

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED MAISY MILK ROSARY FOR PEACE



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ACN UNITED KINGDOM

WHAT IS THE MAISY MILK ROSARY?

An invitation to pray the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary with your school, parish or family over a Monday to Friday week in May. Maisy Milk is a cartoon character that we use in primary schools. Schools are encouraged to make and decorate their own Maisy Milk from an empty milk carton. Some schools use the Maisy carton to collect coins as they fundraise for ACN, but as schools are increasingly cash-free, we encourage the use of the coin cutouts to show the donations given. Maisy Milk provides the means to introduce information in a fun way.

WHY THE ROSARY?

An integral part of the mission of ACN is evangelisation and prayer. With the universal Church, we particularly honour Our Lady in the months of May and October. In the month of October we have our international campaign, 'One Million Children Praying the Rosary' and in May we promote the rosary through Maisy Milk.



WHAT DOES THIS PACKAGE OF RESOURCES CONTAIN?

1. An introductory assembly (to be given the week before the Maisy Milk Rosary for Peace.
2. An explanatory assembly for the start of the week when the rosary will take place.
3. Daily meditations and activities.
4. When you register, access to the short videos of children from schools in the UK leading us in part of the Rosary every day so we can pray together as a family.
5. A free class set of rosary beads for member schools. Our membership is simple and free of charge. If you would like to become a member, please contact teresa.kehoe@acnuk.org

WHY ACN IS DISTINCTIVE

There are numerous charities that look after those in need. What distinguishes Aid to the Church in Need from these organisations is that we are the only international Catholic organisation focusing on the pastoral and spiritual support of persecuted and suffering Christians.

In 2022, we received 7,571 applications for aid from all over the world. Thanks to the generosity of our benefactors, we collected record donations of 146 million euros. In line with the three pillars of our work, "prayer, information, action", by far the largest share of our expenditure, 82.6%, was devoted to mission-related expenses, i.e. concrete project work, information and prayer activities.

PRAYER,
INFORMATION, ACTION

WHAT IS THE CONNECTION WITH FATIMA?

ACN is consecrated to Our Lady of Fatima. From its very beginnings, the messages of Fatima have influenced our work. When Our Lady appeared in Fatima she gave the world a three-part plan for peace. The first is a request for prayer, most particularly the Holy Rosary. She promised final victory over the forces of evil in our own time. **"In the end, My Immaculate Heart will triumph."** (Heaven's Peace Plan | The Fatima Center). Countless saints and mystics have told us that the rosary is a spiritual weapon which defeats evil. For example, St Padre Pio said, "When one million children pray the rosary, the world will change."

MAISY MILK ROSARY FOR PEACE: INTRODUCTION ASSEMBLY AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED

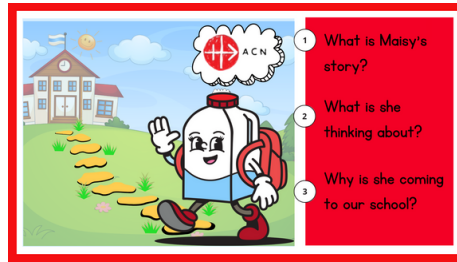


SLIDE 1: TITLE SLIDE

Point out that there are three pieces of information on this slide. Invite children to remember them.

SLIDES 4 -7: MULTIPLE CHOICE QUIZ

Quick quiz to consolidate the information in the video.



