Hi, kids!! I’m Louie the Lion. Do you know what time it is? It’s time to clean up South Carolina! It’s important to get rid of litter in our state and you can help.

Make your PalmettoPride Promise not to litter and encourage your family and friends to promise, too (see the last page of this activity book for your pledge form). Here’s some things you can do:

- Never throw anything from a car or truck.
- Recycle newspaper, glass, aluminum and plastic.
- Clean up after you go to a sports activity or a movie.
- Be sure your trash goes in the trash can, not just near it.
- Pick up after yourself at a picnic or a fast-food restaurant.
- Do your part to help pick up trash around your home and school.

We need to have pride for our home state. If everyone stopped littering, we wouldn’t have a problem. In making your promise not to litter you are doing your part to clean up South Carolina.
Louie the Lion is hiding somewhere in the picture below. Can you find him? Also look for ways you can help stop litter.
Connect the dots and see who appears.
Litter prevention and recycling just naturally go together. That’s why PalmettoPride and DHEC’s Office of Solid Waste Reduction and Recycling have teamed up to encourage everyone in South Carolina to do both. We encourage you to work with others to clean up South Carolina.
Recycling reduces litter!

Litter trashes the environment. Recycle first, but if you can’t, make sure litter is thrown away in the right place. Clean up your neighborhood.
Help Louie pick up litter on his trip through this maze. Which ones can go in the recycling bin?
Louie’s Litter
Prideville Elementary School
Litter trashes everyone.
Don’t do it.
Litter Busters, Clean up, SC everyone.
Little Louie and Louise know why people litter. People say it’s somebody else’s problem. Or someone else will pick it up. They even think everybody else is doing it. Remember, litter trashes everyone. Don’t do it.
Here’s another reason not to litter. **It lasts a long time.** Don’t litter - RECYCLE and help the Recycle Guys do their job.

**Steel Can Guy**
can be recycled over and over again into new steel products. Don’t throw him in the garbage or on the ground because he’ll be waste or litter for 50 years!

**Recycle Plastic Bottle Guy** and all of his smaller-sized cousins (12-, 16- and 20-ounce single-serve bottles). **Otherwise they’ll be around for 450 years!**

**Glass**, like **Dottie Bottle**, can be recycled over and over again. Don’t let her lie around as ugly litter - she’ll be there for about a million years!

**Don’t throw Aluminum Can Guy** on the ground - he’ll be there for 200 years. Recycle him instead. He can be back on a store shelf as a new can in about six weeks!
Here are five easy ways you can fight litter in your own school or backyard:

1. Don’t even think about littering.

2. Pick up at least one piece of litter every day.

3. Put a litter bag in the car. Use it!

4. Organize a cleanup of your school grounds.

5. RECYCLE.
Can you unscramble the words below? The answers are provided at the bottom of the page.

TDNO TETILR
PLMTOTAERDIEP
CCRYELE
ULOEI HET INOL
LPTSACI TSTOLBE
IMULANUM NSCA
SLSAG RSAJ
TESEL NCSA
LSAPTCI GBSA
BCOAARRDD
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ANSWERS: Don’t litter, PalmettoPride, Recycle, Louie the Lion, Plastic Bottles, Aluminum Cans, Glass Jars, Steel Cans, Plastic Bags, Cardboard, Litter Bug
LITTER TRASHES EVERYONE

By John Scollon

Don’t, Don’t, Don’t Do It!
Don’t, Don’t, Don’t Do It!

Litter trashes everyone
Our fight against rubbish has just begun
It’s a long hard road
But that’s okay
We’ll be picking up trash along the way

A soda can
A frying pan
A clock without a minute hand
Crumpled up candy wrappers
Half-eaten stale crackers
I see an old shoe
I see quite a few
What’s this neighborhood coming to?

Don’t, Don’t, Don’t Do It!
Don’t, Don’t, Don’t Do It!
Don’t, Don’t, Don’t Do It!

Lots of people everywhere
Are livin’ life like they don’t care
Never thinkin’ ‘bout the stinkin’ rottin’ stunts they pull
It’s just plain irresponsible

The realization ‘round this nation
We need beautification
We know what to do
And how to get it done

LITTER TRASHES EVERYONE!

Don’t, Don’t, Don’t Do It!
Don’t, Don’t, Don’t Do It!
Don’t, Don’t, Don’t Do It!
Don’t, Don’t, Don’t Do It!
Sing Along!

R-E-C-Y-C-L-E
(to the tune “Respect”)

What you want, a clean environment
What you need, to make it happen
All we’re asking’s for you to recycle,
Hey baby, reduce and reuse

R-E-C-Y-C-L-E, it begins with you and me
R-E-C-Y-C-L-E, it’s our responsibility
All we’re asking’s for you to recycle,
Hey baby, reduce and reuse

Ain’t gonna tell you wrong, recycling’s right
Everybody get behind it, with all your might
All we’re asking’s for you to recycle,
Hey baby, reduce and reuse

Ooh recycling, helps keep things green
Guess what, we need you on the team
All we’re asking’s for you to recycle,
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We’re here to tell you, recycling saves money
And protects the earth, what a deal honey
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PalmettoPride
PROMISE
By South Carolina's Students

✓ I promise not to litter.
✓ I will encourage my friends and family to toss their trash into containers.
✓ I promise to pick up one piece of litter every day.
✓ I will do my part to keep South Carolina litter-free.

Student’s Name ___________________________ Date ________________

School ___________________________ District ___________________________

School Address ______________________________________________________

City/State/Zip ______________________________________________________

These friends and neighbors also agree to the Palmetto Pride Promise:

Name (Please print clearly) Address (Please print clearly to receive Palmetto Pride information)

1. ___________________________ ___________________________
2. ___________________________ ___________________________
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