

# Harvest of Hope

## Sunday school activity ideas



Hold your Sunday school sessions outside and/or have a nature table in church for a few weeks, where children and older members of the church can add objects or photos. This is to emphasise our appreciation and enjoyment of – and thanks for – the natural world.



Focus on loving our world and our neighbours by using the slide deck provided to explore Christian Aid's work in Sierra Leone and nature clubs.





Place images around the church/room: some should show the beauty of creation, and others things that have happened to spoil creation. Ask children to find the images and place them on a prayer board, with one side showing creation in its beauty and the other showing where it has been spoilt. Use the images as a prompt for prayer.



Create a scrapbook to showcase children's drawings of things they love in the natural world which show the beauty of creation. Or you could make greetings cards to send to people in the church or to a local environmental group to say thank you for the work they are doing.



*Let Justice Roll Like a River* is a song that helps children think about the injustice of climate change. Learn the [song](#) and use the learning material from the resource pack, [Sing Up for Justice](#). The materials were written with a school setting in mind but can easily be adapted for Sunday schools.



Plan a harvest event, such as a plant sale or an art sale featuring leaf prints or drawings you've made and framed, and donate the money raised to Christian Aid.



Use the reflective resource, [Drink from the Well](#), to explore some amazing tree facts. Link the facts to the idea of being part of a church community which supports one another and our global neighbours.



Look at the outdoor space around your church and think about how to make it more welcoming for wildlife. The [Eco Church](#) website has lots of ideas. You could share your thoughts with the church leaders and ask them to consider what could be implemented.



Create a church family tree with a photo of each member to show your connections and that you are one family. You could extend this to include people connected to the church who live elsewhere in the UK and around the world. Use it as a prayer tree to pray for each other.



Explore some passages from the Bible that relate to the theme of Harvest of Hope and caring for creation: **Psalms 8** could be learnt by using call and response (where one person says something and the others respond together).

**Ephesians 3: 14–21** is a rich passage which talks about being rooted and grounded in our faith. You could use an image of a tree with roots to explore the types of things that help deepen and strengthen our faith.

**Matthew 13: 31–32** tells the parable of the mustard seed. Share this and explore the idea of seemingly small or even unseen actions having a huge impact. Each child could then plant their own seeds as a reminder of the story. Have a look at the seeds in three or four weeks' time to see how they are growing. The reflective prayer activity, [Plant and Pray](#), has further ideas.



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