

# Harvest Festival

## Ideas for Incorporating Educational Activities for World Hunger

*These ideas can be used to educate children on world hunger issues, raise money for the World Hunger Fund or to help stock the local food pantry (For example to stock the pantry, the entrance fee would be a nonperishable food item).*

At the festival entrance, provide each child with a passport that must be stamped at each activity/game. The activities and games can relate to particular countries or parts of the world. Once a passport is filled with all the stamps, a special prize may be awarded.

**Petting Zoo** (According to space): rabbits, guinea pigs, chickens, pigs, calf, lamb, goats, ducks.

*Information: Many poor people are taught to raise these animals for food.*

### Preschool Area:

1. *Fishing Game*: Items needed: long string, stick, clothes pen, a sheet, items to attach sheet to wall, prizes. Attach a long string to the end of a stick. Attach a clothes pen to the opposite end of the string. Attach a sheet in the corner of the room to hide the prize giver. Each child throws the clothes pen over the sheet to catch a “fish”-or a prize.

*Information: Many people in the world fish every day to get food for their family. Can you imagine eating fish every day?*

2. *Duck Game*: Items needed: plastic or rubber ducks, permanent marker, small plastic pool, prizes. Fill a small plastic pool with 2 inches of water. Write numbers on the bottom of plastic ducks. Place ducks in the pool. Each child picks a duck and gets a prize according to the number listed.

*Information: Many people raise ducks for food. Have you ever eaten a duck?*

### Possible Games for all aged children:

1. *Piñata*: Items needed: Piñata, safe candy, prizes, confetti, rope, stick for hitting piñata

*Information: This game is a favorite for all children in Mexico, Central America, and South America for birthdays. The piñatas are filled with prizes, candy, and confetti.*

2. *Drop the Animal*: Items needed: Preschoolers: medium sized plastic animals, large plastic butter container, and low back chair. Children: small plastic animals, quart jar with regular mouth, and high back chair.

Place jar or container behind chair. To play the game, the child faces the back of the chair and places their arm on the chair back with an animal in hand. The child drops the animals into the container which is placed on the floor under the child’s arm. Do not allow the child to lower their arm.

*Information: World Hunger funds provide food and animals for hurting families. The animals provide meat, milk, and eggs for their families. These families are taught how to care for their animals. Did you know in South America, some families raise guinea pigs and rabbits to eat??*

*In some areas, families have a room in their house that is filled with water to raise fish to eat!*

3. *Ring around the Rooster*: Items needed: Outdoor yard animal of hard plastic (found in garden stores) Flying discs (rings).

According to ages, have the children stand far from the animal to “ring” its neck.

*Information: This can be used to help teach children the kinds of animals that are raised for food (cow/goats – milk, meat, cheese, etc.).*

4. *Bottle Top Game*: Items needed: tennis ball for older children, larger ball for preschoolers, bottle cap, dowel rod, hammer.

Place dowel rod in ground. Place cap on top of dowel rod. Object is to stand (according to ages) far away and knock off the cap.

*Information: Did you know that many people do not have water in their houses? Some have*

*to walk miles and miles to a nasty river in order to have water ... to drink, cook with, wash with, and often this water is very dirty!*

5. *Cupcake Walk*: Items needed: contact paper, permanent marker, construction paper, music from a foreign country, CD player, cupcakes, white paper, funny hat, duck tape.  
On different colors of construction paper write the names of a different country. Cover with contact paper. Write the same names on regular small pieces of white paper. Fold and place in the hat. Arrange the construction paper in a circle or figure 8 on the floor. Tape the paper to the floor.  
To Play: Start music. When the music stops, a child draws one of the papers from the hat. The child on the drawn country wins a cupcake.  
*Information: Did you know that many children have NEVER had or even seen a cupcake? In some languages, there is no word for cupcake!*
6. *Pin the Continent*: Items needed: 2 Large world maps, bulletin board pins, blindfolds, contact paper.  
Cut out Africa, Asia, Europe, South America from one of the maps. Cover with contact paper.  
To Play: Blindfold a child, turn child around, and tell to pin the continent in the correct place.  
*Information: Did you know that many children in the world go to bed hungry each day? Have you ever been hungry?*
7. *Rim Race*: Items needed: bicycle rims or hula hoops, sticks.  
To Play: This can be a relay race. Each child needs a long stick and a bicycle rim. The object is to use the stick to roll the rim to the finish line without it falling.  
*Information: Did you know that poor children in the countries of Central America will play this game with bicycle rims for hours—alone or with friends.*