

Nessa: Good afternoon and welcome to our World Gifts CAFOD assembly. World Gifts are a great chance to learn about our global neighbours, and also how we can help them by working together to build a brighter world. (Slide 1)

Jenson: At CAFOD Club, we believe in a better world, where no one lives in poverty and each of us can become the best person we can be. (Slide 2)

Bianca: This means a world where people have clean, safe water to drink. They have enough food to eat every day. Everyone has a safe home, children can go to school, anyone who is sick can visit a doctor or nurse and everyone can live in peace. (Slide 3)

Sara: World Gifts help to support our global neighbours. As we know 'God so loved the world so much that he gave his only Son'.
God gave us the most precious gift of his son Jesus. We make a difference too, by working together and raising money for a world gift. (Slide 4)

James: Let's find out about some of the challenges our global neighbours face around the world, and how World Gifts can help. (Slide 5)

Ronnie: 2.2 billion people (nearly a third of the world's population) are not able to wash their hands at home. (Slide 5)

Isla-Rose: This is where CAFOD's World Gifts helps. For a donation of £5, emergency water can be provided for people. (Slide 6)

Nessa: Beirut is the capital of Lebanon. In 2020 there was an explosion in the city. This caused an emergency and a need for safe and clean water and food to get to people quickly. (Slide 7 and Slide 8)

Otto: The explosion damaged half the city. Thousands of people were left homeless and unable to access even the basic things they needed, like water and food. (Slide 9)

Lizzie: But thanks to CAFOD's work with local experts they were able to instantly help people by distributing life saving water. (Slide 10 and Slide 11)

Maya: Around the world, an average of 3 people in every one thousand are refugees, those who have had to leave their homes. (Slide 12)

Isla-Rose: For £46, a World Gift can help a refugee who has been forced to leave their home. (Slide 13)

Bianca: Sami is nine years old and lives in Syria. He has been through so much with the conflict in his country. He was scared to go to school.

Jenson: Sami has worked closely with his teachers to overcome his fears. With this support and with CAFOD funded classes, Sami has been able to return to school. He is doing well, and when he is older, Sami wants to help rebuild Aleppo and create a better future for himself and his country. (Slide 15)

Sara: So you can see how much difference we can make to our global neighbours. These gifts can change lives. (Slide 16)

Nessa: This Advent, instead of writing Christmas cards for people in your class and your friends in the school community, we'd like you to make a donation to CAFOD. Once we have received all the donations, CAFOD Club will then choose a World Gift which will help those people who need it.

Ronnie: However much we raise will make a difference and as Pope Francis says:

Lizzie: “My dear young people, a better world can be built as a result of your efforts, your desire to change and your generosity!” (Slide 17)

Maya: Thank you for listening and we hope that you will join with us in making a difference and helping those people who need it.