

Day 1 - It's not fair (part 1)

This overview plan accompanies the collective worship video that can be found here: <https://youtu.be/xTibtIKGZAA>  
Please ensure you watch any video clips to ensure they are suitable for your context.

Gather 	Engage 	Respond 	Send 
<p>Welcome to Worship Light the candle</p> <p>“The Lord be with you”</p>	<p><b>IT'S NOT FAIR</b> <b>Ecclesiastes 9:11</b> Introduce Fairtrade logo - have you ever seen this on any of your food? Do you know what it means? Fairtrade is a global foundation who work to ensure better prices, decent working conditions, local sustainability, and fair terms of trade for farmers and workers in the developing world. So, when you buy some food that has the Fairtrade logo on it, you know that the farmers were paid a fair price for their crops and goods. This week and next week are called Fairtrade fortnight and it is an opportunity to raise the profile of the work of Fairtrade.</p> <p>I wonder why you think it is called Fairtrade?</p> <p>To help us understand it, we are going to look at the word ‘fair’ If you act in a ‘fair’ way then, everyone is treated or judged equally, things are shared equally and things are the same. For example, a referee in a football match has to treat each player and team fairly, not choosing to favour one side over another. Unfortunately, life isn’t always like this. Many people are treated unfairly, so they are not given the same opportunities, wages or education as others. This is why Fairtrade was started, to ensure that all those working to produce crops for others could earn a fair wage, so they could then provide food, education and housing for their families.</p> <p>The books Job, Proverbs and Ecclesiastes are called the ‘wisdom; books of the Bible as they set out guidance and wisdom for those reading them. The writers of these books looked out at the world and</p>	<p>What things could we do to try and make the world we live in fairer? One thing is to support Fairtrade. Another is just through our actions and voice - speaking up when we see things on the news or locally that are not fair.</p> <p>A third thing we could do is to pray. Christians know that God has a heart of compassion and weeps for those for who life is not fair. So, he loves to hear our prayers for situations of injustice.</p> <p>I invite you now to be still and quiet and think about those whose lives are not fair, who don’t have the same opportunities as others.</p> <p>I invite you now to join in with this prayer:</p> <p>Dear God, at times when the world does not feel like a fair place, help me to trust in you and know that you are alongside me, showing me how to respond and how to treat others fairly. AMEN</p>	<p>Jesus summed it up in this way: ‘do to others what you would have them do to you’ (Matthew 7:12)</p> <p>I wonder how the world could be fairer if we all followed this simple rule? How could you make sure those around you experience fairness?</p> <p>Go in joy, go in love, go in peace as you try to ensure life is fair for everyone.</p> <p>Amen Blow out the candle</p>

	<p>realised that things did not always make sense or were not always fair. Here is a passage from Ecclesiastes -</p> <p><b>Ecclesiastes 9:11</b></p> <p>The fast runner does not always win the race. The strong army does not always win the battle. The wise man does not always have food. The smart man does not always become wealthy. And the man with special skills does not always receive praise.</p> <p>Why do you think the writer wrote these words? What must they have seen or experienced?</p> <p>I wonder if you have ever seen or experienced anything like this? I wonder how it made you feel? Whenever I see anything that isn't fair, it makes me feel quite cross and that I want to do something about it.</p>		
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### Day 2 - It's not fair (part 2)

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**PLEASE BE AWARE THAT I MENTION THE FACT THAT CHILDREN WILL BE RETURNING TO SCHOOL THE FOLLOWING WEEK. CONSCIOUS THAT NOT ALL CHILDREN MAY BE AWARE OF THIS NEWS YET?**

Gather 	Engage 	Respond 	Send 
<p>Welcome to Worship Light the candle</p> <p>“The Lord be with you”</p>	<p>During Fairtrade Fortnight, Fairtrade asks people to think about the world they want to see, and how they can help to shape it. The book of Proverbs is another of the wisdom books of the Bible. It offers Christian’s guidance about living a wise life, a life that God intended for all his people.</p> <p>Proverbs 31: 8-9</p> <p>But you must defend those who are helpless and have no hope. Be fair and give justice to the poor and homeless.</p> <p>I wonder what this Bible verse makes you think about?</p>	<p>Your choices about what you buy do make a difference.</p> <p>You might not feel like you can do much to support others around the world, but you can!</p> <p>Remember when you buy Fairtrade foods, you are making a difference to the lives of the farmers who produced that food for you.</p> <p>I invite you to join me in this prayer:</p> <p>Thank you, God for the Fairtrade Foundation, and for all they have done and continue to do to serve the farmers</p>	<p>What choices might you make to defend, help and bring justice to those who need it the most?</p> <p>Go into this week filled with love, joy and peace as you choose to make a difference through your choices and actions.</p> <p>Amen</p> <p>Blow out the candle</p>



	<p>It is a very clear message from God - defend, help and care for those who are helpless and bring justice to those who are poor or homeless.</p> <p>Bringing justice means that you seek to ensure people are dealt with fairly, so have the same opportunities as others regardless of who they are or where they live.</p> <p>Life is tough for producers of coffee, bananas, cocoa and many, many more products that we buy and enjoy. They often have to choose between providing nutritious food for their families, getting medicines when they are ill, educating their children and paying for ways to protect their homes and farms from climate changes.</p> <p>Fairtrade seeks to bring justice to situations that are not fair. They makes sure they pay their workers a fair and good price for their crops so they don't have to make these difficult decisions.</p>	<p>in the developing world. We are so grateful to the farmers for all the food they produce. Help us, through our actions, to bring justice and hope to those who are not treated fairly.</p> <p>Amen.</p>	
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- Find out more about Fairtrade here: <https://schools.fairtrade.org.uk/>
- A great video here that tells the children more about Fairtrade <https://schools.fairtrade.org.uk/teaching-resources/virtual-visit-from-a-fairtrade-speaker-9-minutes/>
- Maybe you could become a Fairtrade school?

### Day 3 - It's not fair - Fairtrade

Psalm 106:3, Matthew 7:12

See CW Term 4 Week 2 plan for more ideas

### Day 4 - It's not fair - Fairtrade

Micah 6:8, Matthew 7:12

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### Day 5 - Celebrate our positive choices

Micah 6:8

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