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Creation

LO: To understand how Christians show they are thankful for the natural world.

Harvest

Potatoes



Chocolate



Corn



Coffee



Pasta



Milk



Bread



Berries



Take a look at all of these food.

Where do you think each of one came from? Does it grow or does it have to be made?

Let's find out!

What is a Harvest Festival?

A harvest festival is a celebration of the food that is grown on the land. Christian's Harvest festivals are celebrated as a way of being thankful.

This happens in many countries around the world.

In Britain, harvest festivals are often celebrated in churches by bringing baskets of food to give thanks to God. As part of this festival, people enjoy singing, praying, listening to stories and decorating the church.



Harvest in the past

In the past, it was not as easy to find food in the winter. It was important that farmers brought the harvest in before the cold winter came so that there was enough food until spring.

Now, we bring food in from all around the world. Fruits and vegetables are available for us to buy at all times of the year.

Harvesting all around the world allows us to enjoy different food at any time of the year.



Why is Harvest celebrated?

Harvest is celebrated to give thanks for the crops, which have been safely harvested.

Christians thank God for the food during harvest.

Christians believe God made the world and everything in it.

Christians also thank God for the variety of food and everything that helps the food to grow.

When is Harvest celebrated?

In Britain, harvest festivals are traditionally held on or near the Sunday of the harvest moon.

This is the full moon that happens closest to the autumn equinox (around the 23rd September).

This is usually in September, although in some years it is October.



Harvest in the Past

Before we can harvest our food, we need it to grow.



Spring

The seeds are planted and the food begins to grow.



Summer

The plants grow bigger and if they have fruit, it starts to ripen.



Autumn

When the plants are ready to be harvested, the farmer collects the grains, fruit and vegetables, ready for us to eat.

How do we harvest our food?

Machinery

Farmers use machinery to harvest some of their crops. The machines are big and able to harvest the grains, fruits or vegetables much quicker than by hand.



This machine is carefully harvesting grapes.



This wheat is being harvested using a combine harvester.

How do we harvest our food?

By Hand

Some fruits and vegetables are too delicate to be harvested by a machine. They need to be carefully picked and stored so that they don't get damaged.



Blueberries



Strawberries



Peas

Your Task

Read the sentences and match it with the correct food.

I am cut down at harvest time, ground into flour and then made into bread and pasta.

I am small and black and grow on bushes. I get picked and made into jams, pies and crumbles.

I am dug out from underground. I can be made into chips and crisps.

I grow on trees and get picked at harvest time. I can be eaten raw or cooked in crumble or pie.

I can grow in your garden. I'm usually red, but sometimes I can be yellow, orange and green.

blackberry



potato



apple



wheat



tomato



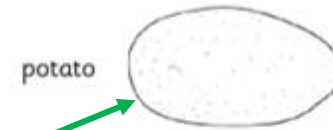
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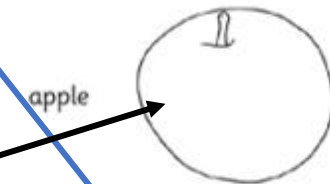
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