

Transformers

This resource supports learning about key themes and topics through:

Geography/Environmental Studies/Science

Children's responsibilities

RE/RME

Study the work of a Christian charity/Stewardship/Caring for our world

PSHE/PSD/PSE/Citizenship

Participation/Responsibilities/Global awareness/Global citizenship

This resource aims to show pupils that all around the world people – including children – are working to improve their lives and make the world a better place. It explains that this is done through people's hard work both in the UK and Ireland and overseas, with support from Christian Aid. The material features some of the places where Christian Aid works and encourages pupils to see that they have their own part to play in transforming the world.

Splash! is a booklet for children aged 7-11, which explains the work of Christian Aid in more detail and may be useful to support your lesson work and/or use for homework. You can view the booklet online in the resources section of www.christianaid.org.uk/learn or order copies from 08700 787 788, quoting F900.

This resource is aimed at children aged 7- to 11-years-old.

We would love to hear what you and your pupils thought of this resource. Please email us at schools@christian-aid.org

Info about Christian Aid (for teachers)

Christian Aid works with people wherever the need is greatest, regardless of faith. We work through local organisations in around 50 countries across the world, helping people find their own solutions to the problems they face.

We strive for an end to poverty and we campaign to change the systems and structures that keep people poor.

Although Christian Aid is inspired by the gospel, we work with supporters, people and organisations of many different faiths, and of no religion at all. This work is motivated by a belief that faith should be demonstrated in practical ways that help people in need.

Christian Aid partner information

Christian Aid does not work in isolation but with partner organisations throughout the world. The projects featured on the front of this poster are worked on in conjunction with the following partner organisations:

Guatemala: Caja Lúdica Civil Association

Ghana: Social Enterprise and Development Foundation (SEND)

Peru: The Spanish Institute of Foreign Missions (IEME)

Senegal: Réseau Africain pour le Développement Intègre (RADI)

Sri Lanka: The Organisation for Eelam Refugee Rehabilitation (OFERR)

Tajikistan: Zumrad



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Assembly: If you were in charge... (15 mins)

Theme: how does Christian Aid work around the world and how can we all help make the world a better place

Country focus: global, Ghana

Materials/preparation:

- download the 'Transformers' PowerPoint presentation from www.christianaid.org.uk/learn
- an item to represent your school (blazer, picture of school logo, etc), an item to represent the UK and Ireland (flag, signpost or map), and an item to represent the world (globe or world map)
- a Christian Aid Week envelope (if you haven't got one, email us at schools@christian-aid.org and we'll send one to you) folded as small as possible and preferably with only red showing
- (optional) suggested song recordings: 'He's got the whole world' 'Our God is a great big God'
- (optional) the Parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:30-37)
- (optional) more information about Ghana can be found on the Real-life stories page

1. Show the *Transformers* PowerPoint presentation as pupils come in to the assembly and/or play the suggested songs.

2. Ask: *If you could transform anything in the world, what would it be?* Take answers.

3. Ask for three volunteers. Give one of them the item to represent your school, one the item to represent your country and one of them the item to represent the world.

4. Ask them to imagine that they are in charge of the place they are holding. Which two things would they change? Be prepared for a variety of answers ranging from 'compulsory chocolate for children' to 'world peace'!

5. Thank your volunteers and ask them to sit down. Then tell the pupils that you have got something in your hand that we can use to help transform the world. Tell them that you are very excited about it because it could help people in need, for example during a disaster like a flood or drought, or it could help people improve their lives, such as starting their own business so they have more food for their family.

6. Ask the pupils to guess what's in your hand. Then show them the tiny red square. Do they believe it can change the world?

7. Slowly unfold the paper and show them the envelope. Ask if anyone knows what it is.

8. *Christian Aid is a charity in the UK and Ireland that works with people all over the world to help them find ways to make their lives better, such as laying pipes to get clean water to their village, or helping children get an education. Christian Aid asks us to give money, sometimes in envelopes like this one, to help others, but money is not the only thing that is needed to change the world. We need to be willing to say if we see something going on in the world that's not fair, and ask people in charge, like our government, to do something about it.*

9. Show the picture of Musah and Fatimata from the *Transformers* PowerPoint presentation.

This is Musah and Fatimata. They live in a beautiful country called Ghana in west Africa. Along with many other children in their area, Musah and Fatimata could not go to school as there wasn't one near where they live. But people in their village decided things had to change. They got together with an organisation called SEND, which works with Christian Aid, and asked the government to build a school. It took time and hard work, but eventually the government did build the school. Now Musah and Fatimata can go to school. Musah says, 'I was very excited because I'd always wanted to attend school.' Fatimata is now looking forward to the future: 'I really want to be at school. It means I will be able to get a job and buy things for my family.' We can all work towards improving our world, however old we are. Christian Aid asks people in the UK and Ireland to pray, act and give to help make the world a better place for everybody living in it.

Reflection

Ask pupils to think of a situation they know about that doesn't seem fair or where somebody needs help. This could be at home, at school or in the wider world. Ask them to imagine what they could do to make the situation better. Challenge them to do what they can to improve this situation.

Action prayer

Dear God

Although we are quite small (crouch down into a ball)

And the world seems very big (stand up and raise arms high above heads)

Please help us to see (put hands to eyes as if looking through binoculars)

That we can be strong (put arms up to show muscles)

And help make wrong things right (shake finger from side to side for 'wrong' and then do thumbs-up for 'right')

Amen