Stewards or Vandalas?

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How is Christian Aid bringing light some of the poorest people in the world?

Agar’s story
How is Christian Aid bringing light to the poorest people in the world?

1. What was Agar’s life like before the solar lamp?

   Frustrating and difficult because they would have had to walk numerous miles and wast their strength when she had to do her homework, it would sting her eyes so she can’t see, it would cause pollution and wouldn’t be good for her health.

2. How have Christian Aid brought light to Agar’s family? How is her life different now?

   They have given light to Agar’s family by just making one differences and given them a solar panel it would saved their strength and give then light so it’s easier to read and protects their heath.
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4. Why does Christian Aid want to help Agar's family and others like them? Can you make a link to Jesus being 'the light of the world'?

Because we are all human we shall all live in the same circumstances it's not fair if some people have lots of things and some people have nearly nothing.
How is Christian Aid bringing light to the poorest people in the world?

5. What can we learn from Agar’s story?

Just because we’re poor doesn’t mean we can’t be happy. We shall make it out consume that others live in poverty and can’t do anything to stop it.

6. What changes could we make as a result of this story?

Protect nature. Remember others in the world. Don’t take things for granted.
We all live under the same sun!
We’re all connected
What do Christians mean when they say Jesus was ‘the light of the world’?

This might be a pre-activity, or one to explore deeper within a unit.

Start with the famous image of Christ.
Making a link between the text and the life people lead now.

“...like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden. 15 No one lights a lamp and then puts it under a basket. Instead, a lamp is placed on a stand, where it gives light to everyone in the house. 16 In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father.” Matthew 5:14-16

Help people who are hurt...collect plastic to protect animals... Help someone carrying something heavy... Help out in the kitchen and tidy up...
Letters for creation

Canticle of the Sun

Be praised, my Lord, for all your creatures, and first for brother sun, who makes the day bright and luminous. He is beautiful and radiant with great splendour. He is the image of you, most high.

Be praised, my Lord, for sister moon and the stars. You placed them in the sky, so bright and twinkling.
Global Neighbours – how can you get involved?

https://www.christianaid.org.uk/schools/global-neighbours-accreditation-scheme

Letters for creation
Climate Coalition – Show the Love
Faith’s Fields of Hope
Garden of Eden – John Dyer : The Eden Project
How do Bible stories impact what Christians believe and do about the environment?

REMEMBER
The Creation Story
The story of Adam and Eve
Others?

UNDERSTAND
What Christians learn from the story

APPLY
Write a #Christiansagainstclimatechange tweet

ANALYSE
How is this story related to the story of the Garden of Eden?

EVALUATE
Share the quotes about the image in a silent debate

CREATE
The Eden Project wants to create a new attraction in Bristol to further its climate change message. Can you design exhibits linked to some Bible ideas?
How might beliefs about the world be expressed in poetry?


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**Natural Anthem**

God save our gracious green
Long live our glorious community,
God save our green.

Dis rie is serious
Do it for all of us
Save our asparagus,
Do it for Our

God save Our

Green

Benjamin Zephaniah

England
What do some non-religious worldviews believe about the environment?

Share the Powerpoint presentation on humanist BELIEF and ideas on the environment. Carry out a silent discussion/Wisdom on the Wall around key humanist statements.

What might a humanist write as a message on climate change for a rally? A Christian believer? Similar? Different?

https://understandinghumanism.org.uk/films/protecting-the-environment/
**Evidence** shows us how heavily our **welfare** is dependent on the environment and the continued existence of many other species. Contact with animals and the natural world can also contribute to human **happiness**.

**Empathy** is important when deciding how to act towards others. We should extend this empathy to future generations and to other animals.

This is the one and only life and world we **have**. We should therefore make the most of it. But we must also support others to make the most of it too, and that includes future generations.

There are no supernatural forces to help us. Human beings alone are **responsible** for solving our environmental problems.

**Science** and **technology** may have contributed to the damage the environment has suffered, but they will also be necessary to find solutions to our environmental challenges.

**Birth control** can play an important role in reducing the demands human beings place on the environment.
• Speech from Dr Who –
https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/m000dbp4/doctor-who-series-12-3-orphan-55
How, and why are Catholic Christians responding to climate change?

Who is Pope Francis?
What is an ‘encyclical’?
Why might Catholic Christians care about what it says?

'Our Common Home' Animation for children
What are the key messages from the film?

Earth is God’s gift
It is full of beauty and wonder
It belongs to everyone.
Why might Catholic Christians say that the Earth is ‘our common home?’

Why is Earth is God’s gift?  
How is it full of beauty and wonder?  
Why does it belongs to everyone?
What is happening to the Earth?

How does the animation show what is happening to ‘our common home’?
How might the teaching of Jesus link to how Catholics respond to climate change?

Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’ The second is this: ‘Love your neighbour as yourself.’ There is no commandment greater than these.”

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, for he has anointed me to bring Good News to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim that captives will be released, that the blind will see, that the oppressed will be set free. Luke 4:18

Can you link these texts to what is happening with climate change?
What action might Catholics take as a result of this encyclical?

How might they/we..

Live Wisely
Think deeply
Love generously?
How might we link St Francis and the beauty of the world?

What is a Saint?
What do you notice about the artwork?
How might we link St Francis and the beauty of the world?

"If you have men who will exclude any of God's creatures from the shelter of compassion and pity, you will have men who will deal likewise with their fellow men."

............................St Francis of Assisi

"Ask the beasts and they will teach you the beauty of this earth."

What does St Francis teach about treating animals?

How might a Christian feel they have to behave?

God requires that we assist the animals, when they need our help. Each being (human or creature) has the same right of protection.

Saint Francis of Assisi
How does this stained glass help us understand what St Francis might mean for some Christians?

Look carefully at these images. What do you notice what they have in common? In what ways might they be different?
Could you create your own stained glass window for St Francis?

What wildlife from your local area would you include?
What text would you add to the window?
How might Hindu conceptions of reality link to the state of the world today?
What would a divine intervention in this world look like?

Use your play-dough to model:

What problem in the world might Vishnu need to intervene to restore balance?

Or

What form might Vishnu’s avatar take in order to restore balance?