# **Disposition:** Sharing and being generous

## **Lesson:** Four

### **Question/LO:** What do believers of Christianity (or other traditions) teach about sharing with others? What do believers of Sikhism teach about sharing with others?

| **Dimension of learning** | **Activities** | **Resources** |
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| Learning about religious traditions and non-religious worldviews  *To explore the sharing elements of Harvest.* | Harvest started out as a thanksgiving to God when the food from harvest would be brought in and a percentage would be given to God. Originally, the percentage given was the food that the priests lived on. Many still give at Harvest time as an offering to God. Today it is usual that the produce is given to those in need. Christians (and others) recognise that giving to others is a way of giving to God.  *Depending on your school’s commitment to Harvest as a festival, you might want to base this lesson on the organisation that your school works with so that the children know what happens to the produce they donate.*  *For those schools that don’t have a charity, the Salvation Army, Birmingham City Mission or Water Aid are all charities that are involved in harvest giving. You can explore these charities on their web pages and if necessary, contact them for more information.* | http://www2.salvationarmy.org.uk/ uki/www\_uki.nsf  http://www.birminghamcitymission .co.uk/  http://www.wateraid.org/ |
| Learning to discern | Some people give a sum of money every week/month/year to a charity they choose (regular income for charity they can rely on it and for the giver it means that they get into a regular habit of giving). This might be ten pounds a month which would mount up over time meaning this person would give how much to the charity over the course of a year?  Why might this be a good idea?  What difficulties might arise? (e.g. if another cause or charity needs their money and the giver has none left).  What about extreme giving, when someone gives away everything.  In the book of Acts in chapter 4 v32-35, it is written that the first followers of Jesus in Jerusalem sold their land and houses and gave the money to poorer people. Later on in the Bible, it is recorded that one of the apostles, St. Paul had to collect money from churches in other places to give to the Christians in Jerusalem because they had no money left to live and give away.  I wonder what happened to the children in the families of those who gave away all their money? | <https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Acts+4+&version=ICB> |