up. How accurate were your predictions?

No dirt to dig in? Try this: Buy a small bag of potting soil and partially fill a jar with the soil. Bury in the jar small pieces of the same objects you would have buried in the ground.

#### 4. **Help the World Advertising Agency**

Stewardship is about managing all the resources that God has given us, which includes our time, our abilities, our money, AND the earth! Head your own Help the World Advertising Agency. Spread the word about the importance of being a good steward of the earth, which includes recycling. You could put a sign in your window that reads, "I am a Steward of the Earth."