




The activities of a church

1. What events take place at the church each week?







2. What events are taking place at the church over the next month?







3. What does the church do to raise funds for churches in other countries?







4. What are the funds used for in these other countries?





5. What visitors has the church received from churches in other countries.?



6. Have any members of the church taken part in visits to churches in other countries?



7. If there is a display of some of the work of the church, what is it about?











Activity objectives

- ▶ To show that many activities take place in a church for the local community.
- ▶ To show that a church is linked to the activities of churches in other countries around the world.

Preparation and resources

When organising the church visit you could show the priest this worksheet and see if information can be supplied to answer the questions. Alternatively the priest may suggest altering parts of the worksheet to focus on a particular aspect of the churches work.

Introducing the activity

You may perform this activity as part of a church visit or use it afterwards. If it is performed as part of a church visit, the children will need time afterwards to spend at least one lesson on looking at the work of churches round the world. Alternatively you may like to collect information from the churches you visit then give a bundle of information to each group to use with the worksheet. The worksheet could be used by some children to help them interview a member of the church.

Teaching notes

In the introduction to this unit on page 13 the children could get a sense of what it would be like to build a church. In this activity the children look at the church as a building in which activities take place and that some of these activities affect other churches around the world. Money raised in a church is used to give aid to other people around the world who may or may not be Christians. The aid is often delivered through the activities of the local churches in these other parts of the world. Sometimes money will be used to help

missionaries and priests with their work in improving farming, schools and hospitals.

Concluding the activity

This will depend on how you have used the activity. You could display pictures of churches around the world from the information gathered. The children could report on how the church serves the community or is linked with other churches or involved in Christian projects in distant lands.

Activity outcomes

- ▶ The children know that many activities take place in the church for the local community.
- ▶ The children know that the activities of a church are linked to the activities of other churches around the world.

Complementary work

The children can use the children's web site of Christian Aid to find out about how children in other parts of the world live and how Christian Aid works.

Resource

www.globalgang.org.uk.