



Summary:

What would our world look like without green grass, trees, or flowers?

Science Topics:

- Basic needs of plants and animals
- Natural resources
- Human impact on nature

Questions to Discuss:

- Where would you play without trees or grass?
- What would you miss the most without the green in our world?
- What other colors are important? Why do you think so?

Related Activities:

- Create your own pledge. Write a list of ways you can help keep the world green.
- Draw a picture of what you see out your window. How many things are green?
- Check out the workbooks at

gardenclub.org/kids-publications-and-activity-books

Keep Reading:

PreK-K	1-2	3+
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• What Does it Mean to be Green? by Rana DiOrio• Green, Green by Marie Lamba and Baldev Lamba	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Earth Gives More by Sue Fliess• Why Should I Protect Nature? by Jen Green	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Heroes of the Environment by Harriet Rohmer• City Green by DyAnne DiSalvo-Ryan

My Green is Gone

Work with your local library: Donate books to the library and ask them to promote the book with a special display. When the book is checked out, provide a bag, the book, the activity sheet, and a giveaway item. The child can keep the activity sheet and giveaway item but return the book and bag to be checked out by another child.

Give a gift to your child/grandchild/neighbor: Book, Activity Sheet, and Giveaway

Hold a neighborhood activity and ask the garden club to help. Use the opportunity to promote your garden club (most of us are always looking for new members) and use the books and activities as a prize for a fun child-friendly contest.

Pick a day to host an activity for children, grandchildren, and neighbors of garden club members. Get together to read the book and discuss the questions. Follow up with a group activity.

Consider starting a junior garden club with the children you've met.

Meet with a group of parents/children to discuss and work on a community project.

Make or purchase a bag for carrying the book, activity sheet and project.

My Green is Gone sells for \$10 and is ordered on the National Garden Club web site.

Give Away Ideas: Pad of drawing paper and crayons or colored pencils. Color wheel. A journal to keep track of "green practices" (provide paper and instructions to make and accordion journal)

Get a group together and go on a **Color Scavenger Hunt**. Use the attached card or create your own.

Create **Color Bingo** Cards and then go on a nature walk and mark off the colors on the card as you see them in nature.

Make a **bee hotel** out of recycled materials.

Provide paper and pencils for the children to write a poem for the NGC Poetry Contest:

"I spy with my little eye, something Green outside – celebrating our Green World."

Have everyone bring items from their recycling bin and let them work on their recycled materials sculpture for the NGC Youth Sculpture Contest.

So, let's get started. These are just a few ideas, but you can challenge your club to come up with others. The focus is to reach children as well as their parents on the importance of saving our environment for the future and advancing the **GO GREEN - PLANT AMERICA** goals for a Cleaner, Greener and Healthier World!