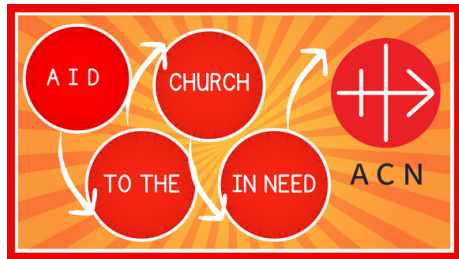
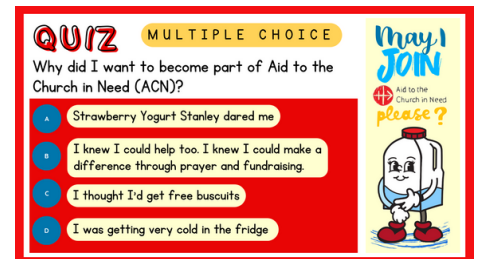
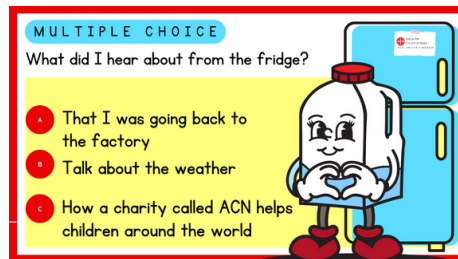
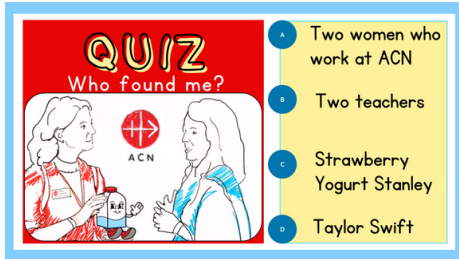
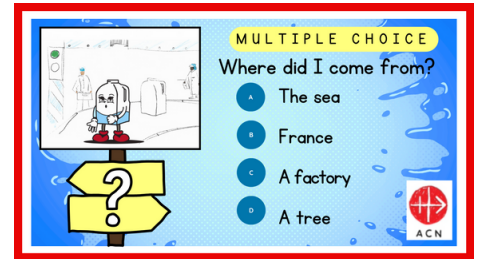
SLIDE 2: AIMS

These questions provide the aim of this assembly. Explain that they will know the answers to these questions at the end.



SLIDE 3: MAISY MILK VIDEO

This video explains the answer to question 1.



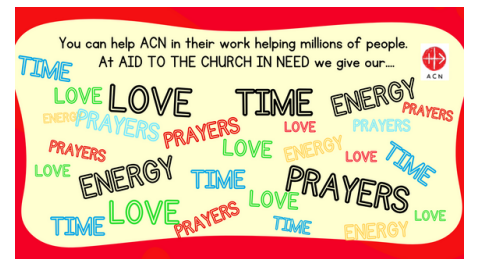
SLIDE 8: EXPLAIN THE NAME

Shows the answer to Q2/slide 2. Maisy is thinking of ACN. Ask children to define/give examples of 'aid'. Explain that ACN gives aid 'to the...' 'Church'. Reiterate that the Church is the people of God and clear any misunderstandings. Ask what the Church does with the aid. Invite them to give examples of 'needs' people have around the world.



SLIDE 9: ACN'S 3 PILLARS

Links Q2 & Q3. ACN supports those in need through 'prayer', 'information' and 'action'. Say that Maisy volunteered as she wanted to do something for all the children in the world being helped by ACN and they can volunteer too. Invite the children to contribute ideas of how they might be able to become part of the ACN benefactor family.



SLIDE 10: HOW

After they have had a time to take in the words on the screen, explain that helping others takes effort but it is worth it, because when we do, we behave like Jesus and make a difference in the world. These words help us to see how they can help. Slides are 11-15 give them the opportunity to think about: time, energy, love and prayer.



SLIDE 11: TIME



SLIDE 12: ENERGY



SLIDE 13: LOVE



SLIDE 14: LOVE

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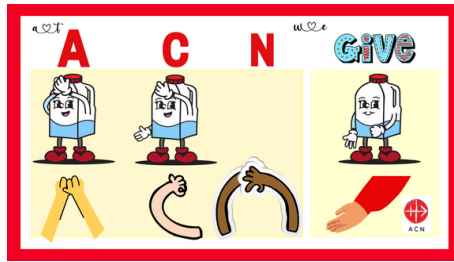
SLIDE 15: DONATIONS

Donations to charity require time, energy and love. Explain that ACN helps millions of people every year through the efforts, time, love and energy of all those who raise money for the charity. As Christians we know that action (time & energy) is how we love others. Love also includes prayer as this is an eternal gift. ACN looks after the whole person: their material needs, their need for family and community and their need for God.



