





# 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 <a href="http://request.org.uk/restart/2014/09/08/harvest/">http://request.org.uk/restart/2014/09/08/harvest/</a>

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/

How do we say thank you: A Harvest thanksgiving sheet for children <a href="http://request.org.uk/teachers/teaching-resources/festivals-resources/harvest-festival/harvest-festi









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

#### **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 <a href="http://www.going4growth.com/growth">http://www.going4growth.com/growth</a> through the year/harvest

• The Farming Community Network

A detailed resource pack for the celebration of Harvest Festival <a href="https://fcn.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/Resources-for-the-Celebration-of-Harvest-Festival-1.pdf">https://fcn.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/Resources-for-the-Celebration-of-Harvest-Festival-1.pdf</a>

## 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: <a href="http://flamecreativekids.blogspot.com/2012/09/harvest-messy-church-creation-story.html">http://flamecreativekids.blogspot.com/2012/09/harvest-messy-church-creation-story.html</a>



Messy Church Harvest has collated a range of activities:
<a href="https://www.messychurch.org.uk/messy-blog/messy-harvest-ideas">https://www.messychurch.org.uk/messy-blog/messy-harvest-ideas</a>

