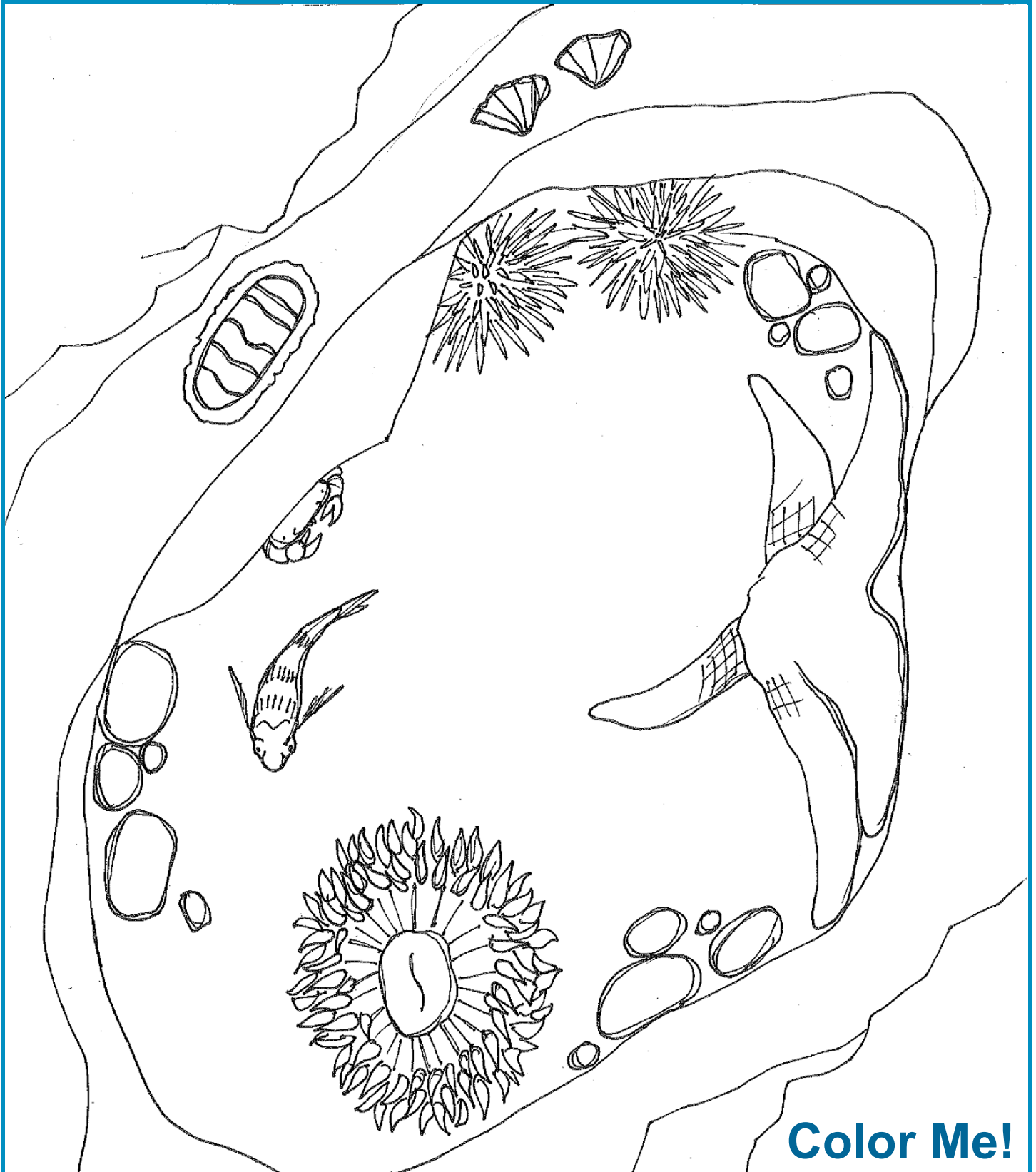


# Earth Day Activity Book



**Color Me!**

# Happy Earth Day!



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## The First Earth Day

The idea for Earth Day came from Gaylord Nelson, a senator from Wisconsin. After seeing how an oil spill in California affected the ocean, Nelson wanted to unite people to care for the Earth. He gathered a small team to organize events around the U.S., and **on April 22, 1970, the first Earth Day took place**. That day, over **20 million people** attended rallies for a healthy environment. This overwhelming support led to the creation of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, a section of the government that creates and enforces laws to protect the environment. Within 3 years of the first Earth Day, Congress passed the Clean Air Act, the Clean Water Act, and Endangered Species Act. Each of these laws gave important legal protections for different parts of the environment. Every year since, people around the world have held events on April 22 in support of a healthy Earth.

This year marks the **50th anniversary of Earth Day**, and people around the world will take action to help the environment. You can participate in Earth Day in many ways. Use some of the activities in this book to celebrate Earth Day at home!



## Student Stewards

These students created posters to educate their school on keeping water clean. Can you think of an Earth-friendly message you can share with your family and friends?

**Create your own poster on the last page of this book!**

# Earth Day Scavenger Hunt

Celebrate the environment with a fun scavenger hunt!

## OUTDOORS

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On a walk outside:

- Count the number of storm drains
- Find a flying bird
- Find a plant or animal smaller than your hand - find one larger
- Find a river, creek, or stream (use a map)
- Track number of nature sounds heard
- Count number of animals seen
- Pick up three pieces of trash

*Don't forget #CoastkeeperCleanupChallenge*

## INDOORS

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At home, try to find:

- something you can reuse
- something you can recycle
- something disposable that you could switch for reusable
- a plant you can see from your window
- a reusable grocery bag
- how many ways you use water every day
- how many ways you use electricity every day

Draw the most interesting plants you see!

# Earth Day Word Search

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- CONSERVATION
- REUSE
- WATER
- EARTH DAY
- PLANT
- PLANET
- ANIMAL
- NATURE
- REDUCE
- ENVIRONMENT

3 things I already do to help the environment:

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. \_\_\_\_\_  
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3 new things I want to do to help the environment:

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# Draw your own poster

Create a message about how we can care for the Earth. Draw yourself enjoying nature and write one thing people can do to help. When you're done, share with family or friends and San Diego Coastkeeper!