RISE to Action Against Pollution

Activity Book

A project of RISE St. James in partnership with The Story of Stuff Project created in honor of Black History Month, February 2023. The art is inspired by the video "Sharon Lavigne’s Story of RISE St.James" in The World We Need video series. Watch this video at bit.ly/sharonstjames
I like to play kickball outdoors but sometimes the smell outdoors makes me feel sick.
Grandma, why do we cough and get rashes when we play outside?

Why does playing outside make us feel sick?
Let me tell you the story of our town...
When I was a little girl, we grew gardens. We could eat the fish from the river. We would play outside all day and there never was a smell. We had a healthy community.
One day the big *industries* came into our town. Then we noticed a smell and strange dust in the air. The smell made people feel sick.
Now our plants will not grow anymore. When we eat the fish from the river, people feel sick. Our air and water is **polluted** now.

*Coloring Activity: River Life.*

Draw some fish in the river above.
Grandma I love our community. What can we do to stop the smell?
First, we *pray*, which gives us strength, courage, and connection to God.
Then, we reach out to our family and friends to *organize* a meeting. We make a plan *together* to stop the pollution.
Coloring Activity: Protest Sign.
Draw a picture or write what you believe in on the sign below.

We use our voice. We stand up for our community by taking action. You are never too young to come together and make change. With faith, anything is possible!
Grandma, we can breathe clean air when we play outdoors now!
Word Search

Word Bank:

community  (pg. 3)  together  (pg. 7)
industries   (pg. 4)  action      (pg. 8)
polluted     (pg. 5)  change      (pg. 8)
pray         (pg. 7)  faith        (pg. 8)
organize     (pg. 7)  protest      (pg. 8)

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