

## WEE BOX, BIG Change School Assembly 2010






- Hello! This SCI AF assembly today is being presented by: **class/name**
- SCI AF's WEE BOX appeal in 2010 is all about hunger and focuses on SCI AF's work in Ethiopia, which is a country in the north east of Africa.
- In this presentation you will hear how many people living in countries, like Ethiopia, still struggle just to have enough food to survive each day.
- But, you will also hear how the money that has been raised for SCI AF is helping to make sure families are able to provide food for themselves not just for a week, a month, or a year, but for a lifetime.
- SCI AF's WEE BOXES may be small but with our help they're making a BIG change to other peoples' lives.
- As we begin our Lenten journey we remember that it is a time for new life.
- As Jesus rose from the dead, we believe that new life can begin again.



- You might have said before "I'm starving" if you didn't have your lunch or missed your dinner.
- Thankfully we will never likely be in a situation where we are actually starving – where we haven't eaten for days on end.
- But 1/6 of the people in our world, that is over 1 billion people, do not have enough food to eat on a regular basis.
- People can survive for a while without food, but eventually if the body does not have food you will become very sick and you will die.



- Children and the elderly suffer most from hunger because their bodies aren't as strong.
- It is hard to imagine but in our world - a child dies, every six seconds, because of hunger.
- Think about for a moment - a child dying every six seconds, because they haven't had enough nutritious food to eat.
- This should make us really angry, because this simply shouldn't be happening.
- Every child around the world, no matter what country they live or what colour their skin is have rights (UN Convention on the Rights of the Child).

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• These rights include: the right to be healthy, the right to have clean water and the right to enough nutritious food to eat.</li> </ul>
<p>In our world of plenty...</p>  <p>... no one should go hungry</p> <p><b>SCiAF</b> FOR A JUST WORLD</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In our world of plenty no one should go hungry.</li> <li>• There is more than enough food in the world to feed everybody.</li> <li>• Yet people in countries like Ethiopia will go without food today.</li> <li>• But it not just in Ethiopia that people go hungry – people around the world in African, Asia, Latin America and even parts of Europe go without food.</li> <li>• We have to ask ourselves why this is happening.</li> <li>• Well, there are lots of different reasons for why people are hungry.</li> </ul>
<p>People are hungry for different reasons...</p>  <p>... war and conflict</p> <p><b>SCiAF</b> FOR A JUST WORLD</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There are many different reasons why there are so many people in our world going without enough food.</li> <li>• This picture shows a family that fled their home because of a war and who are now sheltering in a refugee camp. Because they had to leave their homes quickly they don't have any food and little money to buy any. You can see in the picture just how little the family have.</li> <li>• So war and conflict is one of the reasons that people go hungry.</li> </ul>
<p>Climate change...</p>  <p><b>SCiAF</b> FOR A JUST WORLD</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Climate change is another reason for people going hungry.</li> <li>• Climate change is actually making hunger an even bigger problem as it becomes more and more difficult for people to grow their own food.</li> <li>• Extreme and unpredictable weather causes both floods and droughts making it very difficult for people in countries like Ethiopia to grow anything.</li> <li>• In Ethiopia there used to be bad droughts (when there is a shortage of water) usually every 8 years. But now bad droughts are happening at least every 2 years.</li> <li>• Climate change has even caused some areas to experience droughts lasting years on end - in these situations, people are pushed to the very edge of survival.</li> </ul>

Poverty, unfair trade...



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- Poverty is another big reason for people going hungry.
- Some people are just too poor to be able to afford to buy all the food they need.
- Recent rises in the cost of food around the world have made this problem even worse.
- One of the reasons that people are so poor, in countries like Ethiopia, is because of unfair trade.
- One of the main crops that Ethiopia grows is coffee.
- Unfair trade means that farmers who work hard, so we can go to our supermarkets and buy things like coffee, don't get paid a fair price.
- Problems like unfair trade keep people in poverty.

In 2010 no one should die of hunger...



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- So there are many different reasons for why people go hungry.
- But it doesn't have to be like this.
- In 2010 there is no need for anyone to be hungry.
- There is no need for children to be dying from lack of food.
- We know that there is enough food in the world for everyone to have enough to eat.
- So what do we do about this big problem? Should we send over our spare food to people in countries like Ethiopia to help them out?
- Well, if we did do that it might help some people for a short while, but it wouldn't actually solve the problem.
- So what should we do?

"Give a man a fish and he'll eat for a day..."



... teach a man how to fish and he'll eat for life."

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- What do we do about this massive problem of hunger – remember it affects more than 1 billion people around the world – 1/6 of the world's population?
- Well SCiAF's work is about creating lasting change and lasting solutions to problems like hunger.
- An ancient proverb says – *"Give a man a fish and he'll eat for a day. Teach a man how to fish and he'll eat for life."*
- What does this proverb mean?
- Well if we give hungry people food it will help them get through a day, or get them through a week or maybe even get them through a month. But after that they will be hungry again and the problem will not actually have been solved.
- However if we TEACH people how to grow their own food, giving people the

skills and the training they need to take charge of their own lives – this will change the world, and it will be change that really does last.





