

Curricula and other resources on the Millennium Development Goals for children and youth:

#### Bread for the World

<http://www.bread.org/get-involved/at-church/Sunday-School-Resources.html>

*Make Hunger History*, Grades 4-6 (pdf), 7-9 (order) – activities, scripture, and service ideas to help children/youth understand the causes of hunger, reasons why they should care, and ways they can help

#### Hunger No More

[http://www.hungernomore.org/childrens\\_activities/index.htm](http://www.hungernomore.org/childrens_activities/index.htm)

Activities to educate children on hunger issues and get them involved in solutions

#### ELCA World Hunger – Youth

<http://www.elca.org/hunger/resources/youth.html>

Activities and mission projects on poverty and hunger and a link to an online education program called *Stand With Africa* (includes learning exercises and interactive games)

#### ELCA World Hunger - Children

<http://www.elca.org/hunger/resources/children.html>

Free living simply calendar, hunger coin bank, and hunger storybook (order); link to Open A World of Possibilities website which features the challenges and opportunities of a different part of the world each year

#### Heifer International

<http://www.heifer.org/site/c.edJRKQNiFiG/b.201561/>

*Animal Crackers* curriculum on hunger, poverty, and the environment designed for congregational use (order)

#### Church World Service

[https://secure.churchworldservice.org/catalog/display.php?category\\_id=28](https://secure.churchworldservice.org/catalog/display.php?category_id=28)

*Build a Better World* series of curricula for children focuses on issues such as water, locations such as Africa, and the work of CWS (order)

#### Kids Can Make a Difference

<http://www.kidscanmakeadifference.org/>

*KIDS* curricula for middle- and high-schoolers with accompanying newsletters and web resources on hunger and poverty (order)

#### Feeding Minds, Fighting Hunger

[http://www.feedingminds.org/info/info\\_lessons.htm](http://www.feedingminds.org/info/info_lessons.htm)

Lessons for primary, intermediate, and secondary – good for leaders who want children/youth to understand the science behind the hunger problem

World Vision

<http://www.30hourfamine.org/>

Materials for holding a 30-hour famine event with youth (order)

World Food Programme

[http://www.wfp.org/Country\\_Brief/Hunger\\_Map/index.asp?section=9&sub\\_section=hunger](http://www.wfp.org/Country_Brief/Hunger_Map/index.asp?section=9&sub_section=hunger)

Free world map that shows where greatest hunger is (order)

Child/youth-friendly sites with information on MDGs:

Unicef Voices of Youth

<http://www.unicef.org/voy/>

Information on a range of issues affecting children and youth globally

Nickelodeon

<http://www.nick2015.com/>

Children's tv station site that has child-friendly explanations of MDGs

Youthink

<http://youthink.worldbank.org/issues/>

Facts and stories for youth on MDG-related issues

UN Cyberschoolbus

<http://www.cyberschoolbus.un.org/mdgs/index.asp>

Breakdown of MDGs and progress toward meeting them

Free the Children

<http://www.freethechildren.com/programs/index.html>

Ways for children and youth to become involved in education, poverty, healthcare, and sanitation issues around the world

Episcopalians for Global Reconciliation

<http://www.e4gr-more.org/mdgyouthactionguide.pdf>

MDG info and youth action plan

Thoughts about incorporating MDGs into curricula/worship:

Churches can use a curriculum from Upper Room called *The Way of the Child* with children. The curriculum is designed to help children experience God and cultivate spiritual disciplines. Children can work through reflection stations, one of

which is a "world" station. Here children read short articles and look at pictures of things going on around the world and draw, journal, or write a prayer about what they see. Children's ministers can put information about a different MDG each week at this station. Information about MDGs could be included in other curricula if teachers had a page with some background information and an activity for each goal.

MDG education can be included on World Communion Sunday. Many of the seasons and special days lend themselves to talking about, or at least mentioning, some of the MDGs in worship. All Saints – remembering those who have died around the world due to preventable illnesses and lack of quality healthcare in childbirth. Advent – maternal health, prophecies about peace and caring for those with little influence. Epiphany – growth in our understanding of who Jesus is and that he calls us to care for the least of these. Lent – repentance and discernment about how we can help. Talking about MDGs in worship can offer a bigger – and intergenerational – hearing. A brief worship guide with some prayers, children's messages, and sermon helps could be helpful.

Children's Sabbath is another opportunity (October 21 in 2007). This day can be a good opportunity to raise awareness of global, not just national, children's issues. The 2007 theme was healthcare, but many churches will address more general issues.