

Harvest

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Additional Resources

PowerPoint presentation

A large bag of crisps or a large cereal box covered and labelled as crisps

Display of Harvest donations

Photos and stories based on the work of the local Salvation Army corps - can be added to presentation

Video clips from International Development

Web links sheet

Sharing

Aim

- To consider the things that we share and why we share them
- To learn how The Salvation Army supports people who need food
- To reflect on what we can share to help others

Introduction

Start the assembly eating from a LARGE bag of crisps. Welcome people to assembly and introduce yourself while munching.

Oh, I'm sorry, I'm still eating. It's just that I'm really enjoying these. They're very tasty and I seem to have loads. Yummy! Continue being playful. Will you or should you share as they're tasty? What happens when you have only a few left? Should you share? Offer to share some crisps with an adult - or with a child if approval has been pre-arranged. Put the crisps aside.

Have you ever done that? Shared something you've really enjoyed eating with friends or family? Ask the following questions, taking a variety of answers.

- What have you shared?
- How did it make you feel when you were sharing?
- How did it feel when someone shared something with you?

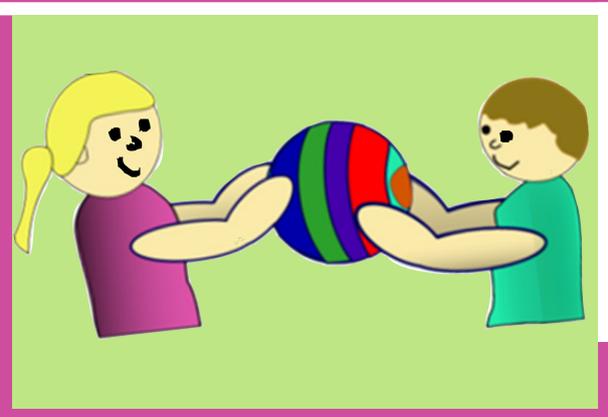
Main Talk

What kind of things would you be willing to share?

Slides 2-4. Click to reveal next item. Mention different types of things that can be shared and ask pupils to show if they would share or not by doing thumbs up or down. You may wish to ask pupils to explain their reasons. Point out that a reason for sharing is to show that you care and that it will help someone else.

• sweets	• a school ruler	• your favourite toy	• your seat
• ideas for a new playground game	• your favourite book	• a new pen	• your toothbrush
• the answer	• your last sweet	• your time	• how to make or draw something you're proud of doing





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Sharing doesn't always mean sharing food. We can share many different things: toys, games, a book, and pens. We can also share our talents; our ideas and skills can be shared to help others.

Sometimes sharing can be a hard thing to do, or may not always be the right thing to do - your toothbrush, for example! But remember, when you share, you are trying to help make things better, for you and for the person you are sharing with. *You may wish to share a personal story of a time when you have found it hard to share, and the outcome that resulted because of it.*

Today we are here to think about Harvest time, a time when we share food with others. *Indicate the Harvest donations.*

Christian Perspective

Slide 5 The Bible says: 'Do not forget to do good to others. And share with them what you have. These are the sacrifices that please God' (Hebrews 13:16 ICB). Christians take this as a message to share and to help one another. At this time of year, when farmers are gathering in the crops that they have grown and are harvesting foods, we think of how we can help others. Part of this is to share food with people who are in need - people who are hungry.

The Salvation Army

Slide 6 The Salvation Army gives this food to people who live locally and are in need. *This is an opportunity to expand and share photos on slide 7. Explain what happens with food donations, and any other food programmes that the local corps runs.*

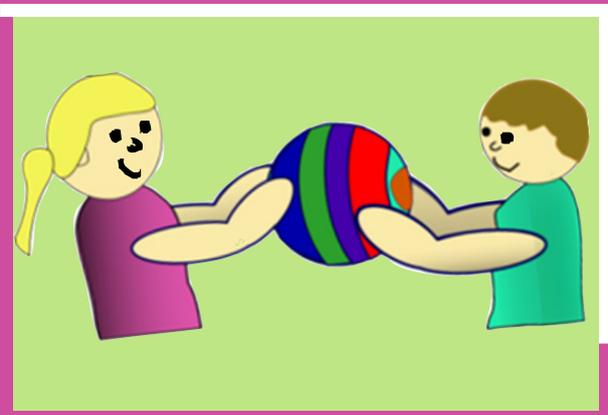
The Salvation Army has been supporting people who are hungry for over 150 years. A long time ago the man who started The Salvation Army - William Booth - realised that a lot of the people he met were poor and hungry. He wanted to help, but how could he feed so many people when he didn't have a lot of money?

Slide 8 William and his son Bramwell had an idea. Every day, really early in the morning, Bramwell would walk four miles to the fruit and vegetable market. He collected all the leftovers that couldn't be sold. The vegetables looked battered and bruised, but Bramwell knew they would taste just as good. Bramwell brought these leftovers to William and they made a delicious soup which helped feed many hungry people. They shared their ideas and skills, and they managed to help a lot of people.

Slides 9 and 10 Since then The Salvation Army has found a lot of ways to help people who are hungry. There have been soup runs, breakfast clubs, lunch clubs and emergency meals.

Slide 11 The Salvation Army works worldwide, so there are projects to help feed people around the world. Some programmes help people to feed themselves. In some countries food can be hard to grow. The Salvation Army supports communities to develop their farming, to improve their lives.





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You may wish to show a video clip from International Development, or class teachers may wish to watch this with their classes later. Use resource sheet for web links.

Charlotte's story

By sharing tools, seedlings, and sharing the labour in the community, Charlotte is able to grow a lot more food, and is able to feed her family better.

Veronique's story

By sharing seedlings and farming knowledge, Veronique is able to grow moringa trees. When Veronique adds moringa to food, it provides vital nutrients and vitamins for her family.

Challenge and Reflection

There are many things that we can share with people - food, time, ideas, and skills. Think about the last time someone shared something with you. How did it make you feel?

Take a moment to think about what you can share with others. Will you wait for them to ask, or will you see their need and offer it? Is there one thing more important to share than others? How many times do you think you can share in one day? Should we keep count of the actual number of times we share? What good things can you share with others?

Thank the pupils and staff for letting you be a part of their assembly.

