



## Earth Day

Earth Day is an annual event [celebrated](#) around the world on April 22 to demonstrate support for [environmental protection](#). First celebrated in 1970, it now includes events coordinated globally by the Earth Day Network<sup>[1]</sup> in more than 193 countries.<sup>[2]</sup>

In 1969 at a [UNESCO](#) Conference in San Francisco, [peace activist John McConnell](#) proposed a day to honor the Earth and the concept of peace, to first be celebrated on March 21, 1970, the first day of spring in the northern hemisphere. This day of nature's equipoise was later sanctioned in a proclamation written by McConnell and signed by Secretary General [U Thant](#) at the United Nations. A month later a United States Senator [Gaylord Nelson](#) proposed the idea to hold a nationwide environmental [teach-in](#) on April 22, 1970. He hired a young activist, [Denis Hayes](#), to be the National Coordinator. Nelson and Hayes re-named the event "Earth Day". Under the leadership of labor leader [Walter Reuther](#), the [United Auto Workers](#) was the most instrumental outside financial and operational supporter of the first Earth Day.<sup>[3][4]</sup>

<sup>[5]</sup> According to Hayes, "Without the UAW, the first Earth Day would have likely flopped!"<sup>[3]</sup> Nelson was later awarded the [Presidential Medal of Freedom](#) award in recognition of his work.<sup>[6]</sup> The first Earth Day was focused on the United States. In 1990, Denis Hayes, the original national coordinator in 1970, took it international and organized events in 141 nations.<sup>[7][8][9]</sup>

On Earth Day 2016, the landmark [Paris Agreement](#) was signed by the United States, China, and some 120 other countries.<sup>[10][11][12]</sup> This signing satisfied a key requirement for the [entry into force](#) of the historic draft [climate protection treaty](#) adopted by consensus of the 195 nations present at the [2015 United Nations Climate Change Conference](#) in Paris.

Source: Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia



Earth Day Network (EDN), the organizing body for Earth Day worldwide, announced that the theme of Earth Day 2021 is "Restore Our Earth." EDN is a non-profit organization whose mission is to diversify, educate and activate the environmental movement worldwide. Growing out of the first Earth Day, Earth Day Network is the world's largest recruiter to the environmental movement, working with close to 100,000 partners in nearly 192 countries to build environmental democracy.

More than 1 billion people now participate in Earth Day activities each year, making it the largest civic observance in the world. Earth Day Network works through a combination of education, public policy, and consumer campaigns.

For more information, visit [www.earthday.org](http://www.earthday.org)

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THE LORD'S  
AND  
EVERYTHING  
IN IT.

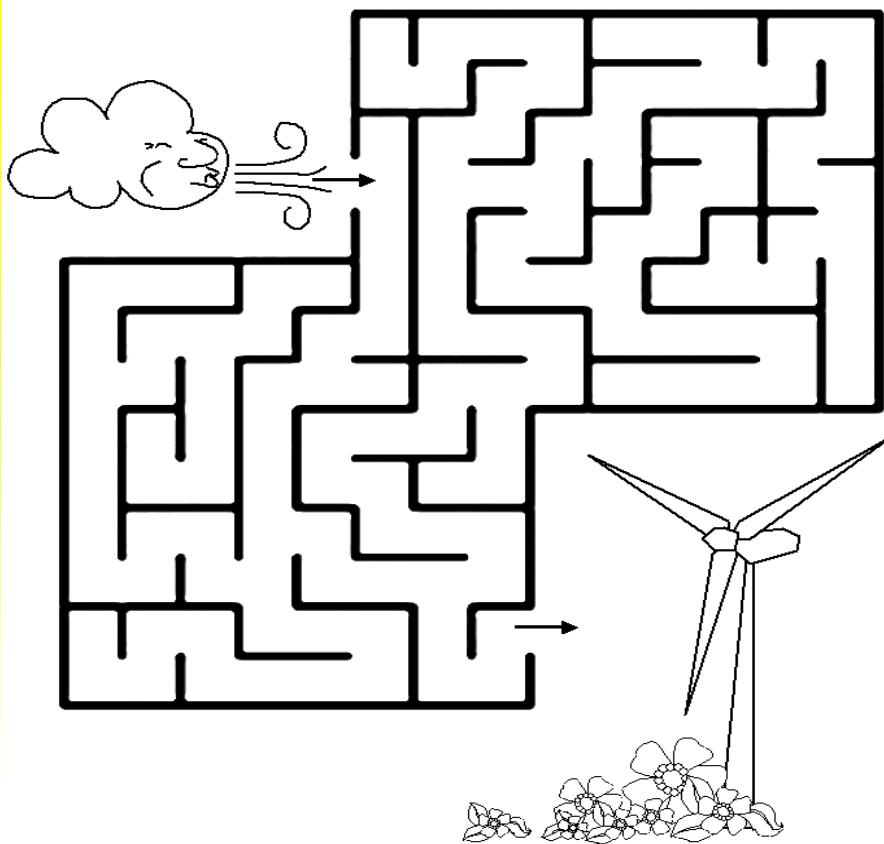


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## KID'S CORNER

# Earth Day Maze

Help the wind blow the turbine to make wind power.



## SHARON SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH VIRTUAL WEEKLY REMINDERS

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### Saturday—April 17

- 9:45am Church at Study via Zoom
- 10:00am Youth at Study via Zoom
- 11:15am Church Worship Experience via Facebook and YouTube
- Noon Prayer via Prayer line 1-360-602-2931
- 2:00-4:00pm Our Food Pantry will open with restrictions and strict adherence to physical/social distancing
- 8:00pm Sunset (PDX)

### Sunday—April 18

- 9:00am Prayer Time via Prayer line 1.360.602.2931

### Monday—April 19

- Noon Bible Study via Prayer line 1-360-602-2931

### Wednesday—April 21

- 7:00-8:00pm Prayer Meeting via Prayer line 1-360-602-2931

### Thursday—April 22 (Earth Day observed)

### Friday—April 23

- 8:07pm Sunset (PDX)

### Saturday—April 24

- 9:45am Church at Study via Zoom
- 10:00am Youth at Study via Zoom
- 11:15am Church Worship Experience via Facebook and YouTube
- Noon Prayer via Prayer line 1-360-602-2931
- 2:00-4:00pm Our Food Pantry will open with restrictions and strict adherence to physical/social distancing
- 8:09pm Sunset (PDX)

### Sunday—April 25

- 9:00am Prayer Time via the Prayer line 1.360.602.2931
- 11:00am Church Board Meeting

### 3 WAYS TO GIVE

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