

Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day

Primary Assembly Teacher Notes

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Hello everyone! Welcome to one of our favourite days of the year, Christmas Jumper Day! I can see lots of us have on our festive jumpers on. Would anyone like to come up and show off what they're wearing today?

Select a few children to come to the front and show off their outfit - focus on those that seem to have been made with the child's involvement or which aren't too flashy!

Christmas Jumper Day is great fun, but I wonder if anyone knows why we do it?

Take ideas from the children here - looking for anything related to Save the Children.

That's right, we wear our jazzy Christmas clothes because we are raising money for Save the Children. Does anyone know what Save the Children does?

Take answers from the children.

Well, let's have a look shall we?

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Save the Children is a charity that helps children in the UK and around the world. It began in 1919 right after the First World War.

Save the Children makes sure children get food, education and medicine to grow up strong – no matter who or where they are.

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Your donation might not seem like much, but it all adds up to make a big donation to help lots of children! Let's see what different donations can achieve for Save the Children.

This is quite an interactive set of slides and involves getting lots of children up at the front! Click through each slide and invite the number of children to stand up that equates to that donation - see the logo for the amount.

You could ask the children to tell you how many are needed up at the front, then count through the number of figures together. You could ask for half a class/a certain amount of children from each year group etc., to make up the right numbers.

- £2 could pay for a pair of shoes to keep a baby in Afghanistan warm through winter (1 child)
- £8 could buy a blanket to keep a child in Ukraine warm through winter (4 children)
- £10 could buy a supermarket voucher so a child in the UK has enough food to learn and grow up strong. (5 children)
- £30 could buy gardening tools and seeds for a family to grow their own healthy food so they don't go hungry again (15 children)
- £80 could buy two goats, so children can have healthy milk to drink and their family can earn money (40 children)

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Remember, any amount you give makes a difference. We've used £2 as an example in this activity - but every donation helps and adds up! Here are some other ways that we could have raised the same amount of money:

- If 10 children gave £1, this would still buy a supermarket voucher
- If 50 children gave 20p, this would do the same thing!
- A class could work together to raise £10 to buy a supermarket food voucher.
- A whole school could work together to raise £80 to buy two goats!

Sometimes it helps to learn about the real children that charities help. Here are some examples of children supported by the work of Save the Children.

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Viktoriya:

- This is Viktoriya. She is 9, and is from Kyiv in Ukraine.
- Life has been scary for children in Ukraine because of fighting there. A bomb went off near Viktoriya, and she hurt her leg badly.
- Now Viktoriya visits a safe place run by Save the Children. There, she gets to see Parker. Parker is incredible. He's a 'therapy dog', and he can tell when Viktoriya is sad. He helps her play and enjoy fun things, even when life feels hard.

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Junior:

- This is Junior. He's 16, and lives in the Solomon Islands, near Australia.
- The weather has got really bad where Junior lives. The sea is very high and has flooded lots of the farms, meaning food is hard to grow and people are hungry.
- Save the Children is helping families like Junior's to learn what plants can grow even when things are very wet, so they don't go hungry!

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There's a lot we've learned in today's assembly. We've talked about who Save the Children are, what they do, and who they help! Remember donating a small amount of money and wearing a Christmassy top might not feel like much, but real children benefit from what we do.

Can anyone help me and remind me of the following?

Encourage children to raise their hands and answer.

- Who are Save the Children?
- Can anyone tell me what £30 could buy for a child who needs it?
- Can anyone remember any of the children that Save the Children have helped, and how?

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Today you get to have fun, look amazing AND help children. Let's do this!

Children leave the assembly to 'Count on Me' by Bruno Mars or some inspiring music of your choice.