



Edward O. Wilson, A Harvard professor renowned for his work in Sociobiology, put forward the need for a spiritual connection with the sciences:

“They feel it, and they care deeply.”



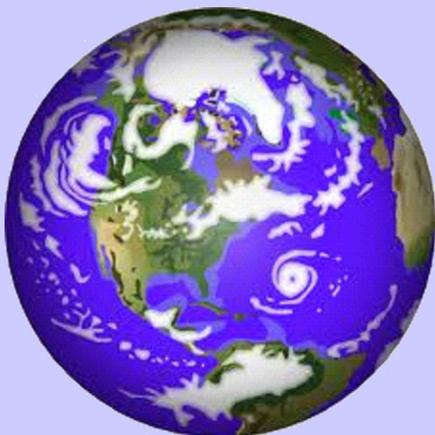
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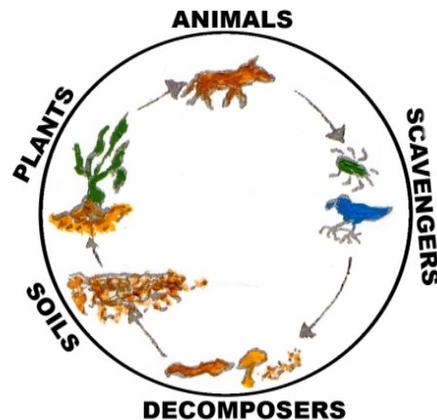
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EarthCircles

**UU Environmental Justice
5th & 6th Grade Curriculum**

For 5th and 6th Grade Kids: It matters what we teach our young people!!



The goals of the program are to:

- Develop understanding and caring for the natural world.
- Learn through experiences that are meaningful to Kids.
- Explore environment and cultures across the planet.
- Build good stewards of our Earth.

UNITS

- **Water at Work:** Where does water come from in our own community, in our region and in other parts of the world? How do we take care of water?
- **Visits with Nature:** Where do we find the Web of Life? Looking for clues in the outdoors --- woods, parks and ponds --- brings ecological concepts to life and develops feelings of connection with the natural world.
- **Soils and Seeds:** What makes a healthy soil and how do worms help? How is a seed formed and how do bees help? Kids explore these questions using their own worm bin compost to grow plants indoors.
- **The Fruitful Garden:** How is our food supply produced? What is the difference between organic farming and agribusiness? Kids grow a vegetable garden outdoors and share the produce.
- **Acquiring Energy:** Where does the energy we use come from? How do people across the world access it? At what cost?
- **Climate Change:** What causes weather and climate? Is our planet really getting warmer? Why? What can we do about it?

Each lesson includes a UU Principles in Practice discussion.

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