Main Idea and Key Details

Grade 3 Reading Worksheet

Name _____ Date _____

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   We picked the first beans in January.
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3. Glass cannot be reused.
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   Recycling uses more trash.
   Only plastic can be recycled.

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4. Penguins eat only grass.
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