

Conversation Card 2

Bhūmi Sūktam

यस्यां वेदिं परिगृह्णन्ति भूम्यां यस्यां यज्ञं तन्वते विश्वकर्माणः।
यस्यां मीयन्ते स्वरवः पृथिव्यामूर्ध्वाः शुक्रा आहुत्याः पुरस्तात्।
सा नो भूमिर्वर्धयद्वर्धमाना ॥

धरती माता को नमन! उसमें, भूमि (जमीन) ने खुद को बलि वेदी के रूप में फैलाया है; उसमें संसार के सारे क्रिया-कलाप यज्ञ के रूप में फैले हुए हैं, उसमें आरम्भ से ही यज्ञों के समय जगत् की ध्वनियाँ (यज्ञों के सदृश) ऊपर उठती हैं और शुद्ध करने वाली ऊपरी परतों में विलीन हो जाती हैं। प्रतीकात्मक रूप से श्रमिकों को शुद्ध करना), पृथ्वी द्वारा प्रदान किए गए विस्तार (विस्तार स्थान) का विस्तार हो सकता है (हमारे भीतर भी)।

Salutations to Mother Earth! in her, bhoomi (ground) has spread herself as the sacrificial altar; in her, all the activities of the world has spread themselves as yagya, in her, from the beginning, the sounds (of activities) of the world (resembling the chants of yagya) during oblations rises and disappears in the purifying upper layers (symbolically purifying the workers), may the expansion (expanding space) provided by the earth, expand (our inner selves also).

PROMPT QUESTIONS FOR TEACHERS

I. SEEING & NAMING

- What do you see in this picture?
- Who are the children in the picture?
- What is the boy doing with the water?
- What is the girl putting into the dustbin?
- What are the children doing inside the water?
- What are the kids wearing inside the water?
- What animals can you see?

II. FEELING & RELATING

- How does the Earth look—happy or sad?
- How do you think the Earth feels when children help her?
- How would you feel if your rooms were clean?
- Do the plants look happy when they get water?
- How do the fish feel when plastic is removed?
- Would you like to help others like these children?

III. CAUSE & EFFECT

- What happens if we do not water plants?
- What happens when garbage is left on the ground?
- What happens to fish if plastic stays in water?
- Why do you think the Earth is smiling?

IV. SELF-WORLD CONNECTION

- Who gives us food—plants or Earth?
- Where does the water for plants come from?
- Is Earth like our mother?
- Why do we call Earth mother?
- Do we want our mother at home to be happy or sad?
- What do we do to make our mother happy at home?
- Can we also make Mother Earth happy with our actions?

V. ACTION-ORIENTED

- What can we do in our classroom to help Earth?
 - Can we water plants in our school?
 - Where should we throw waste in the school?
 - Can we say “no” to plastic sometimes?
 - What promise can we make to Earth today?
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