



# Helping Your Kindergartner Thrive

This Week's Lesson: The Lorax

## What You'll Need

- A phone with internet (if you do not have this, skip to 'Alternative Instructions')
- Pipe cleaners OR paper and crayons

## What to Do

- You will read or watch "The Lorax" (find it online here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EdWesdMfyd4>). Before you start, take a moment to define natural resources for your child-- that is, things that exist in nature and are very valuable to humans. Examples of natural resources include water and trees.
- As you read the book, pause each time a new natural resource is used in the story. Ask your child how the resource is being used.
- At the end of the story, ask your child how the environment in the story was affected by natural resource use. After the discussion, use the pipe cleaners to create small truffula trees. Alternately, you can draw the trees on paper using crayons.

## Alternative Instructions

(if you don't have a phone to watch the story or a copy of the book on hand)

- Take a moment to define natural resources for your child--that is, things that exist in nature and are very valuable to humans.
- Brainstorm out loud and think of other natural resources. Examples of natural resources include water and trees.
- Ask your child to think of possible ways the environment might be affected by humans using natural resources (if they struggle, you can point out things like pollution, loss of homes for animals, etc.)
- After the discussion, use the pipe cleaners to create small trees. Alternately, you can draw the trees on paper using crayons.

## Keep It Going

- As you go about the rest of the week, continue to discuss natural resources as they come up in every day life (for example, you could talk about coal or electricity when you flip on the lights.)