



# Laudato Si' for Kids!



Draw your left hand first, on the left side of the paper. Then on each finger, write a talent you have (ie singing) or interest (ie soccer). Try to be creative in your writing. Outside the hand outline, write a word or phrase from the opening prayer that was meaningful to you. The right side of the paper will be used later.

Many birds and insects are helpful to farmers but they are disappearing because of deadly chemicals. (LS 34)

*Color us in!*

## COOL FACTS!

### Birds:

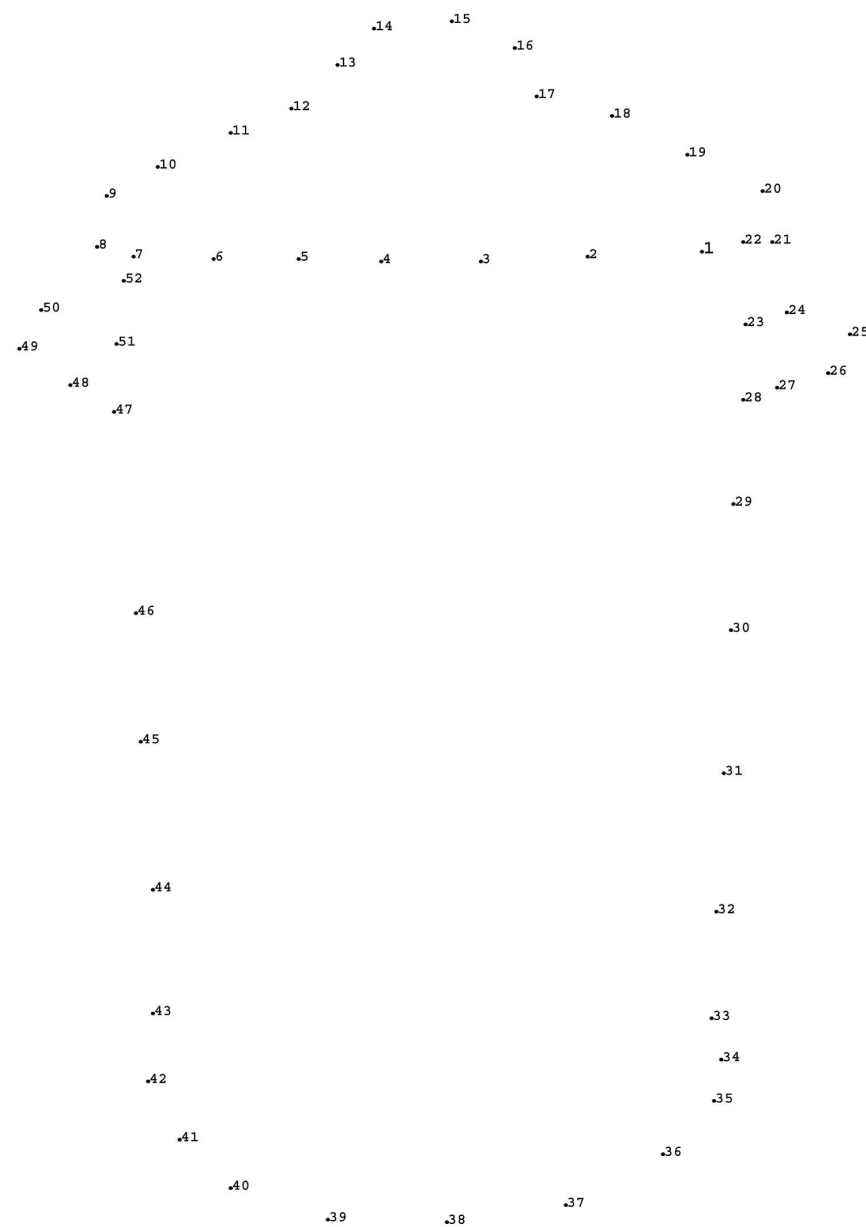
- Birds have feathers, wings, lay eggs and are warm blooded.
- There are around 10000 different species of birds worldwide!
- The chicken is the most common species of bird found in the world.
- Hummingbirds can fly backwards.

### Butterflies:

- Butterflies attach their eggs to leaves with a special glue.
- Butterflies can live in the adult stage from anywhere between a week and a year, depending on the species.
- Butterflies have four wings.
- Butterflies can taste with their feet!



