Main Idea and Key Details

Grade 3 Reading Worksheet - Challenge Me

Name _____ Date _____

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The Changing Moon

The moon changes shape in the sky. Some nights it is a thin curve. A week later it looks like half a circle. When the whole face is lit, it is called a full moon.

1. The moon looks different on different nights.
   The moon is always a full circle.
   Some nights the moon is a thin curve.
   Space has many things to see.

Volcanoes

Volcanoes are mountains with an opening at the top. Melted rock called lava can flow out of the opening. Ash and gas shoot into the air. After lava cools, it becomes hard rock.

2. Ash and gas shoot into the air.
   Volcanoes are made of ice.
   Mountains are tall.
   A volcano is a mountain that can erupt lava, ash and gas.

Recycling

Recycling helps keep the earth clean. Paper, cans and glass can be made into new things. Old newspapers become paper towels. Recycled cans can be melted and made into new cans.

3. Cleaning is a good habit.
   Recycling turns old things into new things.
   Recycled cans can be melted into new cans.
   Only plastic can be recycled.

Busy Honeybees

Honeybees live together in a hive. Each bee has a job. Some bees gather nectar from flowers. Others feed the baby bees. A few guard the door of the hive.

4. Honeybees in a hive each have a job.
   Every bee makes its own honey alone.
   Insects are interesting animals.
   Some bees gather nectar from flowers.

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