Save the Children

TOGETHER EVERYWHERE

A fun activity to help you and your children get creative and connect to children all over the world.

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WHAT'S GOING ON

Now, more than ever, we need to protect the world's most vulnerable children. The coronavirus pandemic will affect children and their families in lots of different ways – from not being able to access routine vaccinations, to schools closing down, to the economic impact of lockdown on their families.

The Department for International Development (DFID) was created to tackle global poverty and over the past 23 years has championed immunisation, children's education and gender equality. The recent announcement from the Prime Minister threatens that progress. We must stand together as one world now - to protect every child.

Children are beams of light in communities across the world right now. But for the world's most vulnerable kids - in refugee camps, conflict zones, and urban slums - social distancing and safe handwashing are almost impossible. 1.5 billion are out of school. Every child should be able to become whoever they want to be. Now's the time to get together and change the future for good.

WHAT DO WE WANT?

We need governments across the globe to **work together** and protect children through this crisis. To fight for their rights to stay safe, healthy, and keep learning, no matter what. We want to help them build a better world when this is over. The world needs to collaborate: this is not a time to prioritise national interest over the needs of children.

Taking part in this action will help leaders take notice and take the following steps to protect a generation from coronavirus:

1. Contain the virus
2. Help families get through this
3. Keep children learning
4. Protect every child
5. Make sure the aid budget prioritises ending poverty and helping children

To find out more about UK aid please use our 'Understanding Aid' resources on the 'Make Change at Home' section of our website.

THESE ACTIVITIES WILL…

- Give your child some creative play time and let their imagination run wild
- Give your child a chance to learn about the experiences of other children around the world
- Help your child stand in solidarity and show that all children have rights – no matter where they live.

ACTIVITY INFORMATION…

- Time: 1hr max
- Cost: free!
- Location: indoors
- Suitable for: all ages, from the very young to the young at heart

ACTIVITY:

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

Forge an unbreakable chain of solidarity with children and their families across the world

Make world leaders take notice

Change the future

#SaveAid #TogetherEverywhere

It's a simple action, but it could have big consequences.

YOU WILL NEED:

- Paper
- Scissors
- Pens and pencils to decorate
- Optional equipment… glitter, paints, tissue paper…

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Fold a long strip of paper in half, in half again, and so forth, until the strip is half its height or thinner. *Make sure your people are 'holding hands' as that's where they link*
2. Draw half a person - the middle of the person should be on the fold (or use the template provided!).
3. Cut out the outline of your person.
4. Next? USE YOUR IMAGINATION!
5. Make it personal – customise it to represent your family, or to say thank you to your friends or key workers. It'll look great in your window alongside the rainbow!
6. Use crayons, paints, coloured pencils, markers, glitter, tissue paper or whatever you please.

Be as creative as you like!

We've provided instructions for paper chains, but you could draw chalk people on the pavement, bake and decorate gingerbread men, arrange toys in a conga line... the choice is yours!

NEXT: Take a snap of you holding up your chain and share it with all your friends on your socials using #TogetherEverywhere and #SaveAid

Tag 3 friends to pass it on!

We'll connect your chain to others from around the globe to show that the world stands with children.

Share messages on social media pledging your support for children around the world. Post your chains on Instagram/Facebook/Twitter, and tag three friends or family to get involved.

Don't forget to tag @SaveChildrenUK and use #togethereverywhere and #saveaid to spread the word and make the world a safer and happier place for children.

HERE ARE SOME AMAZING EXAMPLES OF PAPER CHAINS THAT FAMILIES HAVE MADE AROUND THE WORLD… YOU CAN SEE THEM ALL AT https://togethereverywhere.org/uk