After connecting the dots, color the image and draw around it to create a beautiful picture!



**PEOPLE CAN SEE THE GOOD  
THAT WE DO TO HELP THE  
ENVIRONMENT THROUGH OUR  
ACTIONS! (LS 212)**



# Praise Be!

Pope Francis wrote Catholics and all people a letter. Can you find all the words that Pope Francis used in his letter?



ACTION

AIR

ANIMAL

BIRDS

CARE

CHANGES

CHILDREN

CLIMATE

COMMON

CONNECTED

CREATION

EARTH

FAMILY

FARMING

FORESTS

FRANCIS

GARDEN

HOME

HOPE

INSECTS

LOVE

NATURE

PEOPLE

PLANET

PLANT

POLLUTION

POOR

PRAISE

PROTECT

RECYCLING

SUPPORT

WATER

WORLD



Draw in your own “greatest of plants”!

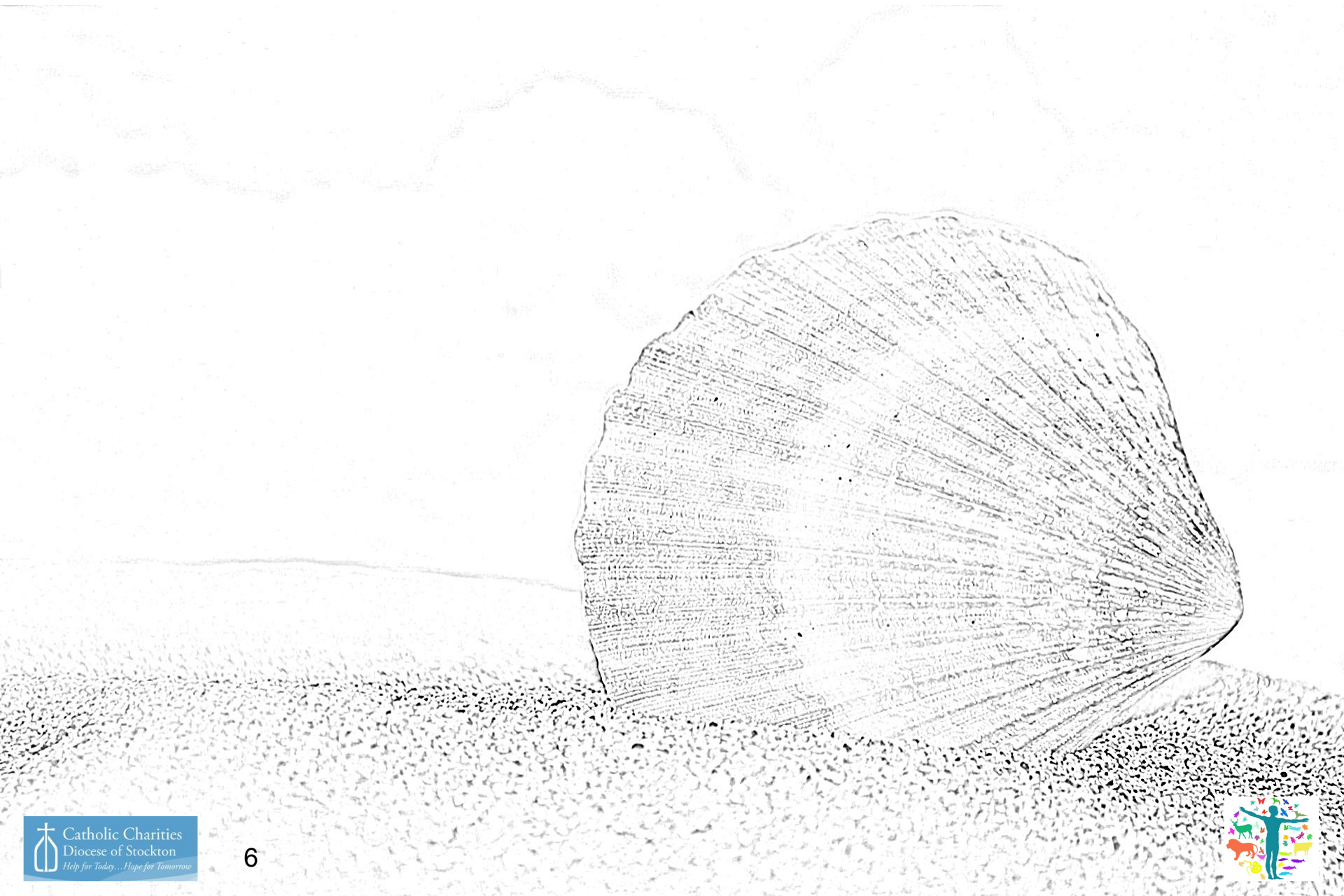


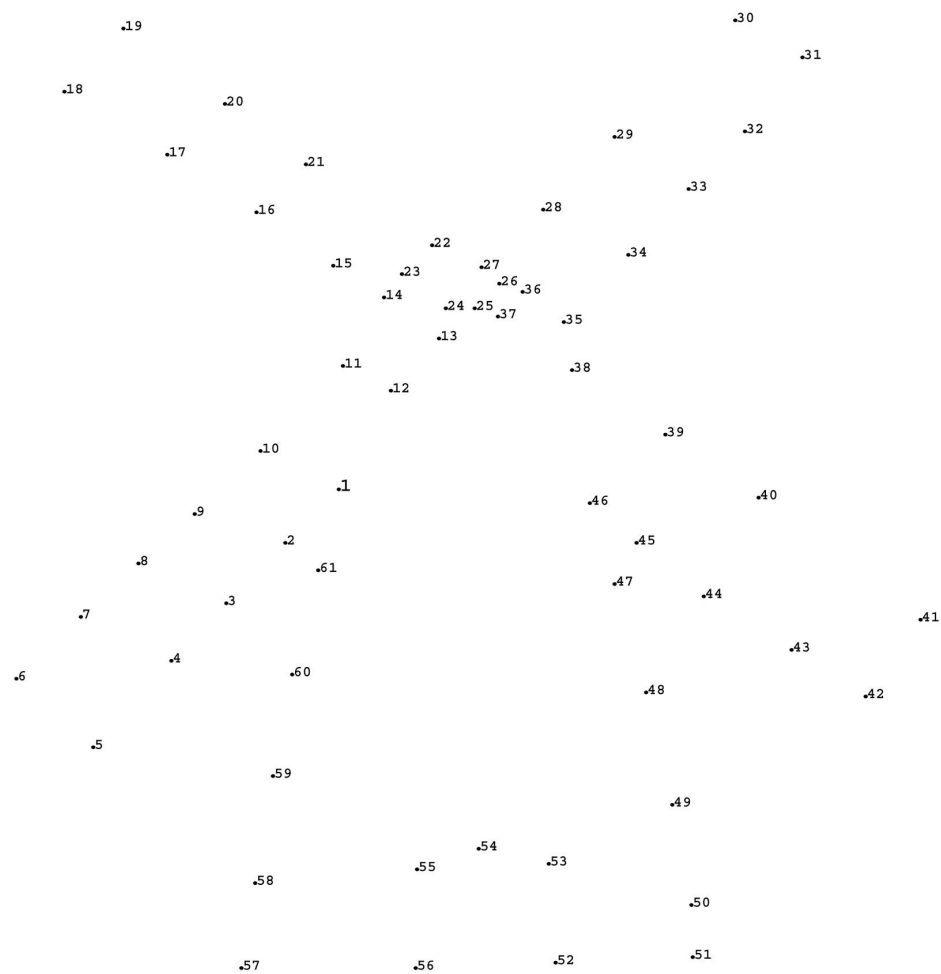
“The kingdom of God is like a grain of mustard seed which a man took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all seeds, but once it has grown, it is the greatest of plants” (Mt 13:31-32) (LS 97)





The ocean is being polluted, and the sea life is disappearing. (LS 41)





**PEOPLE HAVE DONE A GOOD  
JOB FINDING WAYS TO GET  
RENEWABLE ENERGY, BUT WE  
CAN'T STOP THERE! (LS 58)**

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picture!





There are lots of people like scientists, teachers, and kids like you who are finding ways to take care of nature (LS 34). But it's not always easy!

Just like a maze, we must find our way to the solution.

Starting at the GREEN CIRCLE, can you find your way to the RED SQUARE?