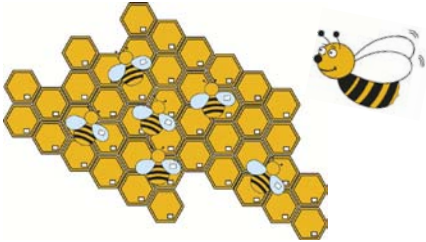
- This is a picture of the Gebreselassie family from Ethiopia - from left (front) to right: Tirhas (10), Genet (18), Gebreselassie (dad), Yemane (6), Berhan (mum).
- **[Hold up the SCIAF WEE BOX with the Gebreselassie family on the front].**
- The Gebreselassie family are featured in SCIAF's WEE BOX, BIG Change appeal in 2010.
- The family live in the north of Ethiopia and have been badly affected by both droughts and rising food prices.
- This has meant that it has been difficult for them at times to have enough food to eat.



- SCIAF has helped the Gebreselassie family by providing a reservoir tank for their village which saves previous rain water when it does come, and provides a way to water their crops.
- The family are now able to get water to their field to grow lots of different crops.
- SCIAF has also helped the Gebreselassie family by giving them farming skills training which helps them to get more from their land.
- The family eat some of the crops that they grow, but they also sell a lot of their crops at the nearby market.
- The money they make from selling means the family are able to buy other food, and other essential items like medicines and oil.
- Thanks to SCIAF supporters, life is now getting better for Gebreselassie family.



- SCIAF supporters are making a BIG difference to the lives of many people in Ethiopia.
- £10 is enough for SCIAF to provide improved farming skills.
- The girl in this SCIAF poster that you can see here is called Almaz.
- Almaz's family, who are close neighbours of the Gebreselassie family, were also given training in using improved farming methods to help them get the most from their land.
- This has meant they have been able to grow more crops and have more to eat

	<p>as well.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thanks to SCiAF supporters, life is now getting better for Almaz and her family.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SCiAF supporters are making a BIG difference to the lives of many people in Ethiopia.</li> <li>• The girl in this SCiAF poster which you can see here is called Sindu.</li> <li>• Sindu's family were helped by SCiAF by providing them with a beehive and beekeeping skills which costs SCiAF just £25.</li> <li>• In this poster you can see Sindu holding up some of the honeycomb from the beehives.</li> <li>• Their beehives, which have over 10,000 bees in them, provide this family with two harvests of tasty honey each year.</li> <li>• That means plenty of honey for them to eat and also enough for them to sell which gives them money to buy other things they need.</li> <li>• Thanks to SCiAF supporters, life is now getting better for Sindu and her family.</li> </ul>
<p>Help SCiAF make a BIG CHANGE</p>  <p>SCiAF FOR A JUST WORLD</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It's just a WEE BOX but the money we raise for SCiAF makes a BIG difference to the lives of people in Africa, Asia and Latin America.</li> <li>• Today you have heard how the lives of the Gebreselassie family, Almaz's family, Sindu's family have been changed.</li> <li>• Please join in all our school's WEE BOX, BIG CHANGE activities this year.</li> <li>• SCiAF needs to raise £1 million this Lent to continue its vital work.</li> <li>• <b>[Describe the WEE BOX activities that have been planned in your school].</b></li> </ul>
<p>We are going to create a hive of activity...</p>  <p>...in our school during Lent</p> <p>SCiAF FOR A JUST WORLD</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This year our school will be taking part in SCiAF's 'Hive of activity.'</li> <li>• Do you remember how Sindu's family have been helped by providing them with a beehive and beekeeping skills?</li> <li>• This is just one of the ways that SCiAF is helping people in Ethiopia and other countries find lasting solutions to the problems of poverty and hunger.</li> <li>• Inside a beehive are slices of honeycomb – a packed system of hexagonal cells. Bees use these cells as storage containers for the nectar and</li> </ul>

pollen they gather from plants and trees. It is this nectar and pollen which eventually becomes the delicious honey.

- Over the course of Lent, our aim is to create a massive beehive in our school.
- You will see our beehive on display at **[name location]**.
- Our beehive will remind us of our Lenten promises and will mark our journey towards Easter.
- Each time we raise money we'll be able to add another piece of honeycomb or a honeybee to the hive.



Our money changes lives, and it is change that lasts.



- Our money that we raise for SCI AF changes lives, and it is change that lasts.
- In this assembly we have shown how SCI AF's support has dramatically changed the lives of just a few people, like the Gebreselassie family.
- SCI AF's work is all about creating lasting change and lasting solutions to problems like hunger.



It's just a WEE BOX but maybe yours could save a life...




- This year we hope to raise **[amount]** for SCI AF's work.
- Remember, by supporting SCI AF we are changing lives around the world.



Thank you for listening.



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<p>Lord Jesus, We ask you to care for and support the hungry around the world.</p> <p>Teach us to be thankful for what we have – like food, clean water and homes to live in.</p> <p>Teach us the value of sharing what we with our brothers and sisters across the world.</p> <p>Amen</p>  <p><b>SciAF</b> for a just world</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Let's read the closing prayer together</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Sources for statistics on hunger:</b> <i>UN World Food Programme</i> <i>Department for International Development (UK government)</i></p> <p><b>Photos:</b> Thomas Omondi, Sean Sprague</p>