

# Mission Together Assembly - *Children helping Children*



## LEADER'S NOTES

*This assembly has been prepared by Mission Together, which is the children's branch of Missio – the Pope's official charity for overseas mission. 96% of money raised by children for Mission Together goes towards our work supporting children overseas.*

*While all projects are supported by the Catholic Church, Mission Together follows Christ's example – helping everyone in need, regardless of background or belief.*

*The assembly helps children to understand how the Church is made up of many people around the world who pray with one another and share what they have. Through Mission Together children do that too, so that all children everywhere may know how much they are loved by God.*

*We recommend you deliver the whole assembly **but please feel free to use the material as time and circumstances allow**. The PowerPoint uses animations, so we advise that you run through it before you present to your pupils.*

## SLIDE ONE

Welcome to your Mission Together assembly. This picture is the Mission Together logo.

***Ask the children if they can explain what the logo means. Invite suggestions and guide answers to the following:***

The logo shows children holding hands around the world. They are wearing different colours to show they are from different continents. The logo shows us that even though these children live far apart, they can still work together to share God's love with everyone and to build a better world. That is what God asks us to do. That is the mission Jesus left us.

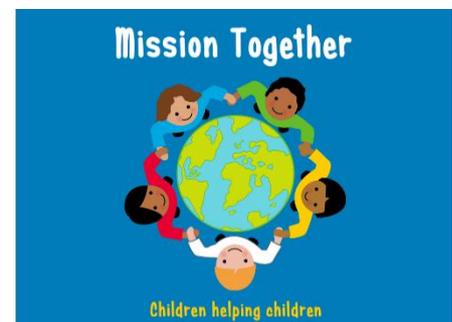
***Ask the children what the word 'mission' means.***

A mission is an important task or job. We all have a special mission: to share God's love with the world. When we do this, we become missionaries.

'Mission Together' means we can do the special job of being missionaries together, not just here at school but with children everywhere.

Like the picture we see in the logo, through Mission Together, children all around the world join together and help one another, no matter how far away they are.

That's why Mission Together's motto is 'children helping children'.



## SLIDE TWO

There are two very special ways in which Mission Together asks you to help.

**Ask the children if they know what these two ways might be.**

[Click to reveal image of children praying](#)

Firstly – and most importantly – Mission Together asks children around the world to pray for each other, and especially for those children who need help.

Through our prayers and through God's love it's as if we are holding hands and reminding the world that we are all part of God's family.

[Click to reveal image of children sharing](#)

Mission Together also asks children to help by sharing what we have. You can see that the children on the screen are holding Mission Together's red collection box. The money we collect in these little boxes allows us to provide children living in poverty with food, education, shelter and care, and lets them know that God loves them.



## SLIDE THREE

Mission Together helps children like Sandra. Sandra is a refugee from Iraq who, thanks to the prayers and money raised by children like you, was able to attend Marka school for child refugees in the Middle East.

Mission Together children also bought food and medicines to help Sr Ruby, care for Ajay and his friends living in Sri Lanka, Asia (top right).

Mission Together children helped Sr Sonia (bottom right) build a health clinic in Malawi, to keep children in the area safe and well.

And Sr Eulie (bottom left) is able to provide somewhere safe to look after and teach poor children in Cambodia, Asia, thanks to the prayers and sharing of Mission Together children in England and Wales.

*The projects outlined above have all featured in our 'Together in...' annual campaigns. Please visit our website to find out more about these and other projects Mission Together supports around the world.*



## SLIDE FOUR

We pray and we share to help children who struggle, just as we would to help our friends or someone in our family.



We do this because Jesus taught us that as well as belonging to our families at home, we belong to another family too. A huge family that stretches around the world – God’s family!

Jesus taught us that everyone is a child of God, our loving Father in heaven. He taught us a very special prayer that reminds us of this.

**Ask the children if they know what this prayer might be.**

**Answer:** The Our Father (The Lord’s Prayer).

**Click to reveal Our Father. Read aloud the words.**

**Ask the children what they think Jesus wanted to teach us through the Our Father.**

## SLIDE FIVE

In other parts of the world, children are also joining our mission to love and help others, as Jesus asked us to.

These children live in Sri Lanka, which is in which continent?

**Asia.** Every week these children meet to pray and, although they and their families have little money themselves, they give a small coin worth 10 pence to Mission Together.

The children know that through their prayers and sharing the little they have, they can make a big difference to others living in poverty across the world.



## SLIDE SIX

These children live in Kenya, which is in which continent?

**Africa.** In Africa there is a special day when thousands of children across the continent pray the mission rosary.

The mission rosary is a special set of rosary beads, that help us to pray for children around the world. The different coloured beads represent different continents.

Once the children made mission rosaries and sent them to children in another part of Africa whose country was at war.

**Ask how this gift might have made the children living in conflict feel.**

The gift gave the children there hope. They know they are not forgotten and that there are children who thinking and praying for them.



## SLIDE SEVEN

These children live in Australia, which is in which continent?

**Oceania.** In Australia children who go to Catholic schools like yours make a special effort in October, to pray and share for Mission Together.

They call the month 'Socktober' and take part in different fundraising activities, like 'Rock Your Socks Off' dance parties, and sock puppet shows, where children act out stories from the Bible that remind us of how we are to share God's love with everyone, everywhere.



## SLIDE EIGHT

These children live in Ecuador, which is in which continent?

**South America.** In Ecuador children who have very little money also share what they can to help God's family around the world.

One group of children heard about Mission Together at church. When they went to school, they told their classmates about what they had learnt. The teachers overheard and invited the group to talk about Mission Together to the whole school. Since then all the children in the school pray and raise money for Mission Together.

They are all 'children helping children'?



## SLIDE NINE

Now which continent have we reached?

**Europe.** This is the continent we live in. So what can you do this year to be 'children helping children'?

Every year Mission Together asks children in England and Wales to pray and share to help a group of children overseas. This year we are asking children like you to help Johannes and his friends in South Africa.

Johannes and his friends need special care, otherwise they would become very sick. Because of this they are unable to live at home, but instead live together at St John's Care Centre. There they are looked after and loved by three Religious Sisters, you can see them on screen.

Mission Together asks you to pray for the children at St John's, so that they receive all the love and care they need to stay healthy and happy. We are also asked to share what we can, to help the Sisters provide food and other items for the children at St John's.

You can find out more about Johannes and St John's in a special assembly.



## SLIDE TEN

How wonderful that on every continent, through Mission Together, children are showing the world that we are all part of God's family, a family that Jesus tells us we should love and care for.

You can join this important mission.

**Ask the children if they can remember two ways you can do this?**

**Answer:** Prayer and sharing.

Let's always look for ways to share, whether that's sharing our toys with our friends, or our books with our classmates, or our money with Mission Together.

And let's always remember to pray for all God's children, those near and those far away.

Let's do that now as we close our assembly with the Mission Together Prayer.

**Mission Together Prayer:**

**May** all children

**In** the world

**Share** love

**Share** friendship and live

**In** the peace

**Of** God's love.

**Now** and forever.

**Amen**

