VIDEO IDEAS: “YOUR VOICE. YOUR PLANET. YOUR LEGACY.”

2026 THEME

2026 THEME: LEAVING LEGACIES – YOUR VOICE. YOUR PLANET. YOUR LEGACY.

This year's theme invites students into a journey of reflection, imagination, and discovery. It asks young filmmakers to consider not only the future they hope to shape but the legacies that came before them—those who poured their energy into protecting the natural world. These legacies might belong to historic conservationists, artists who illuminated the beauty of our planet, teachers or parents who nurtured curiosity, or even an animal whose story symbolizes resilience and hope. Through film, students are encouraged to honor these inspirations, to find their own voice in the chorus of those who cared before them, and to create a vision that reminds us all that the Earth we inherit is shaped by the choices we make today.

Your voice matters. Your planet needs you. Your legacy begins now.

🌎 CORE THEME WORDS (THE BIG 3)

These are the most important words students should center their video around:

- Voice – What do you want people to hear or learn?
- Planet – How can we protect Earth, oceans, animals, or nature?
- Legacy – What good things can we leave behind for the future?

These come directly from the theme line:

“Your Voice. Your Planet. Your Legacy.”

START WITH A SIMPLE STORY

Think of your video like a mini story with a beginning, middle, and end.

Beginning:

Introduce the problem or inspiration.

Example: “Did you know plastic can hurt sea turtles?”

Middle:

Show what you learned or what people can do to help.

End:

Share your message for the future.

Example: “If we all help protect our oceans, sea turtles can live for generations!”

SUPPORTING IDEA WORDS

These words help explain how students might build their story:

- Future – The world we want tomorrow
- Choices – The actions we take today
- Protecting – Helping nature and wildlife
- Inspiration – Someone or something that motivates you
- Discovery – Learning about the natural world

⭐ CHARACTER & STORY WORDS

These can help students choose the subject of their film:

- Conservationists – People who protect nature
- Artists – People who show the beauty of the Earth
- Teachers / Parents – People who inspire us
- Animals – Creatures that represent hope and resilience

🎬 WORDS THAT HELP SHAPE THE MESSAGE

These are power message words students can include in their script:

- Hope
- Resilience
- Care
- Protect
- Inspire
- Shape the future

🎬 SCRIPT IDEAS FOR KIDS

Students could choose one of these simple story styles.

🐢 1. “Message From the Ocean”
Pretend you are an animal speaking to humans.

Example idea:
“Hi, I’m a sea turtle. I’ve been swimming in the ocean for 80 years. I need your help to keep my home clean.”
This connects nicely to legacy and protecting the future.

🎬 SCRIPT IDEAS FOR KIDS

🌱 2. “My Promise to the Planet”

Students share 3 things they promise to do to help Earth.

Example:

- I will recycle.
- I will save water.
- I will pick up trash.

End with:

“This is the legacy I want to leave for the future.”

🎬 SCRIPT IDEAS FOR KIDS

👨‍🌾 3. “Someone Who Inspires Me”

Students can talk about someone who helped them care about nature.

Ideas:

- A parent who gardens
- A teacher who loves science
- A scientist who protects animals
- A park ranger

Example line:

“My grandma taught me how to plant flowers for butterflies. That’s part of her legacy.”

🎬 SCRIPT IDEAS FOR KIDS

🧹 4. “Before and After the Change”

Show a problem and a solution.

Example:

- Scene 1: Trash on a beach
- Scene 2: Students cleaning it up
- Scene 3: Clean beach and happy wildlife

Message:

“Small actions today create a better planet tomorrow.”

🎬 SCRIPT IDEAS FOR KIDS

📹 Easy Filming Tips for Kids

- Keep the video 1–2 minutes
- Film in good lighting
- Speak clearly and slowly
- Use nature locations if possible (yard, park, beach)
- Add drawings, posters, or signs
- Work with friends or family

⭐ SIMPLE SCRIPT TEMPLATE

Students could follow this structure:

1. Introduction

 “Hello! My name is ____ and I care about our planet.”

2. The Problem or Inspiration

 “One thing that worries me about Earth is ____.”

3. What We Can Do

 “We can help by ____.”

4. Legacy Message

 “The legacy I want to leave is a planet where ____.”

🦉 A SIMPLE WAY TO EXPLAIN “LEGACY” TO KIDS

You might tell them:
A legacy is something good you leave behind for the future.
When you help the Earth today, you are helping the people and animals of tomorrow.

The Simplest Way to Explain the Theme to Students
You could summarize the theme like this:

“Think about who inspired people to care for the Earth before us, and show how your voice can help protect our planet for the future.”