



MAKE AN African Advent Tree

Christmas in Africa is very different to Christmas in the UK. Its religious emphasis and more limited commercialisation make it a great springboard for discussion and exploration with your children of different values and of what the season is all about.

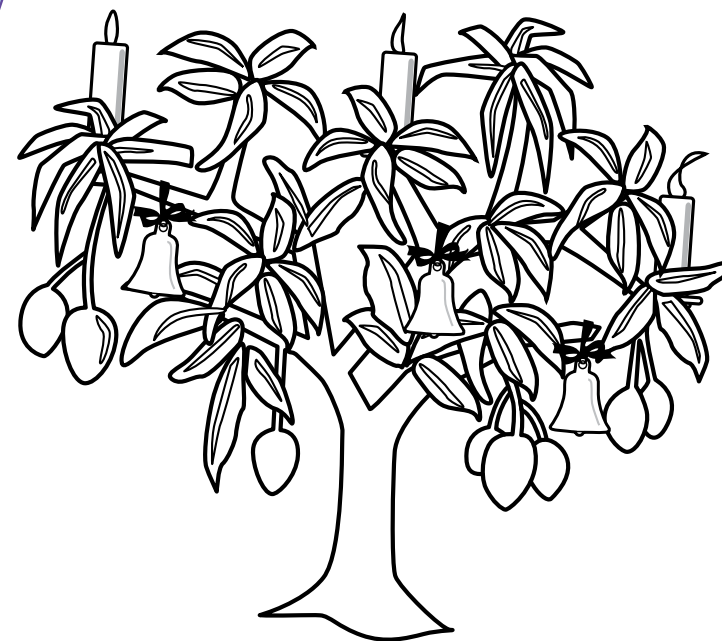


These sheets will help you plan a topic by using an Advent Tree as a centrepiece which can build into a colourful display. Each day your children will be encouraged to do something helpful or fun at home, school or church, whilst also learning all kinds of interesting facts about how other children live in Africa.

At the same time, it's a great opportunity for pupils to help children in families that are less fortunate.

Find out how you can help African families this Advent at:
www.sendacowgifts.org.uk

Christmas Trees

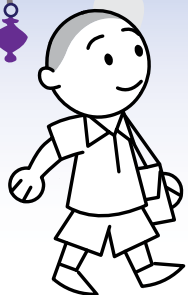


Mango trees are decorated with colourful bells and candles for Christmas. Mangoes also make a tasty treat for Christmas dinner!



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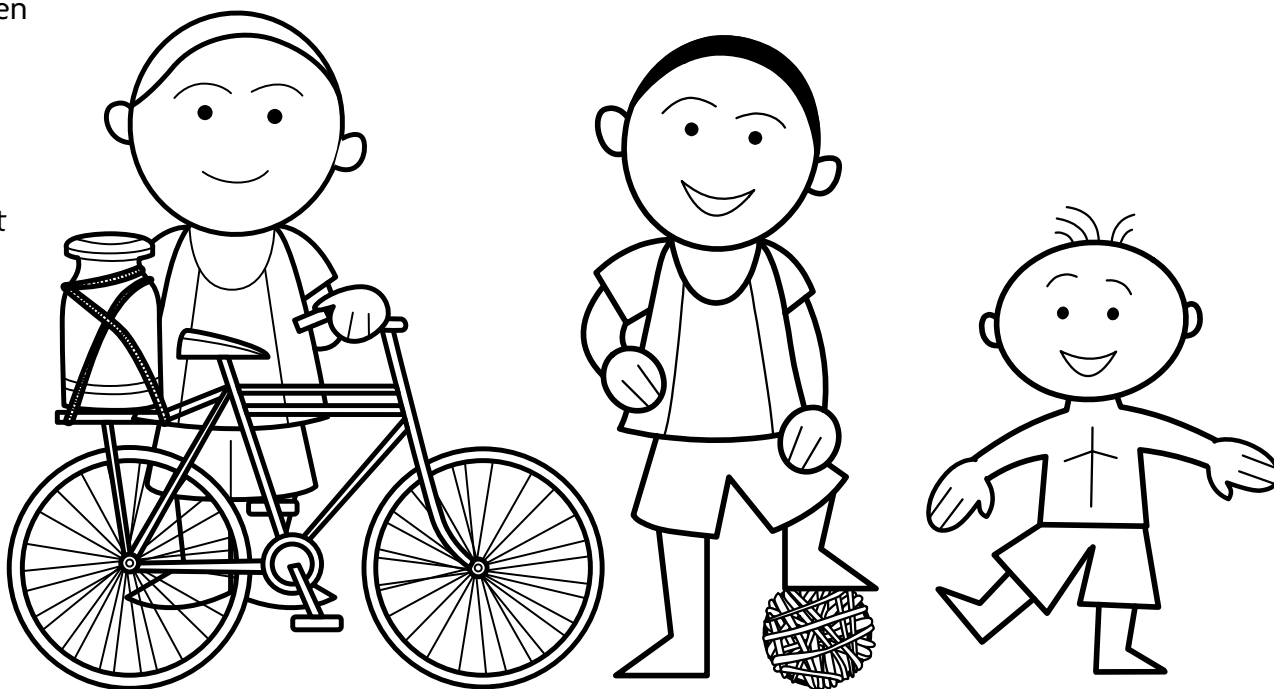
What you need to do

Money raised can be sent by cheque using the form provided, to:
Advent Tree
Freepost RRBX-LYBS-LZYR
Send a Cow, The Old Estate Yard, Newton St Loe, Bath BA2 9BR

Begin by creating your own African Advent Tree using the outline illustration provided.

