

THE THREE R'S (1-27-11)

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Musical open with audio heard from behind the stage.

SFX: bumping, thumping and scratching

Seagull (With much frantic concern): Help! Help! I'm trapped in here! Let me out! Let me out!

Pirate: Hold on, matey! Don't get your tail feathers in a knot! Let's see here...all right...stand back and I'll lift this off! There you go!

(Feathers flying over stage) SFX: Popping sound

Seagull jumps up from behind the top of the stage. Pirate slowly follows her up at the bottom of the stage

Seagull: Whew! I thought I was a goner! I was walking along and someone threw this box and it fell down on my head. I tried to get out, but I was caught.

Pirate: Sasha, are you all right? Arrgh... No fractured feathers? No bruised beak?

Seagull (looking herself over): Noo...no, I'm OK. I'm just REALLY mad! People keep dumping trash on my beach! How would THEY like to live in a trash pit? It's not right to dump litter, in fact it's against the law! If you hadn't come along Antonio, who knows how long I would have been trapped...why, I could *(begins to cry SFX: sound of loud snuffling and nose blowing)* have...have...been hurt REALLY bad!

Pirate: Now, now, Sasha, calm your little gizzard down. You WEREN'T hurt were you?

Seagull (sniffing): Well...no...but... I THOUGHT I was gonna be trapped forever!

SFX: large wings flapping and plopping sound as Pelican pops up looking from side to side from the top of the stage

Pelican: Trapped??? Did I hear someone say trapped??? By any chance did they trap FISH?

Pirate: NOBODY trapped or caught fish, Patrick, and there are NO fish for you here. Is that all you think of...FOOD??

Pelican (offended): Why, no, Antonio. I think of LOTS of other things.

Pirate: Arrghhh, I sure am glad to hear that. We have an ocean sized problem when people litter and they aren't caught and fined. There has to be a way to get rid of all this trash on the beach. It's dangerous for us who live here!

Seagull: There is a way! It's called RELOCATION! I'm moving away from this dump!

Pelican: You're leaving, Sasha?

Seagull: You got it, Patrick! I'm going to find a place where people respect our beaches and parks and everyone's home...where I don't have to play DODGE BALL with trash.

SFX: Whistling sound (Box comes flying over stage. All three puppets duck down)

Pirate : Aw, Sasha, you're not deserting a sinkin' ship are you? We have to stand together and get somethin' done about this. Instead of us RELOCATING maybe we need RECYCLING along with teaching people it's not safe to litter and it's against the law! Maybe we should teach people it's not safe to litter, (*thoughtfully*) all this trash is hurting our beach, our homes and all other animals that call this beach home!

Seagull: Forget it, Antonio. No one's interested in changing trash to treasures. I'm done. I'm going to pack my nest and fly OUT of here!

SFX: Music and sound of exit (Sasha exits stage)

Pelican: I'm sad to see Sasha leave. I didn't know trash bothers her so much. Me, I just fly over it and try not to look. (*SFX: propeller airplane engine (brings wing up over his eyes)*). What are we going to do, Antonio? We have to stop her from moving away from our beach!

Pirate: I'm not sure, Patrick, but just covering our eyes and not LOOKING at the trash is NOT the answer. If I only knew more about solving our trash problem!

SFX: Splashing and Dolphin sounds. (Dolphin comes up during SFX)(Dolphin is wearing wire framed glasses and a top hat made from a coffee can with the label still on decorated with the recycling emblem)

Dolphin: Ahem! Did someone mention RECYCLING? Diego's my name and the three R's are my game! REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE that's the answer to ALL our trash problems! If people learned the three R's, maybe they wouldn't litter.

SFX: Whistling sound

Pelican: Watch out! Incoming trash!

(milk jug comes flying over the stage) (all three puppets duck)

Pelican: REDUCE? I hope I don't have to REDUCE my food! I don't think that would be healthy for ME!

SFX: loud growling sound; Patrick looks down at his stomach

See there? My tummy is already hungry!

Pirate: There you go with FOOD again! We're talking about REDUCING the trash that is dumped on our beach.

Pelican: OHHHHHH! Well...then... I'm outa here. All this talk of food is making me MORE hungry. Think I'll go fishing! Or... Ya know what???? I'll go see Sasha and try to change her mind about leaving our beach!

SFX: Musical interlude and large flapping wings as Pelican leaves.

Pirate: Now then, down to business. Diego, how does this reduce, reuse, recycle thing work?

