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Hello children,
We thank the Almighty for yet another week that he has allowed us to share. Hoping you have been well.

This week has so many events or days we have to celebrate as children. There is the day of the African Child celebrated on June 16, Fathers' Day on June 17 and the Day against Child Labour on June 12.

In this edition, we bring you children's voices about that one thing you would change about your father or father-like figure if you had the opportunity. Dear parents do not be cross with your children about what they think, but instead try to implement what they want you to be.

Did you know that you have a right to a clean environment? Do you know some of the things that make your environment unclean? Read what the children have to share to with us about plastic bags.

We also have a story on why plastic bags are not good for our environment.

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How can plastics be disposed of?

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Plastic bags (*buveera*) are used to pack items when we go shopping. But if they are not disposed of properly, they could end up hurting human beings and animals. When the plastics are used to carry meat, they break down and contaminate it.

The plastics create litter that is unsightly and takes more than 100 years to decompose. In most cases, people burn plastics as a way of getting rid of them. Burning waste creates dangerous gases that can cause cancer to

Use the 3Rs (reduce, reuse and recycle) to manage plastics

human beings.

What should be done

You can manage plastics through the 3Rs - reducing, reusing and recycling. Avoid plastics if you can (reducing). I do not use straws if a glass is available. Sometimes, I clean the bottle and drink directly.

Do not get the single-use plastic bags, get one which you can use for days, weeks or even months (reusing) and sort waste at home and avoid mixing the waste.

Sorting makes it easy to isolate waste for recycling-plastic bottles can be recycled as well as plastic bags. The organic waste can make compost (manure). This will reduce the garbage taken to Kiteezi, a Kampala suburb dumping ground and reduce the cost of transportation.

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