



CHILDREN & YOUTH RESOURCES

Help young people understand how climate change affects people's ability to earn a living—and how our faith calls us to care for one another. These fun, thought-provoking activities explore fairness, work, and sharing in age-appropriate ways.

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

FAIRNESS & SHARING GAME (CANDY BAGS)

This simple game helps kids think about fairness, economic challenges, and how we can help others.

- **Supplies**

- Paper bags
- Small wrapped candies (regular and “special” ones like chocolate)
- Stickers or shapes to mark the bags (circle, triangle, etc.)

- **Instructions**

- Prepare bags ahead of time with different amounts and types of candy (see Youth version below for distribution).
- Give one bag to each child.
- Ask them to try to “trade” until everyone has matching candies—or not.

- **Discussion Questions**

- Did everyone start with the same things? Was it fair?
- How did it feel if you couldn't get what you needed?
- In places like Lake Chad, some people don't have enough because of climate change. What can we do to help?

HANDS & HEARTS FOR CLIMATE JUSTICE

A colourful craft that helps kids think about how God wants us to care for each other—and make sure everyone has what they need to live and grow.

- **Supplies**

- Paper, scissors, glue or tape
- Crayons or markers
- Optional: stickers, glitter, magnets, string

- **Instructions**

- Trace a hand and foot on colourful paper. Cut them out along with a heart.
- Glue them onto a background page.
- Add the verse: “What does the Lord require of you? To act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with your God.” —Micah 6:8
- Decorate and hang the art at home or church.

- **Discussion Questions**

- What does it mean to be fair when someone can’t earn enough money or grow enough food?
- How would you feel if your family had to move because it was too hard to work or grow food where you live?
- How can we use our hands (and hearts!) to help others?
- How does God want us to treat people who are struggling because of climate change?

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

MAPPING LIVELIHOODS + MIGRATION

Explore how climate impacts jobs and movement.

- **Instructions**

- Provide a map showing the Lake Chad region.
- Discuss how people earn a living: farming, fishing, trading.
- Talk about what happens when these things are lost due to climate change.

- **Discussion questions**

- What kinds of jobs would disappear if a lake dried up?
- What happens when people must leave their homes to find work?
- How does CLWR help people adapt and stay in their communities?

FAITH IN ACTION CHALLENGE: JUSTICE, KINDNESS & HUMILITY

Inspired by Micah 6:8, plan a justice-focused mini project.

- **Examples**

- Run a silent auction or quarter auction fundraiser for CLWR's Friends of Creation project
- Interview someone in your church or community with an eco-focused job or small business
- Create a short video or bulletin board about climate and economy issues

- **Discussion questions**

- What does it mean to "do justice" when people can't earn a living due to climate?
- How can your group "love kindness" and "walk humbly" with God through this work?

THE BAG EXERCISE: LEARNING ABOUT ECONOMIC DISPARITY

- **Supplies**
 - Brown paper bags
 - Mixed candy (regular and fancy/special types)
 - Random fun prizes (homemade, donated, silly or cool)
- **Setup**
 - For 10 youth:
 - 1 bag with 4 fancy candies (triangle)
 - 1 bag with 3 unmatched candies (square)
 - 6 bags with 4 random candies (circle)
 - 2 bags with 3 candies (star)
 - The goal is to trade and end up with 4 matching candies to win a prize.
- **Discussion questions**
 - What was in your bag? What was your experience?
 - Was this game fair? Why or why not?
 - What does the candy represent? How does this connect to the economy in Lake Chad?
 - What could make things more fair? How can we as Canadians help?

YOUTH-LED ACTION PROJECTS

Encourage youth to take leadership in your congregation by:

- Researching companies with a high carbon footprint and writing letters to advocate for change.
- Using a free online carbon footprint calculator to explore how personal and church habits impact the climate.
- Organizing a “Fair Spending Challenge”—how can we support businesses that care for people and the planet?
- Creating a Climate + Economy bulletin board with facts, scripture, and ideas for ethical choices.