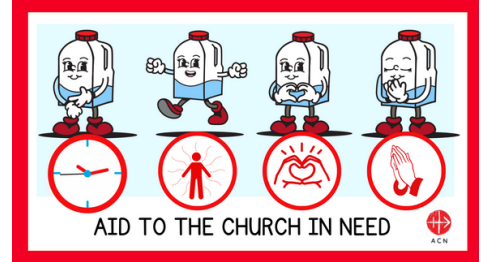
SLIDE 16: ACN DANCE INTRO

Their aim is to learn it and do it as enthusiastically as possible. This will help them to remember ACN and we are inviting them to do. You can also ask them to define the 'A', 'C' and 'N' in ACN and give examples of 'aid' and 'need'.



SLIDE 17: INSTRUCTIONS

1. Children stand up
2. Staff member (SM) shouts, "Who are we? 3. Children (C) shout 'A', 'C', 'N'; make letter shapes above heads (like the YMCA dance). 4. SM 'What are we going to do? We are going to..

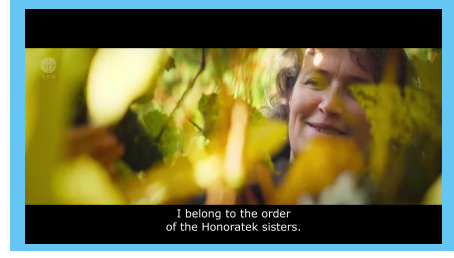


SLIDE 18: INSTRUCTIONS 2

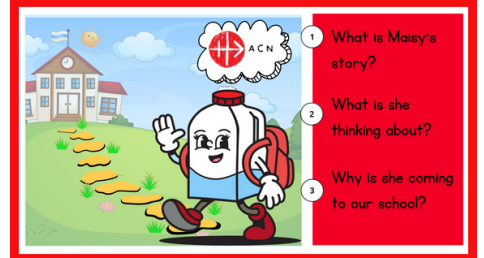
5. SM 'Give (reach out hand in giving motion)
'our time' (point at a wrist watch)
'our energy' (run on the spot)
'our love' (make love hands sign)
'our prayers' (prayer hands)



SLIDE 19: ACN DANCE VIDEO (St Bernadette's - London).

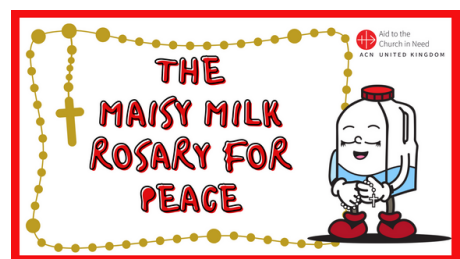


SLIDE 20: VIDEO EXAMPLE This is one example.



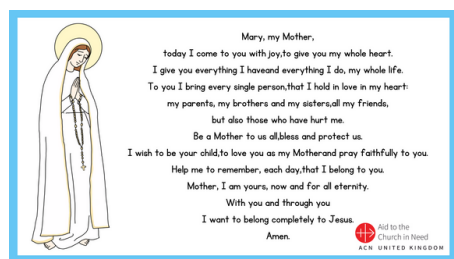
SLIDE 21: VIDEO EXAMPLE

This serves as a mini plenary. Remind them that Maisy is going to be coming to their school as each class is invited to make their own Maisy (see note on page 1).



SLIDE 22: ROSARY

Emphasise that our prayers mean a lot to those people who are having a difficult time, or being treated badly, often just because they are Christian.



SLIDE 22: PRAYER

Final thought: The Maisy Milk Rosary for peace week allows us to come together as a school, but also with thousands of children across the UK!

ACN will provide the PRAYER and the INFORMATION during the week, through videos. Invite each class to plan their ACTION. How are they going to fundraise for those we are praying for?

MAISY MILK ROSARY FOR PEACE: CUT OUT COINS

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Children can cut out and colour the coins. They may want to write the amount raised on the back with their name. These can be placed into the milk carton which has been decorated to become 'Maisy Milk'.

Actual coins may also be used if your school isn't cashless.

