

A Trip to Save the Earth!

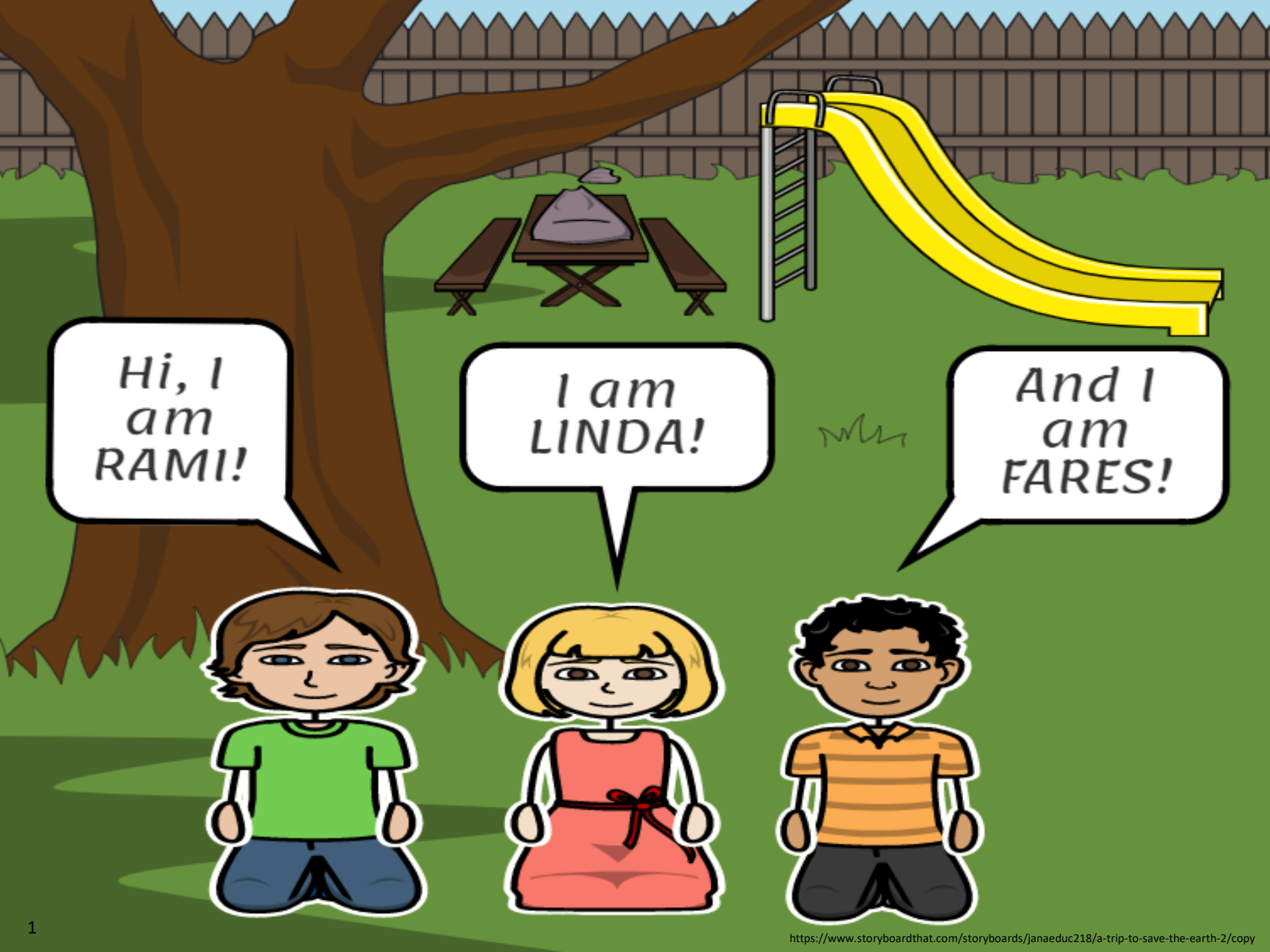


AGE GROUP: 6-8



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Hi, I
am
RAMI!

I am
LINDA!

And I
am
FARES!





In "Jesuites Garden" located in Ashrafieh, Beirut, a Lebanese boy named Rami was playing there with his two best friends, Linda and Fares.

Rami first met Linda when her parents just moved from Syria to his building in Ashrafieh.

Then, Rami and Linda met Fares, a Palestinian boy, when his parents moved from Verdun to Rami's building, two weeks after Linda moved in.

