



VERSE 6 BY YEAR 6

A thoughtful RE/PSHE idea for primary age schools

as this year's outsinging leavers leave to their schools
a unique social justice legacy - and Song

STAND UP SING OUT



In October 2011, over 20,000 UK schoolchildren united to stand up and sing out against poverty. Most of them were in church primary schools. Though scattered in place and time, together they made a huge and happy choir, singing the five simple verses of the Count On Us Song. Some also voiced the Promises to the Poor, based on the Millennium Development Goals.

For 2012, here's a simple, no-cost suggestion that many a head or PSHE, RE or Music co-ordinator may welcome for top-year pupils in primary and similar age schools during the Spring and early Summer:

- **Invite your Year 6 or equivalent to compose a simple sixth verse** to the Count On Us Song. (The MDGs might inspire them.) Print out a personalised Outsinging Certificate as a Well Done memento for each.
- **Choose one as winner of your School Outsinging Award** by end of May – perhaps judged by your Chair of Governors.
- **Ask Year 6 to train Year 5** in the new and unique-to-you six-verse version before they leave in July.
- **So in October you'll have a new top Year ready to lead everyone** in your school Sing Out Against Poverty any time that suits on 1-21 October. (The ideal is 17 October - the annual International Day for the Eradication of Poverty.)

For Catholic and Anglican schools, there's a special extra happening to join in – with no further work on your part: the St Andup Awards.

Just e-mail in your school's Outsinging Award-verse and pupil's name to the collection point for your diocese that'll be specified on the Just1 website.

They'll have someone choose the St Andup Diocesan Outsinging Award winner – a happy duty that the bishop might well covet (and sing the winning six-verse Song in October.)



And in turn, they'll send in their winning entry to Just1 – who'll then judge one pupil's verse as winner of the St Andup National Outsinging Award, in time to let everyone sing a happy send-off to Year 6 in July.

Plaudits and certificates all round, of course. And all Outsinging verses in each diocese will go on the Just1 website for all to admire – and perhaps take on board.

And for this year's Year 6s, more. They'll go in to their secondary schools tuned in and ready to lead the way as Year 7 – especially if their new school is one of The 1000+ Choir taking part in Sing Out (and that may be a message they can send in advance). More good news to trumpet to the parents and local press about what your pupils stand for – and stand up for.

Yes? For the Count On Us words, music, arrangements, and other information, see www.just1.org.uk/singoutagainstopoverty.