

#GO2MASS for Someone who Can't

Resources for Primary Schools

1: God's Bakery



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Notes for teachers

Thank you very much for your interest in these resources and in the work of Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) to support suffering Christians around the world.

God's Bakery is the first of a set of four awareness-raising and fundraising resources designed to run alongside ACN's #GO2MASS for Someone who Can't Campaign; these resources have been designed specifically for use in primary schools. ACN has assembled #GO2MASS to provide your school with follow-on resources to complement the focus and content of Adoremus, the Eucharistic Conference organised by the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales in September 2018.

The four corresponding resources for use in primary schools focus on four of the most important items needed for people of any age to engage fully with the gift of the Eucharist, through Mass or through Adoration. At ACN, we believe in a simple formula for engagement: Information, Prayer, Action. The four units we have created for your school will enable your pupils, staff and school community to supplement and enrich your pupils' engagement with ACN's #GO2MASS campaign by

- learning about the difficulties faced by Christians in other parts of the world and
- taking on a fundraising challenge to support them.

Each unit includes an introductory PowerPoint presentation (fully scripted for you to use at a school assembly or in a classroom setting), a related game or activity to reinforce the learning outcomes for the unit and a themed fundraising idea.

The four interconnected units can be used discreetly or as an interlinking set of resources.

Available Now: God's Bakery teaches about the incredible ways in which religious sisters around the world support the Church and its faithful. These include baking the altar breads that become the Body of Our Lord during the Mass. You can finish up this unit with a 'God's Bakery' themed cake sale; your school will be helping to support religious sisters who, without the funds provided by parishes and schools like yours, might not be able to continue the important work that they do for others.

Available 15 Feb 2019: Meet Nicole introduces a remarkable 11-year-old from Aleppo in Syria. Nicole has a powerful message to share with your pupils. We provide age-appropriate background information life for Christians in Syria today. Nicole gives young people a real person to pray for at Mass or during Adoration. Another way to help children like Nicole is to provide emergency relief for families in Syria. Just £5 can keep a family going for one day. How could your school help? We've got a fab idea for a Syrian-themed art exhibition that your pupils could put on for family and friends.

Available 1 Mar 2019: Say it with Scripture covers the importance of encountering and listening to the Word of God during Mass or in prayer. This unit helps your pupils do this through a project based

around ACN's Child's Bible: *God Speaks to his Children*. We've produced this little red book since 1979 and have sent out over 52 million copies out to children around the world. *God Speaks to his Children* has been translated into 189 languages and our project partners tell us that it is used for catechism, but also to teach children to read. In some places, *God Speaks to his Children* can be the only book a child owns. After you've completed this unit, we'd like you to hold a non-uniform day at school to collect funds to distribute Child's Bibles to those who need them. For £1 raised, a Child's Bible will head out to a child elsewhere in the world.

Available 15 Mar 2019: Put your Hands Together – where would we be without prayer?

Fundamental to our faith, prayer comes naturally to some of us, but many people need a bit of help to learn how to pray well and to derive the maximum benefit from their prayer time. We've put together a bit of coaching, complete with a chance to learn about the importance of prayer to some very special children in Iraq. Their example will provide your pupils with lots of ideas for how they might develop their own faith. Like the young people of Iraq's Nineveh Plains, your school will be asked to get out there and walk, cycle, swim or climb for Iraq's Christian communities.

Please use the contacts below to ask for further details, to let us know that you are using these resources (your feedback is always welcome!) and to send any monies raised (cheques payable to 'Aid to the Church in Need UK').

THANK YOU!

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