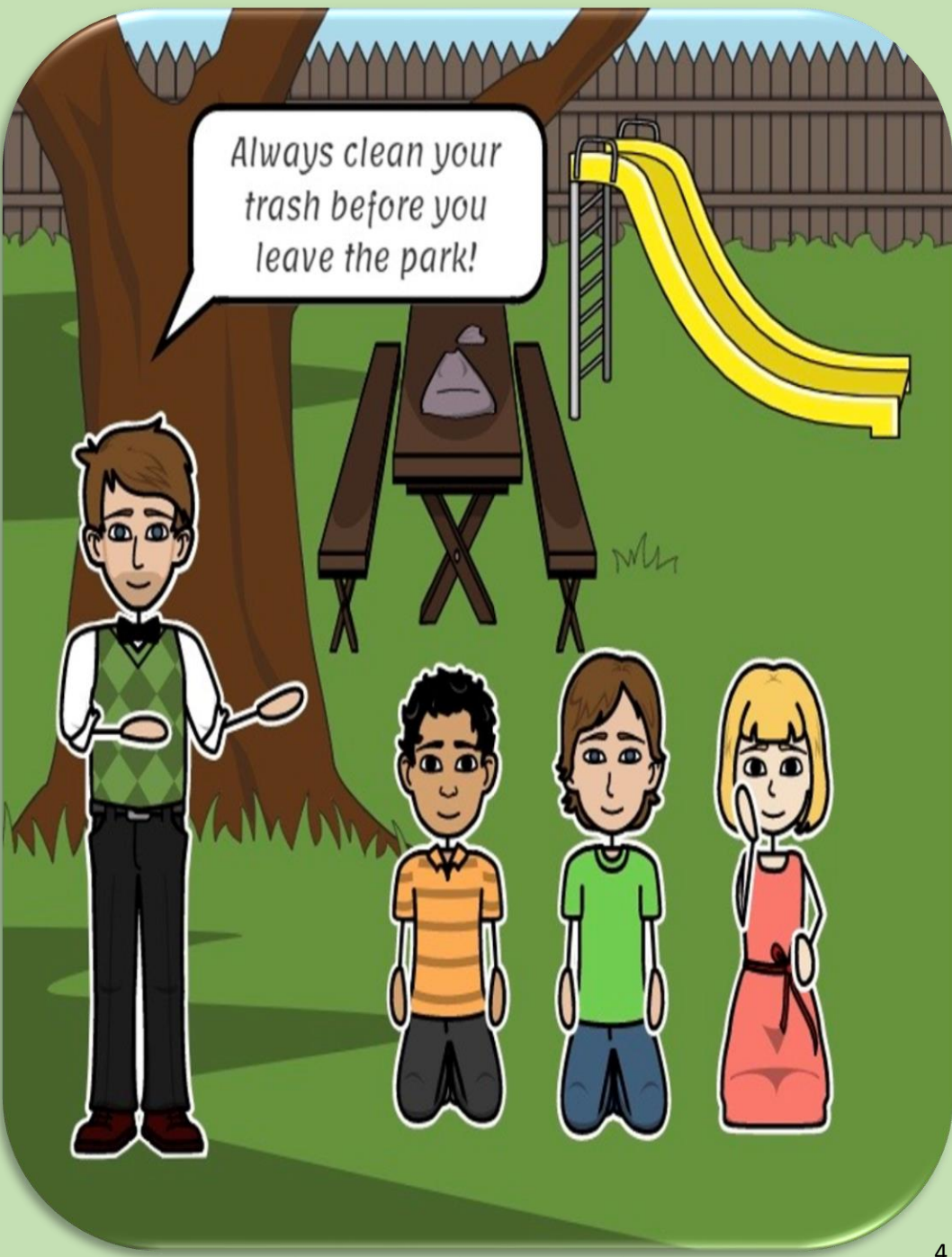
The three friends had set up a picnic, ate their food, and played more around the park. Linda suggested that they go watch TV. Everyone agreed.

Just as they were leaving the garden, they hear Rami's older brother, Dani, call out for them. "Where are you going?", he asked. "We are going to watch TV", Rami replied.

"Before you leave little brother, I need to talk to you all. Come back", Dani insisted.

They all drag themselves back to the picnic area they set up, where they left all their trash. They sat down facing Dani.





Always clean your trash before you leave the park!

Dani began talking, "You three love this park, right?". The three friends nodded in agreement.

