

# Welcome



Welcome to this Harvest Celebration resource from Harvest Help. This Harvest, encourage your pupils to join with us in creating Small Miracles in Africa. This pack will allow them to learn about the reality of poverty in rural Africa and the real difference that they can make.

Small Miracles should contain all you need for a successful Harvest Celebration. However, extra resources and speakers are available. Please contact us if you need any more support for your school. Where you see an asterisk (\*) there are resources available to order, most of them free.

## about Harvest Help

We have been working in Africa with poor and isolated rural communities since 1985. Over the last 22 years we have helped to change the lives of many thousands of families who previously struggled to grow enough food to last throughout the year. By supporting farming families living in rural areas to use local resources in a more sustainable way, whole communities have been given new hope and a more

secure future. Through our work we are supporting hungry people to grow enough food; providing clean water for families who have never seen it before and giving an income to parents, who, for the first time can send their children to school. These are Small Miracles and I hope you can help us to create more of them this Harvest.



Thank you for helping us to create more Small Miracles for farmers and their families in Africa. If you need more resources, please complete and return the Additional Materials Order Form enclosed or contact us if we can help in any other way.

Please send any donations to the address below, making cheques payable to 'Harvest Help'. We will send you a letter and poster of thanks, confirming the number of people your support has allowed us to help and then use the money to create more Small Miracles in rural Africa.



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## Small Miracles Harvest Festival Resources for schools from



#### 1. Select your resources

ITEM	QUANTITY	PRICE PER ITEM	TOTAL (£)
Day by Day - Children Just Like Us video (VHS only)		£7.50	
Continue the African theme - Zambian song 'Ndilambulumba' arranged for children's voices/percussion. Tick to receive a copy - you may photocopy for your own school use.	<input type="checkbox"/>	FREE	
Fundraising - I'm a Harvest Helper thank you stickers		FREE	
Fundraising - publicity outline press release for use with local media (if you want an electronic copy please add your email address)		FREE	
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Fundraising - gift aid envelopes		FREE	
Postage and packing		Free for free items, otherwise £3.50	
Donation to Harvest Help			
		<b>TOTAL (£)</b>	

#### 2. Make payment if appropriate

Please make cheques payable to HARVEST HELP or use the form below to pay by credit/debit card. Please debit my ACCESS/MASTERCARD/VISA/SWITCH/DELTA (NB CAF payments can only be used for donations).

Account No.

Expiry: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Issue No (Switch Only): \_\_\_\_\_

3 digit security code:    Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

or Please invoice my school  quoting ref \_\_\_\_\_

#### 3. Complete your details

Title \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

Post Code \_\_\_\_\_

Tel \_\_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_

#### 4. Send your order (please allow 21 days for delivery)

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## Ideas for classroom or school activities to introduce Small Miracles

### Arrange a Minor Miracle (KS1/KS2)

To help pupils to see the miracle of growth and change, arrange to make bread using yeast or grow watercress, rocket or another quick growing plant. Discuss how it makes the children feel to make and 'harvest' your own food.



### Day by day (KS1/KS2)

To help pupils to understand the differences between their lives and those of children in rural Africa ask pupils to prepare a diary of their day in words or pictures and compare it to a typical day of a child in an African village using the video Children Just Like Us (\*).



Photo: Find Your Feet

### Development detective (KS2)

Encourage pupils to visit <http://www.harvesthelp.org.uk/index.php?page=30> select from one of the suggested case studies and prepare a 'before and after' description of the person and the difference the work with Harvest Help has made. Present the results with pictures from the web site or drawn by pupils at your Celebration.

#### Suggested Case Studies

**Christopher Kabwe - Zambia**  
<http://www.harvesthelp.org.uk/index.php?page=18&csid=16>  
**Frank Kapopo - Zambia**  
<http://www.harvesthelp.org.uk/index.php?page=18&csid=7>  
**Florence Baloyi - Malawi**  
<http://www.harvesthelp.org.uk/index.php?page=18&csid=4>  
**Grant Nyasulu - Malawi**  
<http://www.harvesthelp.org.uk/index.php?page=18&csid=10>  
**Akorige - Ghana**  
<http://www.harvesthelp.org.uk/index.php?page=18&csid=17>  
**Kaman Lare Bombouak - Togo**  
<http://www.harvesthelp.org.uk/index.php?page=18&csid=18>

### Dinner debate (KS1/KS2)

Ask pupils to write down or draw what they ate last night. Analyse the ingredients and find out where they came from in the world. Use the information to start a discussion about how we would manage as subsistence farmers, relying completely on what we grow locally to survive - what might our meals look like then? You could use harvest produce as a visual aid.

### Set the (African) mood!

Play African music in the assemblies leading up to Harvest, persuade the kitchens to serve African options on the school menu and weave an African theme through the teaching in the preceding weeks. Contact us for ideas on music, recipes and African themed teaching resources.



## Ideas for your Small Miracles Harvest Celebration

### Continue the African theme

Consider holding your celebration outside as it would be in an African village, perhaps under a nearby tree. Include an African song, sung unaccompanied or with percussion (\*).



### Thoughts for food (KS1/KS2)

Use food items associated with Africa such as chocolate, sweet corn (maize) or cassava. Ask children to prepare words, pictures or prayers of thanks for the farmers that grow the food as it is presented or eaten at the Harvest Celebration.

### For what we have just learnt

Take the work from the classroom activities and use them as a way of showing and giving thanks for the difference Harvest Help is making to people's lives.

### Loud fundraising!

In African churches and schools, all collections are brought to the front of the audience with celebration, music and dancing. Bring forward your Harvest gifts and any money you have raised in the same way.

### Fundraising ideas

On average it costs £5 per person in rural Africa to create a Small Miracle through Harvest Help.

The suggested activities are designed to encourage pupils, parents and staff to raise money to change as many lives as possible in Africa. We can provide "Thank You" stickers for pupils and a poster for your school showing how many people you have helped. We can also offer help with good local publicity for your school (\*).

### A-Maize-ing Small Miracles

Draw giant maize cobs, each with 10 corns. Encourage pupils to collect 50p's and colour in each corn as the money is collected. Display the completed cobs to show how many people your school has helped.

### Walkathon

Many African children have to walk many miles each day to school or to collect water. To give children a sense of this, set up a sponsored walk or a "Walk To School" week and encourage parents or friends to sponsor them for every mile they cover.

### Spend a penny

So often we take water for granted, but safe water is all too rare for many families with whom we are working. Ask children and their families to collect a penny every time they turn on a tap

or use water in their house for a week or a day. The amounts will soon add up!

**If you would like other ideas, please contact us. We also encourage parents and friends to Gift Aid their donation if they can. This allows us to claim an extra 28p for every pound given. We can provide Gift Aid envelopes (\*) if required.**

