

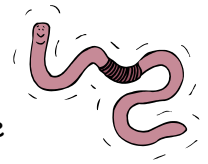
# Redworms Eat My Garbage!

**Grade Level:** Preschool- 2

**Time Needed:** 30-45 minutes

**Supplies:** Puppet Theater, Puppets, Magnifying Glasses/Boxes, Redworms, Dishpans

**Location:** Classroom (Newspaper on the tables or floor will be helpful, as some of the worm bedding will fly out of the dishpan)



**Objective:** Students will learn about the different jobs of worms in nature during a puppet show. They will then learn that special composting worms can be used to eat certain kitchen scraps.

**Introduction:** A puppet theater needs no introduction-but everyone has so many questions and wants to look behind the theater.

**Activity I:** *Wiggle Forest Puppet Show*-the students will meet 4 worms  
Mick the Earthworm (construction worker)-likes to dig tunnels  
Julia the Night Crawler (chef)-likes to mix the dirt  
Bubba the Redworm (big eater)- eats  $\frac{1}{2}$  his body weight in food each day  
Anna the Redworm (baby)- likes to teach kids the word "castings"  

- Review at the end of show-what jobs did the worms have?
- Who wants to meet some real redworms?!!!!

**Activity II:** *Up Close & Personal with the worms!*  
Take worms out of the *Worm-A-Roo* Worm Bin and put them into dishpans for the different groups.  
Goals for this part of the activity:  

- Hold a worm in your hand and see if it is a good dancer
- See if we can find worm cocoons!
- Find out what the worms have been eating

**Activity III:** What do redworms like to eat?  
On the felt board, we will make three lists, Foods that are *Yummy* to Worms, *Yucky*, or Foods that are *Too Stinky* for an indoor worm bin. We then have large pictures of various food scraps and no-no's and the students have to figure out which list they belong in. For classes that will be adopting the worm bin for 3-4 weeks, we will discuss the proper way to WORMSIT.