God has created a beautiful world for us to live in. He has given us the job of taking care of it, and that includes being careful of what we do with our waste. If people throw litter, it does not just make a place look untidy, it can harm animals and clog drains and rivers, causing floods.

**WHERE DO WE PUT OUR WASTE?**

When rubbish is dropped on the ground, it can stay there for a long time. Draw a line between each object below and the length of time it takes to break down and disappear (answers are at the bottom of the page).

- **Plastic bottle:** 450 years
- **Glass bottle:** Never
- **Plastic bag:** 10–20 years
- **Rolled-up newspaper:** 10 years
- **Banana skin:** 2 years
- **Paper bag:** 1 month

Answers: Banana skin: 2 years, paper bag: 1 month, rolled-up newspaper: 10 years, plastic bag: 10–20 years (but it breaks down into smaller microplastics), plastic bottle: 450 years, glass bottle: never.

**HOW LONG TILL IT IS GONE?**

Rather than just throwing things away, we can reuse and recycle the ones we already have. Here is an easy idea for making a game with old plastic drink bottles.

1. Take six empty plastic bottles. You can decorate your bottles by painting them or gluing strips of old material around them.
2. Put a handful of sawdust, earth or pebbles in each bottle.
3. Set them up in the pattern below. Stand at a short distance. Use a ball or stone to see how many you can knock over. Put the fallen bottles upright again and let your friends have a go!

**PLASTIC BOTTLE SKITTLES**

Can you learn this Bible verse by heart?

‘The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it.’ (Genesis 2:15)