- Get pupils to colour in the various African tree hangings. There are enough for the 1st to the 21st of December - add extra weekend hangings in to include enough for the whole class.
- Have a giant matching session, where the 'Tasks to Cut out' are matched up with the tree hangings. Tasks are then stuck to the back of the hangings and then laminated.
- Place all of the tasks into a large bag.
- Each school day of Advent, allocate a pupil who will take a hanging out of the bag and put on the tree for that day. Ask each pupil to bring in a donation on their day to add to your fundraising.
- As a class you can decide whether the whole class tries to carry out the task that day, or if it is just the pupil whose turn it is.

- Build up your tree over the weeks before the Christmas holidays - you can also add leaves to your tree when pupils prove that they carried out their task or show acts of kindness during Advent.
- Just before the Christmas Holidays, sum up what pupils have learned and how much money you have raised, then challenge pupils to make an effort to help out at home over the holidays and think about what they have learned.



Find out more about Send a Cow's work at: www.sendacow.org.uk/schools



Resource Plan

Use this sheet as a checklist when your class are matching the tasks with the pictures. You can always set your own tasks if there's one more appropriate to your class!

WebLinks

Read Matia's story and more activities about his life at: www.cowfiles.com/tag/matia

Find out more about Bag Gardens and gardening activities for after the Easter Holidays at: www.sendacow.org.uk/africangardens

Make your own plastic bag footballs and play African games at breaktime using these guides: www.cowfiles.com/subjects/pe



African House

Help around the house or tidy up the classroom

Toilet

Wash your bathroom or clean the loo at home



School

Walk to school, or part of the way to school



Presents

Put in some extra special effort with your homework

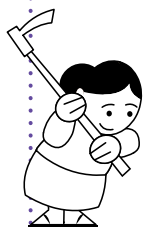


Maize Pounding

Help with the cooking or washing up at home

Water Carrying

Bring in a drink of something for someone in your class



Growing Food

Help tidy up the school grounds in some way, or your garden at home

Africa

Find out something you didn't know about an African country



Bag Football

Encourage a friend when you're playing a game or working

Dodgeball

Invite someone who you don't normally play with into your game



Matia's Family

Find out something new about someone in your class



Orphans

Do something kind for a brother, sister or anyone at home

City Streets

Help out with the shopping, or with putting it away



Bikes

Go on a bike ride - or at least give it a clean!

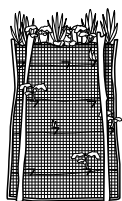
Christmas Trees

Try eating a mango, or something new



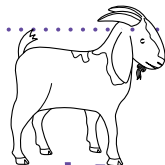
Banana Plants

Make some banana leaves to put on your classroom door



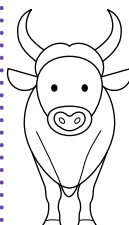
Bag Gardens

Plant some cress or seedlings



Local Goats

Try some Feta goat's cheese



Local Cow

Drink half a pint of milk



Chickens

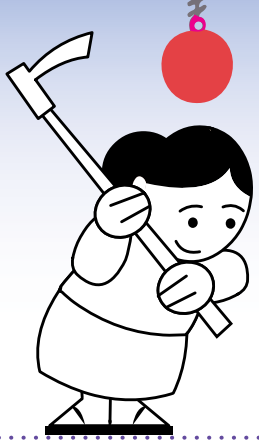
Eat an egg for breakfast



African Santa

Go to the sendacowgifts.org.uk website - if you were an African orphan which gift would you choose?


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Tasks to cut out

Wash your loo or bathroom at home	Walk to school, or part of the way to school	Put in some extra special effort with your homework	Help with the cooking or washing up at home	Bring in a drink of something for someone in your class
Help tidy up the school grounds in some way, or your own garden	Find out something you didn't know about an African country	Encourage a friend when you're playing a game or working	Invite someone you don't normally play with into your game	Find out something new about someone in your class
Do something kind for a brother, sister or anyone at home	Help out with the shopping, or putting it away	Go on a bike ride - or at least give it a clean!	Try eating a mango, or something new	Make some banana leaves to put on your classroom door
Plant some cress or seedlings	Try some Feta goat's cheese	Drink half a pint of milk	Eat an egg for breakfast	See our gifts at: sendacowgifts.org.uk

This Christmas help free families from poverty

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Address

Postcode

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Please return to: Freepost RRBX-LYBS-LZYR, Send a Cow,
The Old Estate Yard, Newton St Loe, Bath BA2 9BR

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