



REAL GIFTS ACTIVITY SHEET

Education is a precious gift, opening up possibilities for a better future!

Your gift provides the opportunity to learn how to read and write - unlocking new stories and new possibilities!

REFLECTION

'The beginning of wisdom is this: Get wisdom, and whatever else you get, get insight.'
(Proverbs 4:7)

The Book of Proverbs gives us a compelling portrait of wisdom. The Book's purpose is to teach wisdom, not only to the young (1:2-4) but also to the experienced scholars. (1:5-6)

Other books urge us to perform wise acts, but Proverbs encourages us to pursue wisdom through practical experiences and in our relationship with Jesus, who is Wisdom personified, sent to give human beings true and full life.

FACTS

- Nearly a quarter of primary schools globally don't have access to basic services such as electricity, drinking water and basic toilet or handwashing facilities
- Challenges for adult literacy in the poorest countries include rural access to education, high dropout rates - especially among women and girls - and a lack of teacher training.

**Lord Jesus,
Help us to not only know wisdom but to live it,
To learn not just from words but from the experiences You place before us.
To draw us closer to You, the source of all wisdom.
In our journey, let us see You in every lesson,
In every challenge, and in every joy.
For You are the true and full life.
We ask this in Your name, Jesus Christ
Amen**

A VITAL VEGGIE GARDEN



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Your gift of a vegetable garden helps families to grow fresh and healthy vegetables, and herbs on their own small plot of land. This not only provides people with healthy food options but also allows them to sell their produce in local markets for additional income, promoting self-sustainability.

Watch life grow!

Our partners train families in Agro-ecology to help them set up and maintain their vegetable gardens. This means:

- **Choosing the best location**
(ideally near the house and close to a water source)
- **Preparing the soil**
(creating raised beds and using homemade fertiliser)
- **Planting their seeds**
(spacing them out and placing into the soil instead of scattering)
- **Watering**
(knowing when and how much to water)
- **Managing the garden**
(getting rid of fungus or insects in a natural chemical-free way)

FACTS

- Globally 811 million people are facing hunger in the world
- 60% of those suffering from chronic hunger are women and girls
- Vegetables like sweet potato, carrot, onion, cabbage and varieties of cucumbers and spinach are common in vegetable gardens in Africa and Asia.

REFLECTION

Use this time to praise the Lord, 'praise Him from the heavens, praise Him all his angels' (Psalms 148:1-2) and thank Him for everything he has created. Every person, unique and in his image. Every grain of soil, every drop of water, every creature on the ground and in the sky. Creation sings of God's qualities and magnitudes.

**Lord our God,
We thank you for the gift of Creation,
for the earth, and all who live here.
We praise you,
we bless you,
we adore you,
we glorify you,
we give you thanks, Lord of Creation.
Amen**



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Your simple gift of chickens can bring hope to families in need, providing them with a sustainable source of nutrition from eggs and additional financial security through the sale of chicks.

Although chickens are relatively easy to keep, our partners work with families to make sure they have the knowledge and skills to look after their chickens to a high standard.

With this gift, you can make a positive impact on a family's future.

REFLECTION

In the Gospel of Matthew (Mt. 23:37), Jesus speaks to the crowds and shares the image of a hen gathering her chicks under her wing. Why? It gave the crowd then, and it gives us now, the perfect picture of God. A God that protects and provides, a God that cares for his children.

FACTS

- Chickens can lay 4-7 eggs per week
- Each egg contains over 70 calories and provides essential calories and nutrition for families who eat one meal a day
- Keeping chickens uses less water and land than other animals, which is better for the environment.

**Dear God,
As a hen gathers in her chicks,
we thank you that your loving arms
wrap around us to protect and provide.
We thank you for the many blessings that
we receive from you.
Help us to show love through our actions
and provide for the needs of our sisters
and brothers.
We pray this in the name of Jesus.
Amen**

HEAVENLY FATHER,

We lift up our hearts in gratitude,
for the blessings we've received from You.

We offer these Real Gifts,
as a sign of love for our global family.

May they be a beacon of hope,
for those who need it most.

May they bring nourishment,
joy, and brighter futures.

May our fundraising efforts echo
Your call to love and serve.

And, may we always work to create
a more just and kinder world for all.

AMEN