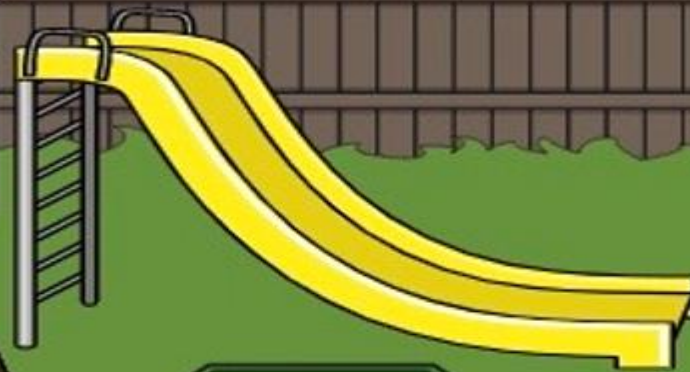
Dani continued, "You love climbing trees and rolling in the grass too, right?". Linda chimed, "So much!".

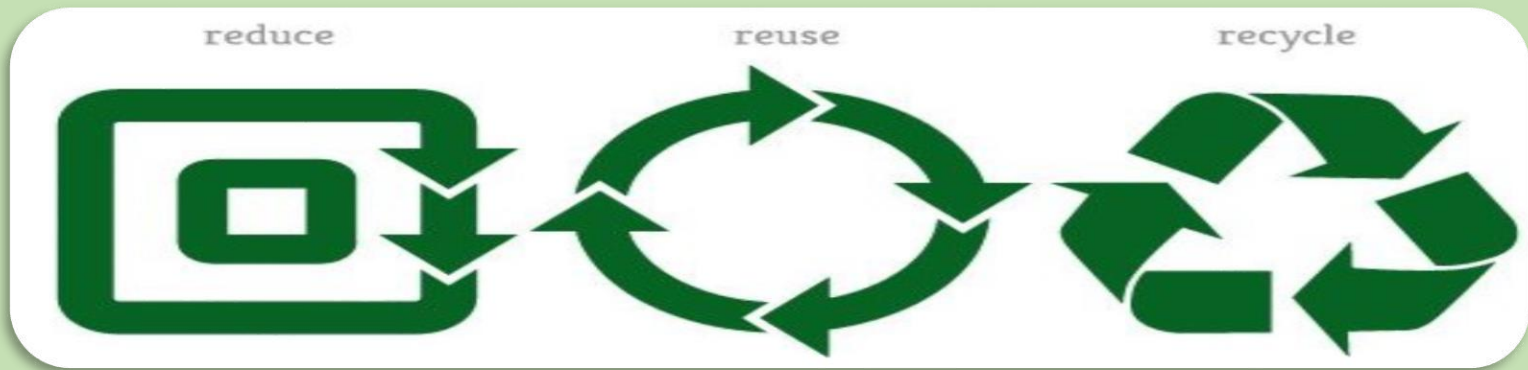
"Then why did you leave your trash here?" Dani asked. The three friends looked at each other confused.

Dani continued, "Leaving your trash behind is a form of pollution that is making the park and the Earth very sick, very sad, in need of help, so... how about if we went on a trip to save Earth?!"

The three friends jumped in excitement and listened to Dani carefully.

To save earth, it is important to use the 3 R's: Reuse, Reduce, Recycle



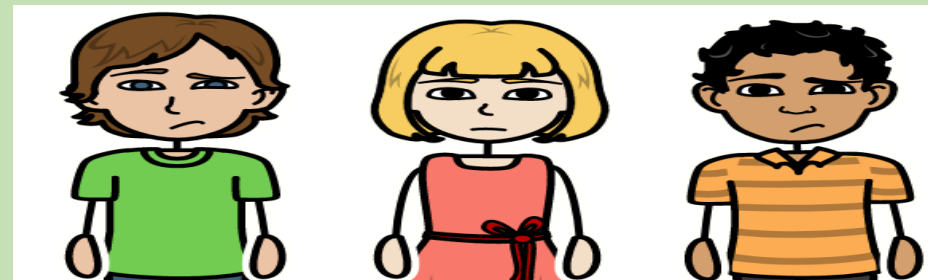


"The first important thing we can do to save Earth is to start using the 3 R's", said Dani. "The what?!", asked Rami confused.

