

**8 POINTS****ACTIVITY:**

# DESIGN SWITCH PLATES

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## INTRODUCTION

Saving energy is as easy as flipping a switch! So why do so many of us leave the lights on when we're not in a room? Let's fix that problem by making eye-catching switch plates.

## MATERIALS

- + Switch plate examples and template
- + Art supplies—markers, colored pencils, glitter—whatever you choose!

## TIME REQUIREMENT

1 class period

## PROCEDURES

1. Print out at least one copy per student of the switch plate template provided.
2. Have students design the switch plate cover with a creative message about energy conservation. Print out one copy of the switch plate worksheet for each student. They can cut out the design when finished.
3. Install switch plates around your school using double stick tape or glue sticks. Have students take home some designs to place around their houses to remind everyone to save energy by turning off the lights!
4. You may print on a full-page label so their designs stick directly to the switch.

## KEY THEMES

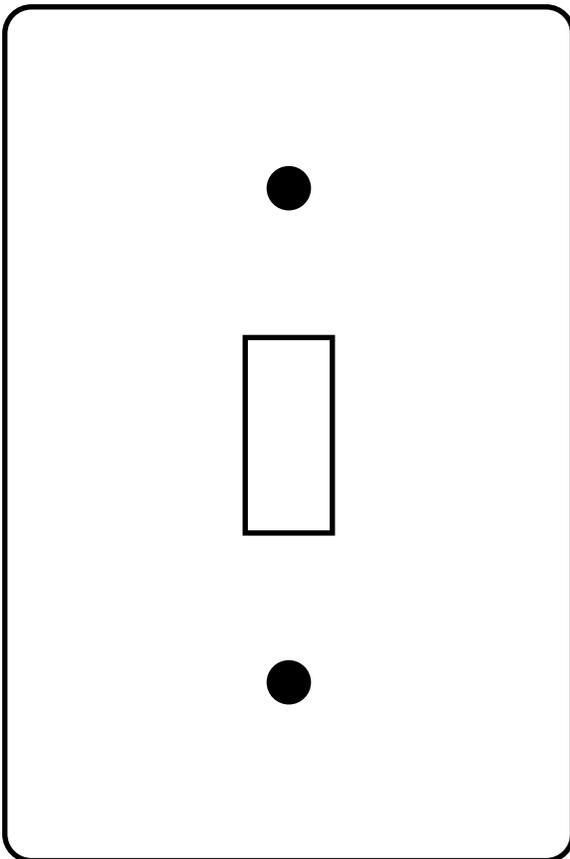
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**DESIGN SWITCH PLATES WORKSHEET**

**Directions:** Let's make sure people turn off the lights when they leave the room with some eye-catching and creative switch plates. Draft a slogan and cool design so people will need to look at the light switch before they walk out. Design at least one for school and home. Cut out when you're ready to install. TIP: Print on a full-size label to make your design stick!

**ONE FOR SCHOOL****ONE FOR HOME**