

REMINDING OURSELVES TO SAVE ENERGY

Intended audience: Children aged 3-6

This activity will begin with the teaching of a song, and be followed by crafts activities that can be modified according to the maturity of the participants.

I. A song, to the tune of,

"THE WHEELS OF THE BUS GO ROUND AND ROUND"

Note – optional material needed:

The words "ON" and "OFF" can be accompanied with:

- *hand motions – opening and closing the palm of the hand*
- *a flashlight being turned on and off*
- *a table lamp being turned on and off*
- *holding up a picture or drawing of a light bulb that is on, alternated with a bulb that is off.*

Other words/phrases in the song can also be mimed, such as "sleep", "read a book", "leave room", etc. Additional stanzas can be created.

If there are older children in the group, they can be "helpers", turning off the overhead light, turning on the flashlight, holding up the pictures, etc.

-The lights in the house go **ON** and **OFF**, **ON** and **OFF**, **ON** and **OFF**,
The lights in the house go **ON** and **OFF**, **We save the lights that way.**

-When it's dark outside, the lights go **ON**, the lights go **ON**, the lights go **ON**,
When it's dark outside, the lights go **ON**, **We save the lights that way.**

-When we go to sleep, the lights go **OFF**, the lights **OFF**, the lights go **OFF**,
When we go to sleep, the lights go **OFF**, **We save the lights that way.**

-When we read a book, the lights go **ON**, the lights go **ON**, the lights go **ON**,
Etc.

-When we leave a room, the lights go **OFF**, the lights go **OFF**, the lights go **OFF**,
Etc.,

-When it's dark in the room, the lights go **ON**, the lights go **ON**, the lights go **ON**,
Etc.,

Final verse:

-The lights in the house go **ON** and **OFF**, **ON** and **OFF**, **ON** and **OFF**,
The lights in the house go **ON** and **OFF**, **We save the lights that way.**

II. Crafts project

A poster board sign with a patterned border/frame, to put on the refrigerator or to hang on the wall near light switches:

Materials needed:

General:

- drop-cloths or newspapers to work on the table or floor
- small, safe, scissors
- poster board
- glue suitable for paper and glitter
- washable crayons and/or markers, including black (for bulbs that are "off")
- colored pencils, including black
- glitter – gold (and black?)
- small magnets and/or small binder clips
- white, " Full Sheet Size Labels", Avery 8165, if possible, to preclude the need for using glue for the graphics)
- (Optional) Catalogues and magazines with electrical appliances in them

From Canfei Nesharim:

- Canfei Nesharim stickers and/or magnets on saving energy
- attached pages of graphics (printed out on full sheet size labels)
 - (smiling) electrical plugs
 - incandescent light bulbs
 - CFL bulbs
 - Small electrical appliances

Variation #1

- Paste a Canfei Nesharim magnet, or place a Canfei Nesharim sticker, in the middle of a poster board cut to desired size.
- Cut and paste (or cut and stick, if on label sheets) the other images in any pattern around the edges to create a "frame"
- Color with crayons, pencils or markers; Sprinkle glue with glitter for lit bulbs, if desired.
- Use the magnet or another small magnet to place the sign of the refrigerator, or attach a small binder clip on top and hang from a nail.

Variation #2

- Cut and paste (or stick the labels) one of the selected slogans from the attached graphics sheets, and surround with desired images; color as desired. Use magnets or binder clips to hang.

Variation #3

- Take the sheet with the large light bulb, or cut out an incandescent and a CFL bulb (paste on poster board to give it firmness) and color it in /paste glitter on it.
- Cut out the selected slogan(s) and place under the light bulb(s)

Make sure not to waste materials, recycle what you can.