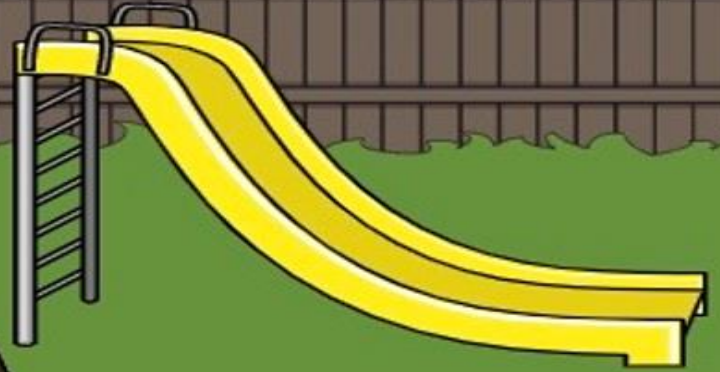
"The 3 R's stand for Reuse, Reduce, Recycle", Dani explained, "When you **reuse**, it means you use the same object, but in a different way than it was originally used."

"When you **reduce**, it means you use an object less frequently in order to make the amount of trash smaller", Dani continued.

"Finally, when you **recycle**, you collect certain types of trash and take them to special centers in order to fix them again or change them into new objects you can use", Dani concluded.



First R: Reuse





“Reuse is when I turned the plastic bottle and toilet roll cardboard into pencil holders”, Rami said.





"Or when mom used the empty jam jar to put in it the cookies", added Linda.





"I also reuse!", Fares said with excitement, "I use the same brown lunch bag to school all the time".

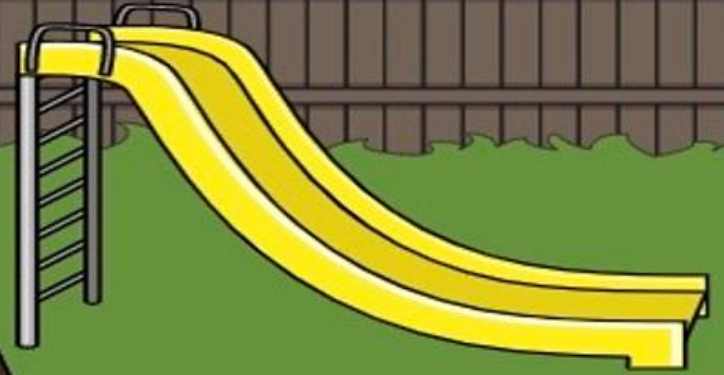


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"Exactly kids, all these are good examples of reusing" said Dani.

Second R:
Reduce





"Time for reduce...hmm...reduce, how do we reduce?", asked Linda.

"Reduce is when you turn off the lights and water when you are not using them. It is important to reduce electricity and water. We all need water to survive and we need to protect it for us, for fish, and other animals that need it too. It is part of saving the planet", explained Dani.

"I do that. I also reduce!", replied Linda.





"I reduce when I use refillable bottles instead of plastic ones", added Fares.



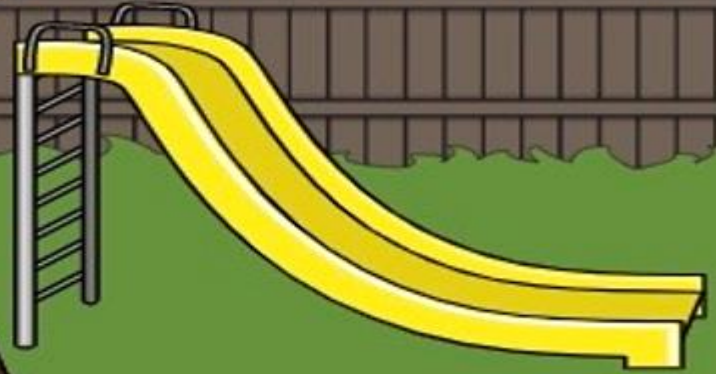


"I reduce when I write on both sides of the paper!", spoke Rami.



"Exactly kids, all these are good examples of reducing", said Dani.