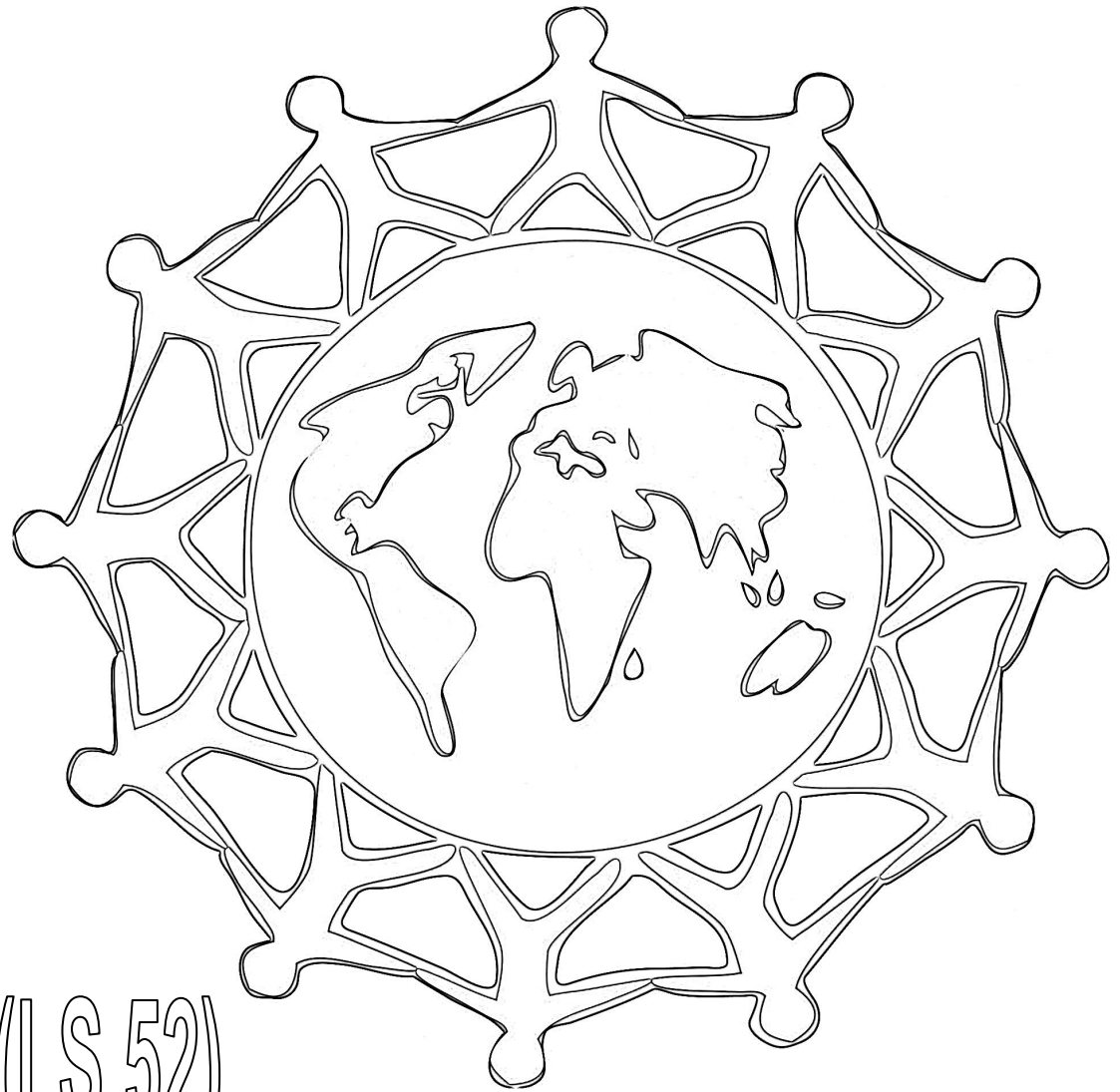


We have only  
one heart, and  
when we are mean  
to animals, we  
will be mean to  
people too. (LS 92)



