

## Harvest Resources for Schools and Groups



At this time of year, many churches and schools normally hold a Harvest Festival service or celebration. A Harvest Festival is often a service which brings together all ages to celebrate God's goodness in creation and to remember our responsibility to care for those who do not have as much as us. There are lots of great ideas and resources out there for holding a Harvest Festival celebration.

### Resources

#### For primary age

**A Harvest Story: What is so special about Harvest?**

<http://request.org.uk/restart/2014/10/06/a-harvest-story/>

**Learn about Harvest in an interactive presentation**

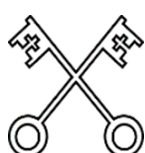
<http://request.org.uk/restart/2014/09/08/harvest/>

**What is so special about a Harvest loaf?**

<http://request.org.uk/restart/2014/09/08/harvest-2/>

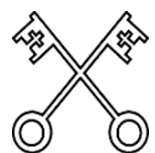
**Festivals, Food and Faith: How do Christians respond to poverty?**

<http://request.org.uk/restart/2014/06/10/send-a-cow-2/>



**What is celebrated at Harvest?**

<http://request.org.uk/restart/2014/09/18/harvest-3/>





### How do we say thank you: A Harvest thanksgiving sheet for children

<http://request.org.uk/teachers/teaching-resources/festivals-resources/harvest-festival/harvest-festival/>

### Match it! Harvest Fun: A Pairs Matching Game for Harvest

*Play this fun Harvest matching game and learn more about the Christian festival as you play*

<http://request.org.uk/restart/2015/09/14/match-it-harvest-fun/>

### Traidcraft Harvest lesson resources

<http://request.org.uk/teachers/request-recommends/resources-recommends/traidcraft-harvest/>

### Bible stories for Harvest

The Bible Reading Fellowship has a reflective story presentation of a version of the parable about the planting of a vineyard recorded in Isaiah 5.

[BRF | Leading Christian charity enabling ministry and mission | Harvest: Isaiah pictures a vineyard](#)

### For secondary age

#### How do Christians celebrate Harvest?

<http://request.org.uk/festivals/other-festivals/harvest/>

**There are also some great ideas for Harvest worship, reflection and crafts for children and families to be found at:**

- **BRF, the Bible Reading Fellowship website**

[BRF | Leading Christian charity enabling ministry and mission | Celebrate Harvest](#)

- **Going 4 Growth: a Church of England resource hub to support ministry with and among children and young people.**

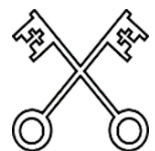
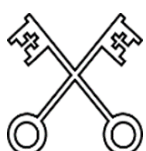
All age ideas for a Harvest service, plus information and resources

[http://www.going4growth.com/growth\\_through\\_the\\_year/harvest](http://www.going4growth.com/growth_through_the_year/harvest)

- **The Farming Community Network**

A detailed resource pack for the celebration of Harvest Festival

<https://fcn.org.k/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/Resources-for-the-Celebration-of-Harvest-Festival-1.pdf>





## Harvest and Creation Activities and Crafts for children

- **Flame: Creative Children's Ministry** has a number of great ideas for Harvest and Creation-related story and craft activities, particularly for younger children:  
<http://flamecreativekids.blogspot.com/2012/09/harvest-messy-church-creation-story.html>
- **Messy Church Harvest** has collated a range of activities:  
<https://www.messychurch.org.uk/messy-blog/messy-harvest-ideas>

### Bradford Cathedral Messy Harvest Pictures



There was bread-making with Canon Mandy. The children had great fun kneading the dough





We listened to the Creation story and there was singing, colouring and crafts.



We wrote prayers of thanks and hung them on our Prayer Tree



Whilst our bread was baking we went outside and planted bulbs, even though it was raining heavily!





Eventually we came back inside, dried off, gave thanks for what God has given us, then sat down and ate together- including the bread we had made!



Happy Harvest Festival!