



The Lorax

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“Unless”

The Once-ler

This week we learn of the Once-ler, who he was and what happened to him. The Once-ler started out just like anyone, just wanting to better himself and be successful. But the Once-ler didn't think about how his actions would affect others. It's a good thing that the Lorax was there to speak for all of those who could not speak or did not have the nerve to speak up or who didn't even know the Once-ler was doing anything wrong. Click [here](#) to meet the Lorax.

Greed

But the Once-ler got greedy. He was not satisfied. He wanted more and more and more! See how much more damage he did by always wanting more, click [here](#).

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The Lorax saw firsthand what happened to plants and animals when people became too greedy and didn't treat the earth the way God intended for it to be treated. Psalm 24 says, “The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it; ²for he has founded it on the seas and established it on the rivers.” This means that nothing on the earth is ours. We are just here for a short time to take care of it. To be stewards of the earth. The Lorax was a good steward of God's earth. The Once-ler considered him a nuisance who couldn't be quiet but, in the end, after all the trees were gone and all the animals moved to a different place, it was his voice that remained. Do you remember that one simple word that remained? [“Unless.”](#)

Unless

Unless someone like you cares an awful whole lot, nothing is going to get better. It's not. If we take care of the earth, then we are tending to God's plan, God's plan to prosper and not to harm and plans for hope and a future. If we take care of the earth, then we are giving back to what was given to us. So, let's remember to always “Speak for the trees” and do our part for the wonderful gift God has given.

[Let it Grow](#)

Truffula Tree Seed Craft

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- In addition to the items in your bundle you will need: glue, a small pot with potting soil or a place outside for planting.
- Take out the bundle labeled Unless from your bag. You should have a pom-pom, a pipe cleaner, a seed packet, “unless” quote and string.
- Begin by gluing the pom-pom on the top of the pipe cleaner.
- Attach the “Unless” quote to the pipe cleaner with the string.
- Plant seeds in pot or in the ground.
- Place Truffula tree next to seeds and watch them grow!