

# P5-5 – The Importance of Water in our World

## CfE Experiences and Outcomes & TIOF Core Learning

### RERC 2-01a – Mystery of God

I examine God's precious gift of life and can reflect and act upon my God-given role.

## Success Criteria from Core Learning

- I have examined the powerful and life-giving nature of water in the natural world.

## Key Vocabulary

Life giving nature of water

## Teaching and Learning

### Introduction

During the previous lesson pupils listed some of the ways in which they use water. Give a cup of water to small groups. Ask them to make a list of all the things that they could do with this simple cup of water. Explain that water is used for numerous reasons and is crucial to our lives and our survival.

### Activity 1 – Research task

Direct the pupils to visit the website [www.dropinthebucket.org](http://www.dropinthebucket.org) Allow the pupils to navigate through the site, take notes about water, and then create a PowerPoint on the PC.

Alternatively the notes could be used to create a handwritten factsheet. The groups can then report back to the class with the information they have collated. Inform the pupils that this site looks at the power of water for people and the problems if you do not have access to clean water.

### Activity 2 – Research task

Pupils can research the problem of water pollution for our environment. Discuss with the pupils that God gave us the planet and our job is to take care of it. Inform the pupils that water pollution is harming our environment. Allow the pupils to navigate through the website [http://www.ducksters.com/science/environment/water\\_pollution.php](http://www.ducksters.com/science/environment/water_pollution.php) Instruct the students to take notes on water pollution which they will use to create an information booklet on the problems of water pollution. These can be put on display in the school.

### Plenary – Poetry

Give the pupils the opportunity to either work individually or in groups to create a poem about the importance of water in our world. This will allow the pupils to display the knowledge they have collected during the lesson.

## Prayer and Reflection

The pupils could organise a short water service. The priest could be invited to bless the pupils.

## Resources

Computers with internet access.

Note-taking materials.

Cups of water.

## Research Challenge

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