

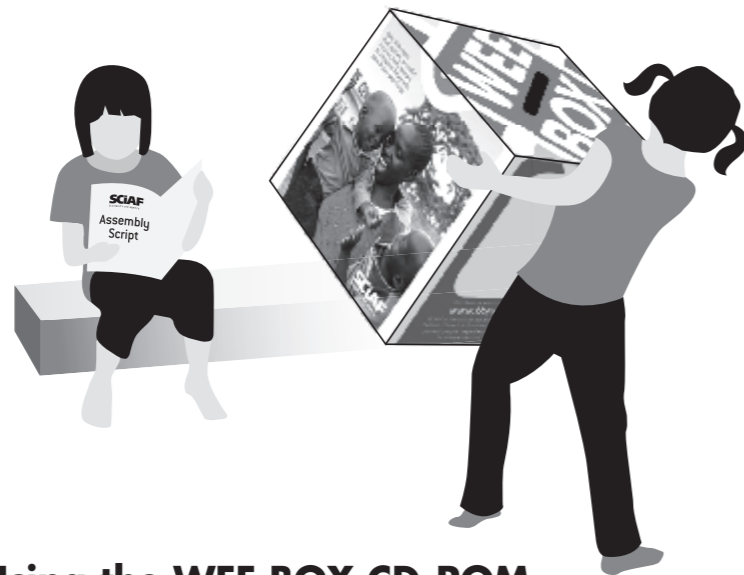
SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

Aim:

- To help you launch your WEE BOX Lenten activities
- To explain how the WEE BOX materials can be used
- To introduce some of the people your WEE BOX helps

Props (See ORDER FORM for details):

- 40 DAYS 40 WAYS Cards
- School assembly poster pack



Assembly Option 1: Using the WEE BOX CD-ROM

A PowerPoint version of the launch assembly is available on the WEE BOX CD-ROM supplied with these materials.

Assembly Option 2: Using posters [targeted at Primary Level]

Note: Pupils should reveal the posters shown as text is being read

Narrator:

As we prepare for the season of Lent, SCIAF is inviting us on a journey of discovery. SCIAF's WEE BOX campaign in 2007 resulted in a RECORD-BREAKING BIG CHANGE with Scottish schools donating a massive £162,000 in just 6 weeks! This generosity has given hope to many wonderful people. SCIAF is inviting us to get to know them and hear their inspiring stories. They'll be our companions on our Lenten journey or pilgrimage. As we know, every great journey has to start somewhere.



Pupil 1:

Let's start here then with SCIAF's WEE BOX! Just as Jesus came to preach the Good News to the poor and set the downtrodden free then so should we. SCIAF's WEE BOXES are a great way to support our brothers and sisters in need across the world.

Narrator:

So we've started our journey but I don't have a clue where I'm going? I've always had a terrible sense of direction!



Pupil 2:

How 'bout this way pal? And as we head out on our Lenten journey this target poster will help us keep track of the money we raise.



Narrator:

Sorted! But it'll be a long journey. Don't know if I can handle it.



Group 1:

Who says you have to do it alone? My name is Rosemary and my children are John, Sepai and Waitbaka. SCIAF's WEE BOXES have made a BIG Difference to our lives. We live in a harsh desert environment in northern Kenya. Climate change means that droughts and flash floods are becoming increasingly common. £1200 from your WEE BOXES has paid for a major irrigation project to give us a lush vegetable garden. Our family and village won't have to worry about going hungry anymore.



Group 2:

We'd like to be part of your Lenten pilgrimage too. My name is Jenneth [Janet] and my children are Wulter [Walter] and Gurfre [Godfrey]. The war in northern Uganda has killed many people and our lives were very difficult. Your WEE BOXES are helping me provide a better future for my family. £30 allows Wulter and Gurfre to attend nursery while I get training.



Group 3:

Is there space for some more? My name is Santo and these are my four younger brothers. Our parents were killed in the war and I've had to bring up my brothers on my own. £12 from your WEE BOX has provided us with some essential household utensils and school materials.



Pupil 4:

Hey! Don't forget me. My name is Ajok. My education was cut short by the war when I was separated from my family. £5 from your WEE BOXES provides me with thread and other sewing materials so I can get job skills training and make up for lost time.



Pupil 5:

Hold yer horses! Where are yooz off to? You've now officially made a BIG CHANGE. Sit back! Relax! This is the end of the road.

Narrator:

That's great news! Never thought for a mo that I'd start with a WEE BOX and end up making a BIG CHANGE. But you know what? My Lenten journey won't be over until all the world's people have life in all its fullness. If you don't mind, we'll be on our way. C'mon team, full speed ahead!

Prayer

Lord Jesus,
You spent your life helping people in need. You too had to flee violence as a child. You showed us by your example how we could love others and create a better world. Join us on our Lenten journey. Open our eyes and hearts to those in need. When Easter arrives, let us not forget the friends we have made along the way. Help us to keep our Lenten promises alive. Amen.

