

## Collective Worship Plan

Series: Aru, Boga, Chester (ABC) Link

Collective Worship Title: The Road is Tough
Theme: We Need Help to Live the Way God Wants Us to Live
Background: Sometimes the choices we have to make are not the easiest ones.
Keywords: Jesus, help, life, way
Resources: List of countries indicating which side of road they drive (see bottom of page)
<p><b>Introduction:</b></p> <p>We are going to start today's assembly with a game but first can you answer this question – on which side of the road do we drive on in UK? (<i>get children to respond</i>). Yes we drive on the left side of the road, if someone drove down the wrong side they may cause an accident. But not all countries drive on the left some drive their vehicles on the right side of the road. I wonder whether you can guess which side of the road the people from these countries drive.</p> <p><i>Ask all children to stand. Tell them you are going to give the name of a country if they think the people in that country drive on the right they must put their right hand up, if on the left they should raise their left hand. Choose a country and get the children to choose either left or right. Tell them the correct answer and get those who were incorrect to sit. Those left standing are then given the name of another country. Play the game with those guessing incorrectly to sit at the end of each round. Play until you have one winner who has guessed correctly each round.</i></p> <p><i>With all seated and the winner appropriately congratulated continue the assembly.</i></p> <p>On which side of the road do the people drive in the Democratic Republic of Congo. (<i>Ask the children to choose.</i>) Well the official answer is on the right but very often the roads are so bad that drivers have to drive on whichever side of the road is the flattest and safest to use. The roads are often very bad indeed, with huge potholes and ruts.</p>
<p><b>Main content:</b></p> <p>Jesus once said (Matthew 7 v 13-14)</p> <p><sup>13</sup> "Enter through the narrow gate. The gate is wide and the road is wide that leads to hell, and many people enter through that gate. <sup>14</sup> But the gate is small and the road is narrow that leads to true life. Only a few people find that road."</p> <p>Life can be thought of a little bit like a road. When you came to school today, you took a road to get here. You may have walked, you may have been driven, you may have ridden your bike. There were other roads or streets that you could have taken, but you wouldn't have ended up here. You had to follow a certain path to get here. If you'd taken a different road, you would have ended up somewhere else.</p> <p>Jesus said that the choices we make in our lives are like choosing which road to take. He describes</p>

two roads. One is wide, and flat, and easy with a wide gate at the end. The other is narrow, and tough, and difficult, a little like some of the roads in Congo, with a narrow opening at its end. Most people take the easy road, and few take the narrow one. But Jesus said that sometime the choices we have to make are the difficult choices.

When we make choices in life, we have to base our decisions on more than what is simply the easiest. Often what seems easiest or most appealing is the worst choice we can make. The Bible tells us that if we ask Him Jesus has promised to help us make the right decisions and the live a life that pleases God. Today as you have to make choices about how you should behave think about the type of person God wants you to be and ask Him to help you make the right choice.

Response:

Let's talk to God and ask Him to help us and also let us ask Him to help the people in Congo to make the right choices in their lives:-

Prayer:

Heavenly Father

Help us to be the kind of people You want us to be.

Help us to be loving. Help us to be kind.

Help us to care for others. Help us to tell the truth.

Help us to be content with what we have.

Help us to be generous with what we have.

Help us to be more like Jesus.

Lord, we also pray for the people in Congo.

We ask that they may know your love and live lives please You.

Amen

R Afghanistan

R Albania

R Algeria

R Angola

R Argentina

R Armenia

L Australia

R Austria

L Bahamas

L Bangladesh

R Honduras

L Hong Kong

R Hungary

R Iceland

L India

L Indonesia

R Iran

R Iraq

L Ireland

R Israel

R Italy

R Ivory Coast

L Jamaica

L Japan

R Madagascar

L Malaysia

L Maldives

R Mali

L Malta

R Morocco

L Namibia

L Nepal

R Netherlands

R Norway

R Oman

L Pakistan

R Panama

L Papua New Guinea

R Paraguay

R Peru

R Philippines

R Poland

R Portugal

R Russia

R Rwanda

L Seychelles

L Singapore

R Slovakia

R Slovenia

L Solomon Islands

L South Africa

R Spain

L Sri Lanka

R United States

R Uruguay

R Venezuela

R Vietnam

R Zaire

L Zambia

L Zimbabwe