

## Children's and All Age Worship Resources

Harvest is a great occasion to celebrate with families and young people all of the food that we have and the people who work so hard to provide it. Harvest festivals remain popular in churches and schools, urban and rural, across the country and are a particular occasion for drawing the whole community together.

There are lots of resources available to draw on, and one of the best general selections can be found at the Germinate website:

[http://germinate.net/resources/harvest-resources-children-young-people/?sf\\_s=harvest&sfm\\_themes=Worship](http://germinate.net/resources/harvest-resources-children-young-people/?sf_s=harvest&sfm_themes=Worship)

### **Harvest Hymns**

For a general list of the popular Harvest hymns please visit: <http://germinate.net/resources/harvest-hymns/>

There are lots of resources there including this new take on the most popular Harvest hymn *We plough the fields and scatter*:

We plough the fields with tractors,

With drills we sow the land;

But growth is still the wondrous gift

Of God's almighty hand.

We add our fertilizers

To help the growing grain;

But for its full fruition,

It needs God's sun and rain.

All good gifts around us

Are sent from heaven above,

Then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord

For all his love.

<http://germinate.net/resources/we-plough-the-fields-with-tractors/>

There are a number of good resources available too from the *tes* website which is free to register with. Including the most popular Harvest song from the primary school I work with (it must have been popular for a while as I have had a wedding couple enquire about it as well!):

<https://www.tes.com/teaching-resource/vegetable-rap-for-harvest-or-other-performance-6116169>



THE FARMING COMMUNITY NETWORK

Germinate have a selection of readings to accompany a harvest service available among a host of other material (<http://germinate.net/resources/harvest-poems-readings/harvest-readings/>).

### **Children's and All Age Talks for Harvest**

The Church of England has its own web site with resources for all ages at Harvest:  
[http://www.going4growth.com/growth\\_through\\_the\\_year/harvest/all\\_age\\_talks\\_for\\_harvest](http://www.going4growth.com/growth_through_the_year/harvest/all_age_talks_for_harvest)

SPCK has a set of resources for Harvest as well that can be used for an assembly or a service:

<http://www.assemblies.org.uk/pri/361/thoughts-for-harvest>

### **A Prayer for Food Producers**

Lord of the harvest, we thank you for all who have worked on land and sea to provide our daily food. We remember our farmers and fishermen and those in other parts of the world who have planted the seed and tended the crops, and the fruit of whose labours we enjoy.

Grant that they may receive justice, a fair return for their labour and hope for the future with a stable climate.

We pray too for those who package and deliver our food, for shopkeepers and restaurateurs, for those concerned with the nation's health and for ourselves, that we may shop wisely and with thought for others.

We ask this in the name of your son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.