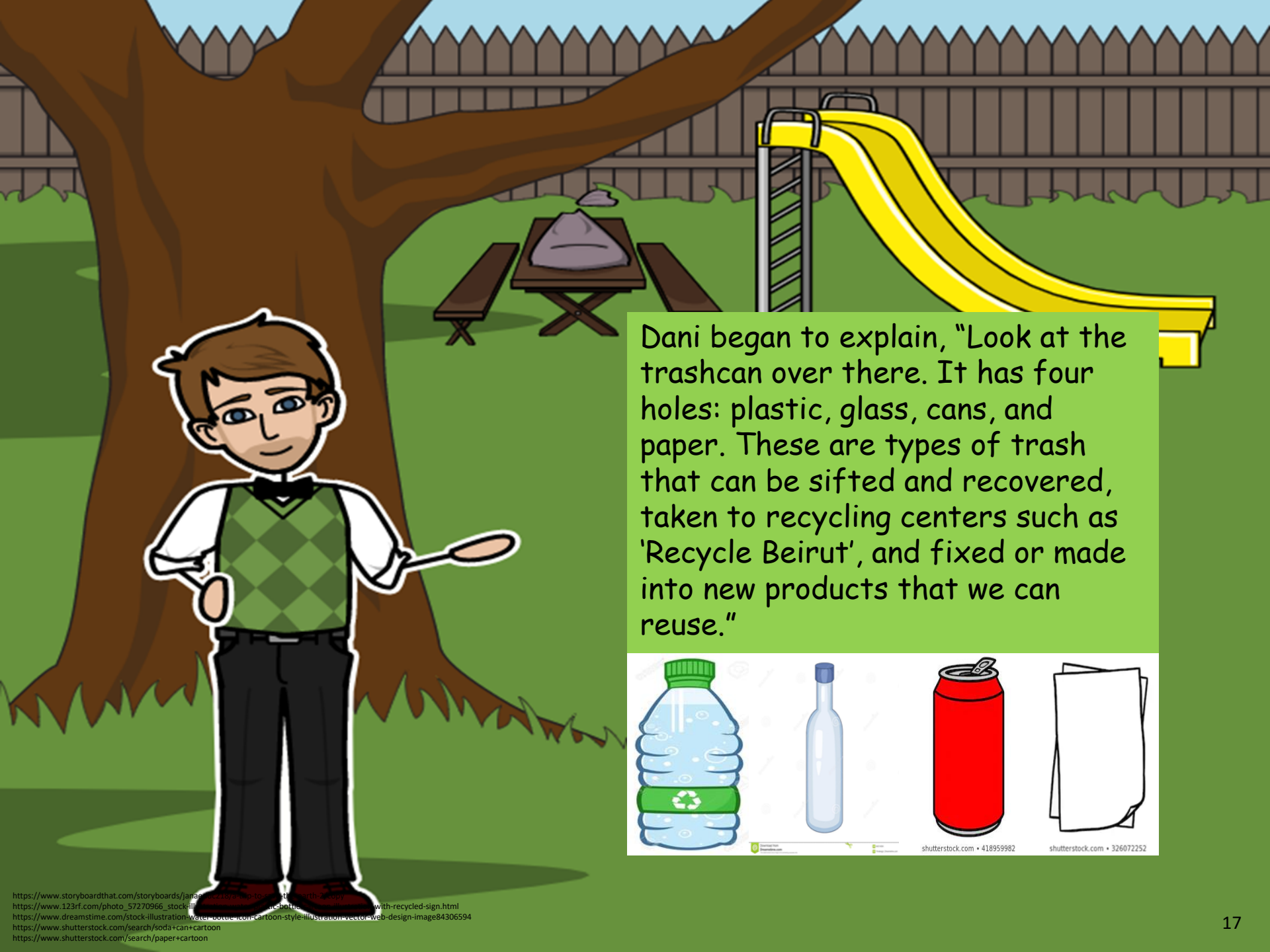
Third R:
Recycle





"What about recycling? Can you give me examples?", asked Dani.

"We know what it means, but we do not know how it works.", said Rami in a confused way. His friends agreed with him.



Dani began to explain, "Look at the trashcan over there. It has four holes: plastic, glass, cans, and paper. These are types of trash that can be sifted and recovered, taken to recycling centers such as 'Recycle Beirut', and fixed or made into new products that we can reuse."




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Here is how they sift our waste for recycling:

Fares stopped Dani and asked him, "But why do we recycle?". Dani replied, "We recycle because it reduces our trash and this means we are reducing pollution and saving Earth!"





Keep Earth clean
using the 3 R's.

"Every time we use the 3 R's, we protect our trees, we keep our oceans and rivers clean, we save energy, we reduce our trash, and we protect our nature. Trees can grow strong, turtles and fish in the ocean will not die from plastic, and the Earth can breathe clean air.", said Dani happily. "We will use the 3 R's and help save Earth!", Rami shouted. Linda and Fares hoorayed him.

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The three friends cleaned their picnic area. They threw their trash in the correct trashcans to recycle them and took the things they can reuse with them home.

Since then, they made sure to always use the 3 R's and taught all they know to friends and family. The three friends made a promise to always protect their park and encourage others to save Earth.



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