

'Working together to look after the world'

The Challenge type: **Learning Challenge / Education**

You are challenged to learn more about ways in which you can make a difference in the world by living simply, sustainably and in solidarity as a school community.

Through learning, taking action and making lifestyle changes you can work towards making the world a better place for everyone.

Challenges:

- Climate Change game challenge!
- Climate Justice action!
- Livesimply picnic challenge!
- Class promise challenge!
- Eighth Day Sketch challenge!
- KidzZone Environment Club challenge!

Why does it matter?

God calls us to work together to look after our world and share what we have so that everyone has what they need. These challenges will help us to understand that building a better future is about respecting yourself and others and becoming the best person you can be.

Unite together as a class or school community to make the world a better place!



God calls us to live simply, sustainably and in solidarity with the poor. The school community challenges encourage us to think about practical ways in which we can live according to these principles.

We can live in solidarity through the Fairtrade Banana Challenge, and the Livesimply Picnic challenge, and will learn that all good things of creation should be shared by all in order to have a world free from poverty and injustice.

About the Organisation:

CAFOD is the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development, the official overseas development and relief agency of the Catholic Church in England and Wales. CAFOD believes that all human beings have a right to dignity and respect, and that the world's resources are a gift to be shared equally by all men and women, whatever their race, nationality or religion.

'Every one of us is part of a community and belongs to God's family.' Adapted from Pope Paul IV Populorum Progressio

'Christ has no body on earth but yours,
No hands but yours, no feet but yours;
Yours are the eyes
Through which to look with Christ's
compassion to the world
yours are the feet
with which he is to go about doing good,
and yours are his hands
with which to bless us now. Amen'
The prayer of St Teresa of Avila

Resources

- Climate Change Game (mailed to all schools April 2008)
- Livesimply photo packs (mailed to all schools March 2007)
- Information on climate change:
<http://www.cafod.org.uk/primary/climate-environment>
- Fairtrade information:
www.fairtrade.org.uk
- Livesimply picnic information:
<http://www.cafod.org.uk/primary/livesimply>
- CAFOD Primary pages:
<http://www.cafod.org.uk/primary/school-assemblies>
- Go Green with CAFOD!
<http://www.cafod.org.uk/primary/climate-environment>



About *livesimply*

livesimply is based on a radical idea: that God calls us to look hard at our lifestyles and choose to live simply, sustainably and in solidarity with the poor. *Community Challenges* encourage us to take action for justice together and fall into 5 categories: learning, liturgy, lobbying, lifestyle change and local action.

www.livesimply.org.uk

Livesimply community challenges for children:

➤ **Climate Change Game challenge!**

Play the Climate Change game as a class activity. Split into groups of five, and choose one thing that you learnt to present back to the rest of the school in an assembly. You can present in any creative way you can think of, e.g; through a newspaper article, a drama piece, music, etc.

(For more information on climate change see <http://www.cafod.org.uk/primary/climate-environment>)

➤ **Take action for Climate justice!**

CAFOD's new campaign calls for people to become ambassadors for climate justice. You can take action by drawing around your hands and writing a message to Gordon Brown in preparation for the important meeting on climate change in Copenhagen in December.

(For more information on the campaign see <http://www.cafod.org.uk/primary/livesimply>)

➤ **Livesimply Picnic challenge!**

Use the livesimply picnic pack to organise a picnic as a whole school activity. Everybody can be involved as the whole school community gathers together in solidarity, and reflect on the lives of our global family. The pack will help you with recipes, activities, stories and children's liturgies.

(For more information see <http://www.cafod.org.uk/primary/livesimply>)

➤ **Class Promise challenge!**

Use the livesimply photopack which has a photo, story, reflection and action for every month. In your classes, choose an action you would like to take to live simply, and then each pupil write your promise on paper to form a paper chain promise! Every class in the school can hang the paper chain promises in your assembly hall!

When they are all ready you can sing the 'Reach out to the World' song (For more information see <http://www.cafod.org.uk/primary/livesimply>)

➤ **The Eighth Day Sketch challenge!**

This drama assembly sketch shows how the earth is God's gift to all of us, but we don't always treat the Earth with the respect it deserves. This can be used during Lent, or adapted for anytime during the year. Perform the sketch in class, or in assembly, and think about how you could 'Go green with CAFOD!'

(For more information see <http://www.cafod.org.uk/primary/climate-environment>)

➤ **The KidzZone Environment Club challenge!**

Log onto the 'Go Green desktop' on CAFOD's children's website, KidzZone <http://kidzzone.cafod.org.uk/index.php/things-to-do/go-green> Read about the children in Uganda who have set up an environment club at school. Think of ways you could help your school environment.