

## Assembly (Junior/Senior Infants) Based on Lesson 6 On Our Way

### Harvest

This Assembly is adapted from the Assembly on [On Our Way p. 32](#). A Harvest display would enhance the Assembly. You might also display a map showing Ethiopia and Brazil. **You could shorten the Assembly by using only 2 stories or by using a fuller version of one story from the lesson.**

**Hymns/ Songs:** 'I love the sun', 'God who made the earth', 'All things bright and beautiful' or any harvest themed song.

#### You need:

Props for characters (shawl, basket, brazil nuts, hammer, bowl, tools, fruit)

Posters for Psalm 65

Narrator 1	We are celebrating harvest today
Narrator 2	We are travelling back in time to the Bible and to the story of Ruth <i>Ruth enters dressed in a shawl and carrying a basket</i>
Ruth	My name is Ruth. I went to the fields to collect barley so that I could make bread for myself and Naomi. <i>Naomi enters - an old lady.</i>
Narrator 1	Ruth cared for her family
Ruth	I worked hard all day, picking up every tiny piece of barley that the workers dropped as they harvested the crop. It was such hard work.
Narrator 2	Ruth worked very hard
Ruth	The farmer told his workers to leave extra barley for me so I would have enough to bring home
Narrator 1	The farmer shared his harvest with Ruth and Naomi.
Ruth	The farmer Boaz married me. God had taken care of us and I would have enough food for the rest of my life. Thank you God.
All	Psalm 65 'What a rich harvest.....joy' <a href="#">On Our Way p. 32</a> . <i>You could have a series of posters- one for each line... a group could simply read the words or the teacher could read the psalm and some pictures could be held up.</i>
Narrator 3	Let's travel now to Brazil. It's very hot. This is Luiza. <i>Luiza enters with a bag of brazil nuts.</i>

Luiza	My name is Luiza. I live in a beautiful forest with my family. We grow vegetables there, we have animals too.
Narrator 4	Who is this? <i>Luiza's dad enters with a hammer and a bowl and a bag of brazil nuts</i>
Luiza	This is my dad. He works in the forest collecting rubber from the trees. It is very hard work. He collects brazil nuts too.
Narrator 3	Luiza's family are not well off. They work hard to earn enough money to live. Luiza's dad sells the brazil nuts in the market but he doesn't get a lot of money for the long days work.
Luiza	Next time you eat a brazil nut or a chocolate bar with nuts, think of my family. Maybe we picked the nut and sold it to be sent to you.
Narrator 5	Final stop on our tour is to Ethiopia
Narrator 6	It's very hot in Ethiopia too. So hot that there has not been any rain.
Narrator 5	And rain is needed to grow the crops. This is Setew. <i>Setew enters with some tools and some fruit.</i>
Setew	I am Setew. We had to leave our village because there was war in my country. When we came back the ground was dry and we could plant no crops. We were hungry.
Narrator 6	So Setew and his family had no harvest to celebrate
Setew	But we were lucky. People from a church came and helped us. They gave us tools like this, new seeds and watering tools. We could plant and grow our vegetables and fruit. We didn't starve.
Narrator 5	Thanks to people who helped, Setew and his family had a harvest to celebrate after all.
Narrator 6	Setew and his family thanked God for the harvest
7, 8, 9	Let us pray : There are 3 prayers on <i>On our Way</i> pgs 32-33 - one matches each story.
10	Thank you for listening to our Assembly about saying thank you for our harvest and about people in some parts of the world and in Ireland who don't have as much as we have to eat.