**The Christian Value of Justice**

**Key Stage 1 – Reflection 2**

This reflection explores the issue of food justice, using some Christian Aid resources about a family in Bolivia. It builds on the whole school worship on the story of the sheep and the goats, which encourages us to think about other people having access to food and drink, secure homes and livelihoods.

*You will need the associated PowerPoint.*

**Slide 1:** The slide includes a link to Bruno Mars, *Count on Me,* if you would like to use this as the children settle for worship.

**Slide 2:** Begin by recapping the idea of justice and that the scales remind us to treat everybody equally. We need to balance our needs in England with the needs of people around the world. The story of the sheep and goats (explored in whole-school worship) encourages us to make sure that everyone can have nourishing food, clean water and secure homes.

**Slide 3:** Ask the children what their favourite food is. Agree that we’re very lucky to live in a country where most people can choose what they eat and where some people have so much food that they even throw some of it away. Explain that in some parts of the world (and also in parts of the UK) people don’t have enough food to eat.

*Be sensitive here, if you have children in your class who live in food poverty.*

**Slide 4:** Introduce Ivana, who loves in the Amazon Rainforest in Bolivia. Sometimes her family doesn’t have enough food, and they don’t have nearly as much choice as we do, but they keep chickens and her favourite food is fried eggs. Sometimes they can swap the eggs for other food like sugar or bananas. A charity called Christian Aid has given Ivana’s family chickens and sheep, so now they have more food to eat and can sell them in the market to buy other food.

**Slide 5:**

They also grow cocoa trees – does anyone know what food comes from cocoa trees? They can swap the cocoa beans for other foods like rice or oil. Sometimes there is too much rain, or not enough rain, and the trees don’t grow, which means they don’t have enough food to eat. Christian Aid are helping the people in Ivana’s village to grow a wider range of food, so they can eat a healthy diet.

There is a link on the slide to a short film about Ivana and life in her village. You will need to scroll down the Christian Aid Global Explorers page to find it.

*Is it fair that some people in the world have lots of food and that other people don’t have enough?*

*Is there anything we can do to help people like Ivana and her family? (E.g. try not to waste food or be greedy; support charities like Christian Aid or the local foodbank; try to stop climate change which causes droughts and famines; pray for families like Ivana’s …)*

*Do the children think we ought to be helping people in other parts of the world? Why/ Why not? In the story of the sheep and the goats Jesus said it was important to feed the hungry and look after people who don’t have as much as we do, do they agree?*

**Slide 7:**

**Closing Prayer**

*Invite the children to join in by saying Amen at the end, if they agree.*

Dear God,

Thank you for all the lovely food that most of us enjoy.

Please help people like Ivana and her family to have enough food and to eat healthily.

Thank you for charities like Christian Aid that look after people round the world who don’t have enough to eat.

Please help us to be generous and to help other people.

Amen.

You can find out more about Ivana’s story – and children in other parts of the world – on the [Christian Aid Global Explorers Website.](https://www.globalexplorers.org.uk)