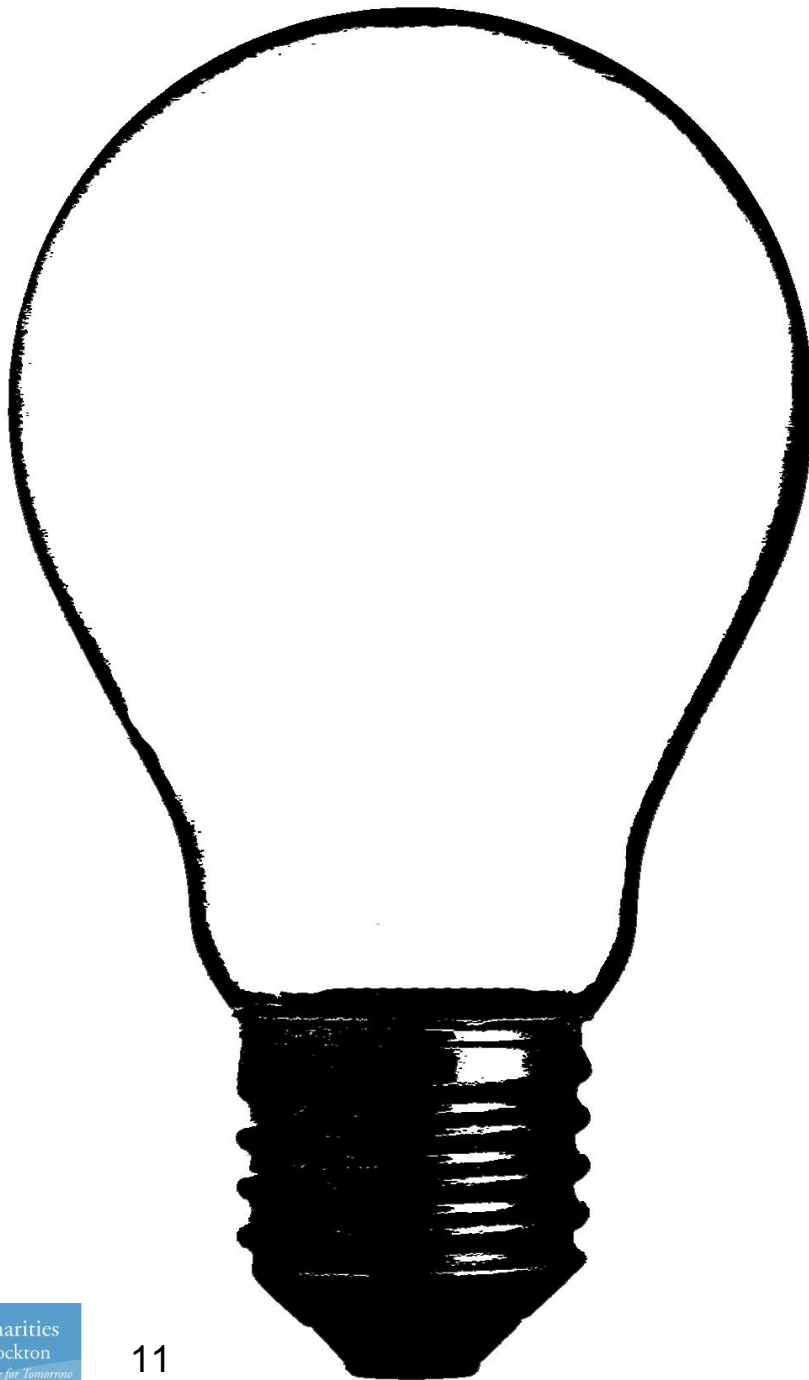


Who is in your family? List and/or draw your family members here.



We are all one family (LS 52),  
we are all connected (LS 91).





In his letter, Pope Francis asks a question:

*How will you act for the environment?*

Draw your idea of what you can do for nature in the light bulb, then with your parent's permission, send this page with your awesome idea to:

Environmental Justice Program  
Catholic Charities, Diocese of Stockton  
1106 N. El Dorado Street  
Stockton, CA 95202

Love makes itself

felt in every action

that seeks to build

a better world. (LS 231)



Draw what your neighborhood looks like on the top of the paper. Make sure to add natural aspects (ex. trees, flowers, etc.) as well as any and all problems (ex. no sidewalk, litter, no light, etc.) Next, draw on the bottom what you want your neighborhood to look like. In the column labeled “Action” list what action steps you can take to make your neighborhood look how you want it.

What my neighborhood looks like now:

**ACTION**

What I want my neighborhood to look like: