

# Gertrude's Day in the Life

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## This activity will reference: SOC 2–19a

By comparing the lifestyle and culture of citizens in another country with those of Scotland, I can discuss the similarities and differences.

### Core themes:

- Exploring the daily life of a young person in Zambia
- Recognising similarities and differences with your own life
- Exploring the work of SCIAF as a Catholic aid agency.

**Note:** We will explore Gertrude's life – and it may be different from our own. We encourage pupils to identify those differences, along with many similarities. At the same time, we would also discourage language identifying what the children perceive to be 'better' or 'worse'. Our Catholic faith tells us that we are all created in the image of God and that each of us has intrinsic dignity and worth. We therefore encourage respect for communities and cultures different from our own, while still recognising that this community has benefited from the help given by people in Scotland through SCIAF.

## Activity

Share with your class some of the facts about Zambia, from the Teachers' Notes.

Gertrude is eight years old. She lives with her Gran and has a sister and two brothers. The family were helped by SCIAF's partners Caritas Kabwe. Gertrude's Gran received the seeds, tools and training she needed to grow food for the family.

**"I just want to thank the people of Scotland for their generosity. I urge them to continue with their good deeds We are so grateful."**

– Gertrude's Gran, Catherine

**Watch our video about a day in Gertrude's life.** Ask the pupils to identify some differences and similarities with Gertrude's daily life and their own. What did they find surprising? What was as they expected?

Gertrude has drawn a comic strip showing activities in her daily life. Ask the pupils to draw activities from their daily life. You can use the comic strip template provided or create a digital comic book on iPads using an app like Book Creator.

