

# Giving to charity

## 1. As pupils enter

Play your chosen music and display one of the focus images if you wish.

## 2. Introduction

Ask pupils what they understand to be the meaning of 'a charity'. Ask if any of them have ever given to charity and, if so, what they did. Gather responses. When you are ready tell everyone: **Today we're going to think about how we can make a difference by giving to charity. There are lots of ways we can do this - by giving money, but also by making donations or volunteering our time. You'll see some examples of giving to charity in this short video and, while we watch it, think about what you could do to help a charity.**

## 3. Play the video

The duration is 3' 45". Final words: 'What could you do to help?'

## 4. After the video - Time to talk

Aid pupils' recall of the video and consolidate their understanding of it by asking some, or all, of the following:

- What are some of the main ways you can help a charity? (Give money; donations; take part in a fundraising event; volunteer your time)
- **Can you remember the two big fundraising events that happen in the UK in November and March?** (Children in Need and Comic Relief / Red Nose Day)
- **These two charities raise millions of pounds every year. Why do you think they're so successful?** (Looking for the awareness that they involve a lot of people - eg whole schools participating)
- **Do you remember Isla's story about cycling 100km for charity? How will this help homeless people?** (She sets herself the challenge of doing it; people sponsor her money to do it; at the end she gives the money to the homeless charity)
- **What else could you be sponsored to do to raise money?** (Any sensible suggestion - eg sponsored walk, swim, silence)
- **What did the people taking part in the video say were some of the reasons for helping a charity?** (Not just to help others, but because it feels good; you meet new people; you get to do something new; you learn new skills; any other sensible suggestion)

Conclude by telling everyone: **Turn to the person next to you and tell them what you would do to help a charity and why?**

## 5. Opportunity to sing

If your assembly is to include a song this would be a good time to sing.

## Video page

## 6. Opportunity to reflect

Focus your reflection on the people who rely on the support given by charities. Sit quietly as we think about the things we've heard today... Helping a charity can be a fun thing to do...but the reasons charities exist are entirely serious... There are people in this country and all around the world who rely on the support of a charity...perhaps because they don't have enough food to eat...or a home to live in...or access to medical support... We all have the opportunity to help others, whether by giving to charity, or by some other means... Think about why it's important to help others when we can... And think about a time when you needed support...and what it felt like when someone helped you...

## 7. Opportunity for prayer

Begin with your usual form of address and:

**Thank you for the charities that give support to people in the UK and around the world.**

**Thank you for the people who give their time and money to support those charities...and help to make the world a better place.**

**Help us to remember that we all have the power to make a big difference to those in need of help.**

**Amen.**