Dolphin: REDUCE the trash that is dumped on our beach by REUSING or RECYCLING . Did you know newspaper can be recycled and made into pencils?

Pirate: Aaargghhhh...there's a LOT of newspaper just thrown on our beach! If EVERYONE helps, we can get things cleaned up around here!

Dolphin: Everybody makes a choice to litter our beaches and injure the animals and people, or to reuse and recycle their trash!

Musical interlude under Pirate's audio

Pirate (turning to audience): Arrggh, mateys, what choice will YOU make? Repeat after me: **REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE!** *(pause for audience to repeat)*. One more time, loud enough for the sea urchins to hear! **REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE!** That was better! And remember, if you trash our beach you pay the price! That's a \$2000 fine! *(turning to Dolphin)* Diego, I'm gonna start sorting out some of this trash and get it to the recycling center. **ARRGHHH!** *(turns back to audience)* Do you want to help me and my friends? *(pause for response)* Then find out where **YOUR** local recycling center is, Mateys!

SXF: Musical interlude turned up as Pirate leaves.

Dolphin: (Turns to the audience) Antonio is ready to make sure our beach is safe for us animals and for you people, too!

SFX: Music with humming behind stage. Sally Sea turtle enters at bottom of stage with a decorated plastic bag on her head.

Dolphin: Well, hey there, Sally! What a **LOVELY** hat!

Sea turtle: Why **THANK** you, Diego. I made it myself! I think it's a great way to reuse those pesky plastic bags. It's very practical, too. It keeps my head dry when it rains!

Dolphin: Antonio and I were just talking about **REDUCING** garbage on our beach by **REUSING** and **RECYCLING** the trash!

Sea turtle: I heard Sasha is moving away. I'm gonna give her my hat and let her know if we tell **EVERYONE** about reusing and recycling trash, it **WILL** make a difference on our beaches...actually **ANYWHERE** we live! If people reuse, they won't litter. Did you know you can recycle cell phones *(SFX: ringer)*, and batteries *(electric fizzle sound)*, and plastic *(plastic bottles crushing)*, and paper *(paper being crinkled)*, and cans *(cans being crushed)*, and.....and....

Dolphin: *(interrupting)* Sally, you really know your trash! I'm impressed! I thought I was the litter expert! I'm gonna start turning some trash into treasures myself. *(mumbles as he exits)* Maybe a plastic bottle hat...or a tin can tie...

SFX: Musical interlude as Dolphin exits. Entrance sound as Sasha enters on top stage

Seagull: Heard you had something for me, Sally. Is it a going away present?

Sea turtle: I'm hoping it's a "stay here with us" present. It's this lovely recycled hat!

Seagull: **OOHHH!** It's beautiful! Where did you get it?

Sea turtle: I made it for you out of old plastic bags and used flowers. I reused trash! Why, my neighbor was going to throw the flower pot that I got the used flowers for your hat in the TRASH, BUT I rescued it and use it for my new trash can!! The three R's....REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE. That's the real answer to our beach trash problem!

Seagull: Do you think it will actually work? Will people really listen and help keep our home clean?

Sea turtle: Well, you can't keep moving to get away from the trash! You'll run out of places to go after awhile!

Seagull: Then I guess we'll just HAVE to make sure EVERYONE hears about the THREE R's!

Together to the audience: **REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE!**

Sea Turtle: And remember trash our beach, pay the price!

SFX: Music and exit sounds as Sasha and Sea turtle exit

Crab enters and adlibs the following information:

"That's right the Three R's! REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE! If we reduce how much trash is dumped on the beach and in our parks and neighborhoods by reusing and recycling it the world will be much better off. Dumping trash where we live is not safe for the animals OR the people that live and play there. We make a choice every day to litter or not to litter! Won't you choose to recycle or reuse instead of littering your beach and paying a fine of up to \$2,000? Many useful things can be made by recycling trash."

(as Crab talks Seagull, Pelican and Sea turtle come up each with a sign that says, "SAY: REDUCE", "SAY: REUSE", or "SAY: RECYCLE". As the audience repeats the signs, Crab comments on how enthusiastic they are about the Three R's not realizing the puppets behind him are prompting them.) "Most towns have a location where you can take what you CAN'T reuse and they find someone who CAN reuse it. Find out where YOUR local Recycling Center is Matey!" The recycling center here in _____ is located on _____ street.