# **Disposition:** Being Thankful

## **Lesson:** Two

### **Question/LO:** What does the Christian Harvest celebration mean?

### Why are there Harvest festivals?

| **Dimension of learning** | **Activities** | **Resources** |
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| Learning about religious traditions and non-religious worldviews  *Explain the tradition and practice of Harvest Festival.* | Bring in a doll wearing only underclothes. Ask the question, if this doll were a real person what would they need to be the same as you? Provide some simple pictures of food, clothes, and houses as stimulus material. (This could be done in table groups, if you have enough dolls.)  *The idea is that homes, clothes, food, family, friends will be identified.*  Learn that harvest is a time when Christians traditionally say thank you for food.  *At this point explain the process of harvest, i.e. crops coming to maturity and being gathered in.*  Discuss with children where their food comes from.  *This is a cross curricular link and might be taught in conjunction with another topic.*  *You might want to consider the ways in which schools and churches support the poor in Birmingham – suggestions: contact The Salvation Army or Birmingham City Mission for more information.*  For Christians, being thankful to God for food and other things is not simply an annual event but a way of life ( 1 Thessalonians 5: 18). | Dolls and stimulus pictures of food, clothes, and houses.    Pictures of food and harvesting food.    http://www.birminghamcitymission.co.uk |