

## KS1 Unit 2, Lesson 7 - Why is Harvest special?

### Context:

This lesson looks at the Christian celebration of Harvest Festival.

### Overview:

Remind children we are looking at special times and celebrations. Harvest is a time when Christians say thank you to God for their food and the wonderful world that God has made.

**Essential core:** Christians believe that God created everything and that the creation is good.

That Christians believe that humans have a special place in creation.

God expects humans to care for His world.

### Resources:

[request.org.uk/restart/2014/09/18/harvest-3](http://request.org.uk/restart/2014/09/18/harvest-3)

[request.org.uk/restart/2015/09/14match-it-harvest-fun](http://request.org.uk/restart/2015/09/14match-it-harvest-fun)

### INTRODUCTION:

Ask if any children know what happens at a Harvest Festival? Share with the class.

Revisit the earlier discussion about saying thank you. The Harvest service in Church is a time when Christians say thank you to God for the harvest.

Watch the video of Harvest

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### BUILD UP:

Why is Harvest Festival special for Christians? They wish to say thank you to God for providing them with food. They also wish to share this food out or sell off the produce and give the money away. Why do you think it is special for farmers?

When does it happen? At the beginning of Autumn.

What do people do to celebrate? They have a service in church (or school).

What special objects might be used to celebrate? A variety of fruit, vegetables tins, packets and boxes of food.

You may wish to sing a thank you song, such as Paintbox (cauliflowers fluffy). You might sing along to the video on you tube.

### TASK:

Draw and label 4 items that can be found at a Harvest Festival.

Ext pupils to write a thank you prayer to God to be used in the Harvest Festival.

### PLENARY:

Play the matching game:

[request.org.uk/restart/2015/09/14match-it-harvest-fun](http://request.org.uk/restart/2015/09/14match-it-harvest-fun)

### FORMATIVE ASSESSMENT:

Can the pupils identify special objects used to celebrate Harvest Festival?

Why do Christians celebrate harvest Festival?