Fundraising ideas

Could your school raise money to support Christian Aid’s work?

Christian Aid Week runs from 13–19 May 2018, but you can hold your event outside this week too.

Could your school host a Big Brekkie or a Big Break-time? It’s easy to do - you just hold a Christian Aid-themed breakfast or snack event and donate the proceeds. The money you raise will be used to fund our work to help some of the poorest people in the world overcome poverty.

Other ideas

Hold a dress-up day
Christian Aid's logo is red – could your pupils dress in red for a day during Christian Aid Week?

Make a money box
Use the house money box template in this pack to help your pupils understand why people in Haiti need safer houses...and how their fundraising could help build them! Perhaps pupils could help with household chores at home to raise some cash?

Cake sale
Our old favourite, the school cake sale, always goes down a treat in Christian Aid Week.

Hold an assembly
Could you invite parents in to listen to your Christian Aid Week assembly and run a collection?

Every year, schools come up with wonderful ideas for raising money. We’d love to hear what you got up to! Email schools@christian-aid.org
The money your school raises will be used to help support our work with some of the poorest people in the world. Here’s what your money could provide for people like Zaza and Jephthe and their families:

- **£42**  
  A water filter so a family can get safe drinking water after disaster strikes

- **£50**  
  Basic building tools for the construction of new houses

- **£190**  
  An emergency shelter for a family affected by a hurricane or earthquake

- **£210**  
  Training so that people can build safe new houses in Haiti

- **£1126**  
  A whole new roof on a hurricane-resistant house

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**How to pay in the money you raise**

*You can send the money your school raises to us online or by post.*

**Online:** Visit [caid.org.uk/caw-schools](http://caid.org.uk/caw-schools) to pay in your funds online.

**By post:** Please complete the form below and send with a cheque made payable to Christian Aid to:  
Christian Aid Week, PO Box 100, London SE1 7RT

- School name ____________________________
- Address 1 ____________________________
- Address 2 ____________________________
- Town ____________________________
- Postcode ____________________________  
  Primary school □  Secondary school □
- Email* ____________________________  
  (Please complete if you are happy to receive emails from Christian Aid.)
- Contact name ____________________________
- Amount raised £ ____________________________

**How did you raise your funds in school?** ____________________________

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Science
This is an interesting experiment to explore strength: take an egg and place it upright in a small washer or ring for stability, then place a book on it. Gently add weights to the top of the book to see how much weight you can put on it before the egg breaks. Your pupils will be amazed by how much weight a fragile egg can bear. This strength comes from the egg’s dome shape – it spreads the weight evenly through the whole structure.

Most scientists agree that climate change is changing weather patterns around the world, and increasing the strength and frequency of hurricanes. You can help your pupils to make the connection between the way we use energy and climate change. Emphasise that people are coming up with all sorts of amazing new ways to reduce pollution and limit climate change. Can your pupils think of things that they can do to use less energy?

Geography
Look at houses from earthquake-affected areas around the world. What solutions have people come up with?

After the 2010 earthquake in Haiti, Christian Aid helped to build lots of stronger houses in the country. These houses stayed standing when Hurricane Matthew hit in 2016.

RE
The topic of natural disasters raises some key questions for RE, and can help prepare pupils for thinking about the problem of evil and suffering. Ask them to consider if it is a problem for Christians that many believe that God is good and all-powerful, and yet bad things still happen in the world. Explain that people have debated this problem for centuries, and that there are lots of different responses to it. For example, some people think that God just created the world, and is not responsible for things that happen in it; others think that ‘God moves in mysterious ways’ and it is not for us to understand everything. What do your pupils think?

Ask pupils to think about Christian responses to the problem of suffering on a practical level – sometimes bad things happen that are outside our control, but we can still control how we respond to them. Christians believe that God is good and loving and they try to bring God’s hope and light into dark situations even if they don’t understand why these bad things happen. This is one of the things that makes Christian Aid want to help people in difficult situations.

English
Ask your pupils to write:

• A first-person diary account of the night that Zaza had to escape the hurricane.

• A newspaper article describing the Haiti earthquake in 2010 or Hurricane Matthew in 2016.

• A letter to a local MP, asking them to tell the Government that they need to work hard to stop climate change that makes hurricanes worse.

Maths
Look at the costings on the fundraising sheet and devise some problems appropriate to your pupils based on these figures.

Or, for older pupils, you could devise questions linked to data on countries affected by hurricanes. See https://data.worldbank.org for data.

Art
Show pupils the poster enclosed in this pack. Ask them to create their own posters for Christian Aid Week. What message do they want to get across – and what is the most powerful way to do that?

PSHE
You could discuss the moral issues raised by this topic: should we care about things that don’t directly affect us? Is there any way in which these things might, in fact, affect us?
In Haiti, Christian Aid is helping to build strong new houses for people whose homes have been destroyed by hurricanes and earthquakes. Christian Aid supporters raise money so the charity can help people around the world to beat poverty. **Together, we're stronger than the storms.**

After the 2010 earthquake in Haiti, Christian Aid helped to build lots of stronger houses in the country. These houses stayed standing when Hurricane Matthew hit in 2016.

Cut out the box below and glue along the folds to create your very own hurricane-proof Haitian house!

- **£5** pays for a shovel...
- **£9** pays for a pick-axe...

To start building strong new houses in Haiti.