

Explore the encyclical animation with your class



This is a resource to explore the encyclical animation with your primary class. The main aim of this animation is to help explain and communicate the message of Pope Francis's encyclical *Laudato Si' (Praise Be to You)* to children.

This encyclical was published on the 18th June 2015. The encyclical discusses the damage being inflicted on the Earth by humans and calls on 'every person living on this planet' to make urgent changes to our lifestyles and how we consume energy in order to protect the planet.

Laudato Si' deals with many environmental issues including pollution; climate change; water; loss of biodiversity and decline in the quality of human life. Pope Francis implores us to work together to create a better world for future generations and asks us to make the necessary changes in our lives in order to take care of, respect and value our 'common home.'

This animation is designed to communicate the main elements of the encyclical to children and motivate them to act. This resource can be used as an introduction to the topic of climate change and climate justice. Suggestions of how educators may use this in their classrooms and links with the curriculum are outlined below.

How to introduce the animation:

- Play the animation in full for the children
- Key questions after viewing video:
 - *What is the Pope asking us to do in his letter?*
 - *What do you think Pope Francis means by 'common home'?*
 - *How does the Pope say we have treated the Earth?*
 - *What has happened to the Earth because of this?*
- Play the video for a second time, stopping throughout to ask critical questions
 - *Why do you think this is such an important issue?*
 - *Why do you think Pope Francis wrote about this?*
 - *Who is suffering as a result of our actions?*

Follow-on activities:

- KWL Chart: Each child receives a post-it on which they write down what they know about climate change and what they would like to know about climate change. Over the course of the learning the children will add to the 'learned' column in the chart
- In groups of 3 or 4 the children will predict and discuss what they think are the main causes of climate change
- Following this discussion, in their groups they children will create a poster promoting climate justice based on the line in the animation 'We can change, and we can make a new start'. Present and discuss the posters with the class

For more resources to explore climate justice log onto:
trocaire.org/education/lent2015



Links to the Republic of Ireland Primary School Curriculum

SUBJECT	STRAND
English	Receptiveness to language Competence and confidence in using language Developing cognitive abilities through language Emotional and imaginative development through language
Gaeilge	Éisteacht Labhairt Léitheoireacht Scríbhneoireacht
Maths	Data
History	Local Studies Continuity and Change over time
Geography	Natural Environments Environmental awareness and care
Science	Living Things Environmental awareness and care
SPHE	Myself and the wider world
Music	Listening and responding Performing
Visual Arts	Drawing Paint and colour
Drama	Drama to explore feeling, knowledge and ideas, leading to understanding
Connecting to Alive-O	Alive-O 5 Term 2, Lesson 4: Celebrating God's Love Alive-O 5 Term 2, Lesson 7: God's Love Helps Us to Love the World Alive-O 6 Term 1, Lesson 1: Within God's Creation

Links to the Northern Ireland Primary School Curriculum

SUBJECT	STRAND
Language and Literacy	Talking and Listening Reading Writing
Mathematics and Numeracy	Processes in Mathematics Handling Data
The World Around Us (Geography, History, Science and Living Things)	Interdependence Place Movement and Energy Change over Time
The Arts	Art and Design Drama
Personal Development and Mutual Understanding	Personal Understanding and Health Mutual Understanding in the Local and Wider Community
Religious Studies	The Revelation of God

