

Assembly (1st/ 2nd Class)

Based on Lesson 5 Stepping Out

Harvest

This is the Harvest Assembly from **Stepping Out p. 44/45** with some minor adaptations. A harvest display of fruit and veg as well as some items around the theme of water would be good to set up.

Songs - Harvest themed or water themed

Service Leader 1	Welcome to our harvest service
Service Leader 2	Water - a gift for life
Service Leader 1	We all need water
Group of pupils	Walk / say a line about what we need water for. Props would be useful. (drink / wash/ cook food etc)
Service Leader 2	In some parts of the world there is very little water. Even here in Ireland we sometimes have very little water.
Service Leader 1	At harvest we thank God for the crops, the fruit and the vegetables. Without water they would not grow.
Service Leader 2	We are going to travel to Ethiopia in Africa to meet Tesfai
Tesfai (with an umbrella)	Hi. It hasn't rained in Ethiopia for a very long time. We have no crops. Today is the best day ever because it has just started to rain. I wonder how long it will take for the food to grow?
Service Leader 1	Now we are going to Senegal in West Africa to meet Awa
Awa (with bucket on her head)	Hi I am Awa. Do you know that it has only rained for two or three days every year since before I was born? Every day my mum and I walk 5 km to get clean water from the well. We carry big jars on our heads. Mine fits about 8 litres of water. Mum's jar is much bigger than mine. It's great having a well, we used to drink from the village pond and we were sick. I wish I didn't have to walk so far.
Service Leader 1	Now we are going to west Africa to Mali. Here is Mariam

Mariam (with bucket on her head)	Hi. I have great news. For a long time I have had to walk for one hour every day to get water for my mum to cook and clean our clothes and for me to drink. My bucket was so heavy on the way back. But now we have a well in our village and I only have to walk for 5 minutes.
Service Leader 2	Now we are back at home in N (our town) and here is N...
Child	Last summer it was so hot and dry that we couldn't water our crops/ plants with hoses. I had to use my watering can. Everyone wanted rain to fall so the plants (and crops) would grow.
Service Leader 1	We are lucky that we can turn on the tap and get fresh water.
Prayers	Children's prayers on theme of water
	Prayer from Stepping Out p. 43 (Asa)
Service Leader 2	As our Harvest service ends we thank God for water. We think of children like Asa and Mariam and Tesfai in other parts of the world who don't have fresh water.