

**Theme: Harvest****Aim: To understand the role of a foodbank within a community and how we can support it.****Materials/preparation****Assembly Presentation** 7 A4 pieces of card each with a letter spelling the word HARVEST

**Show slide 2.** Ask 7 sensible children to come to the front and each hold up a letter. Can they rearrange them to make a word? HARVEST

**Show slide 3** HARVEST is a clever word that we can make lots of others from. Can anyone work out a word from these letters that describes where we all live?

**Show slide 4** EARTH

**Show slide 5** Harvest time is all about celebrating all the good things the earth supplies. Get the children to suggest some foods from around the world, or ask them about the food they've brought in. Point out that there is enough food to feed twice the world's population. BUT, we don't all have enough!

**Show slide 6** Can the children work out another word from the letters to describe when people don't have enough food?

**Show slide 7** STARVE

**Show slide 8** Encourage children to think of the countries that they associate with food poverty (hunger)

**Show slide 9** To help people who can't afford to buy enough food, foodbanks like BCFB were set up.

**Show slide 10** BCFB aims to provide nutritionally balanced food and toiletry parcels to people in difficulty, who are struggling to buy food because of their situation.

**Show slide 11** Encourage pupils to think of some of the reasons why people might not be able to afford food.

**Show slide 12** This year has been 'One of a kind' and has affected us all in many different ways. Unfortunately one of the ways in which it has impacted people is loss of jobs, which has meant many people have not had enough money to pay all the bills and buy food.

**Show slide 13** BCFB has been able to support many people during this time providing food parcels not just for those that have not got enough money but also for those that are sick or self-isolating and have no family to get them food.

**Show slide 14** Although things have got better for many of us since lockdown, there are still lots of people struggling due to lost jobs and low income and find paying all of the bills and buying food impossible!

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