

# Inclusive catechesis & prayer

## *He's Got the Whole World in His Hands*



**Introduction for catechists:** We are all beloved children of God. Inclusive catechesis is about making sure that everyone has the chance to get to know about God the Father, Jesus His son, and the Holy Spirit. You can adapt this resource to meet the needs of your child / group, so that each one can build an engaging and joyful relationship with God – who loves each of us, just as we are.

**Opening hymn:** Playing quietly to introduce the liturgy. Our suggestion is *He's Got the Whole World*. See [missiontogether.org.uk/sing-with-mission-together](http://missiontogether.org.uk/sing-with-mission-together)

**Sign of the cross:** Where appropriate children are supported to make the sign of the cross.

### Introduction for children

Did you know that everything in our world, from the tiniest bugs living underground to the tallest mountains that reach to the skies, were created by God? God made everything, including you and me and everyone in the world! We are all God's children, that's why Jesus taught us to pray, 'Our Father'. God loves all His children and wants us to live as one big family, God's global family, loving and caring for each other, just as we love and care for our mums and dads, brothers, sisters, and cousins at home.

### Bible reading

In the Bible, which is our special book about God, it says: 'See what kind of love the Father has given to us that we should be called Children of God: and so we are.' (1 John 3: 1).

### Bible reflection

The Bible tells us that, as well as being part of our family at home, we're also part of God's big family, because we are all God's children. Just like our family at home, God's family has rules that we need to follow, like sharing and being kind. And just like at home, God listens to us when we pray and looks after us when we need help and love. Everyone in the world belongs to God's family, which is why we are all brothers and sisters around the world! Let's say a prayer together about being loved by God and part of His family:

**Mission Together prayer:** to the right.

**Sign of the cross:** Where appropriate children are supported to make the sign of the cross.

**Symbolic Action:** Hold up either an inflatable Globe or a sturdy image of the world. Hand it to the children and invite them to pass this around as they sing the closing hymn.

**Closing hymn:** *He's Got the Whole World*. This time children can join in with percussion instruments and sing along if appropriate for the group.

### 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.**

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# Fundraising ideas



Mission Together is the children's branch of Missio – the Catholic Church's official children's charity for overseas mission. Thanks to children in England and Wales, we can provide life-changing aid around the world in whatever form it's needed. That could be a new school, feeding programme, or a generator for a children's home. Mission Together helps all children, regardless of background or beliefs. That's how we show the all-embracing nature of the Catholic Church and the true meaning of 'mission'.

Fundraising is a brilliant way to involve everyone in raising money for Mission Together. Below are a few ideas for different times in the year. You can find other ways to get involved by visiting our webpage <https://missiontogether.org.uk/fundraising-ideas/> Please **share your** fundraising events with us @missioUK adding the hashtag #missiontogether

## Ideas for Spring & Summer

**Valentines biscuits:** bake heart shaped cookies and sell them in pretty bags around Valentines Day. Try to involve children as much as possible, from adding ingredients and cutting cookies to shaking sprinkles.

**Spring flower sale:** everyone loves the first signs of spring after winter! Work with children to pot spring bulbs – snowdrops, mini daffodils, crocuses and hyacinths to sell as Easter gifts.

**Easter bonnet competition:** charge children to enter a competition for the best Easter bonnet. Prizes for the most fabulous creations!

**Weeding Week:** While the days are sunny and warm, why not raise money by weeding gardens? Ask for suggested donation, or sponsorship per bag of weeds. Maybe green fingered children could plant too!

**Scavenger hunt:** this is a great outdoor activity! Print off some sheets with summertime things to spot e.g. flowers in the garden, leaves on trees, birds singing. We have an accessible Scavenger Hunt available to download on our 'Inclusive Resources' webpage. Charge an entry fee. Every complete scavenger sheet is placed in a hat, with the pulled out winner receiving a prize.

## Ideas for Autumn & Winter

**Rake-a-Thon:** With autumn leaves falling, who not fundraise for Mission Together by tidying gardens for a suggested donation. Make sure children have strong gloves and bags if they take up the Rake-a-Thon challenge.

**Winter walks:** brave the elements and hold a torch-lit hike or winter walk to raise money for Mission Together. Make sure you have plenty of adults to supervise and assist when organising outdoor events with children. Better still, get the whole family involved!

**Christmas crafts:** get children involved in making and selling Christmas cards, ornaments, wreaths, biscuits, and any other Christmassy gifts and treats you can think of. Donate the proceeds to Mission Together. Visit our Advent webpage for instructions for our Handy Advent Wreath and other craft ideas.

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