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Tropical Forests

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'Drawdown' carbon to reverse global warming

'Act Up' through interactive games and skits to activate top solutions

Learn the science behind the solutions and how to activate these in your daily life

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Skit: Recycled Toilet Paper

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Climate solution addressed by skit (from Drawdown): Tropical Forests

Learning Objective: to understand how buying recycled toilet paper can help to preserve trees in tropical forests from being cut down

Characters: Tropical tree, Human, Singers/dancers, could have one or more costumed as rolls of recycled toilet paper

Properties or costumes needed to perform skit: tree costume (*could be as simple as holding a branch in each hand*), optional binoculars and traveler's hat for Human or anything to make the human seem like an explorer, optional costume of roll of toilet paper

Describe setting for skit: Human enters a place in a tropical forest, panting, sweating, desperate for shade in the tree-less rainforest and finally sees a tree.

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Script

Human: It's sweltering, I thought this was supposed to be the rainforest! Where are the trees? Ugh finally!

(Lays down under the tree.)

Tree: *(attacks human)* ARGHHH Evil human! Get away!

Human: Ahhhh, I haven't done anything!

Tree: EVERY human has done something

Human: What are you talking about?

Tree: You've cut down my family to farm for meat.

Human: I'm a vegetarian!

Tree: You cut down trees to make your furniture.

Human: I make sure all of my furniture is locally sourced and sustainable.

Tree: Well, you wipe your butt every day!

Human: Hmmm, I do use a lot of toilet paper, but what can I do about that?

Tree: Use recycled toilet paper.

Human: You want me to recycle my toilet paper? That's disgusting.

Tree: Don't recycle used toilet paper; buy recycled toilet paper. Let me introduce you to my friends, they'll explain...

(enter others, perhaps dressed as rolls of toilet paper)



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Recycled Toilet Paper Song

Recycled toilet paper, make sure you buy
 Recycled toilet paper, make sure you buy
 Take from the roll to the tush and then you flush, bye bye
 Recycled toilet paper
 Make sure you buy

What is the paper that we all don't write on?
 What is the paper that we use every day?
 Where's the log, where's that tree, where's that forest gone?
 Should have recycled but instead we threw away.

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What is the paper that we all don't write on?
 What is the paper that we use every day?
 What *doesn't* come from a tropical forest?
 Recycled toilet paper is the best way (What do you say?)
 Recycled toilet paper is the best way

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Discussion Questions:

- Besides toilet paper, what other kinds of recycled paper can you buy?
- Recycled toilet paper costs more than non-recycled toilet paper. How could you talk about this with your family, your school, your faith community, local businesses, public buildings, etc. to help them consider taking on this extra cost?
- What other ways could you reduce the amount of paper products you use?



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