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THE GIFT OF A CALF



FUN FACTS ABOUT COWS

- COWS CAN SMELL THINGS UP TO 10 KILOMETRES AWAY
- A COW CAN SEE ALMOST 360° -- CAN'T SNEAK UP ON A COW!
- A DAIRY COW CAN PRODUCE UP TO 57 KGS OF SALIVA EACH DAY. UGH.

A COW BANK?!

You've heard of a money bank, right? People store their money there, and they can also get a loan, which is money they promise to pay back.

But how about a COW bank?!

In Cambodia and India, lots of people earn their living by farming. By growing and selling their crops, they feed their families and earn money for things like school, housing, and food. **A cow can really help a farmer:** it's strong enough to pull a plow, its manure makes a great crop fertilizer, and its daily supply of milk will nourish an entire family with extra to sell for things like school books or building supplies which a farmer might otherwise not be able to afford.

But a calf, or young cow, is expensive. How can a farmer, living on only the

crops they sell, afford one? **Here's where a cow bank comes in.**

World Renew loans a cow to a farmer. The farmer promises to take good care of it and, when it has a baby (or calf) of its own, to return that calf to World Renew, who will give it to *another* farmer, who will do the same thing. Get it?

So the cool thing about a cow bank is that, if you give the gift of one cow, your gift can multiply. If you're learning about exponents, try this math problem: If a cow can have 3 calves in its lifetime and cows live about 6 years, how long would it take for a cow bank starting with ONE cow to supply a village of 100 people with a cow for every person?

Talk about abundant life!



A COW CAN PRODUCE 23 LITRES OF MILK A DAY. THAT'S A LOT OF MILK!



COW-NSEL FOR COW GIVERS ...

At \$125, giving a cow is a great challenge for a class!

One way to raise money for a calf is to tell your students that you'll **dress up like a cow** if they meet their goal! Amazon has a surprising collection of cow costumes and masks -- what kid wouldn't love to see their teacher in that?! Better yet, get the principal to do it...

ONE HERD, ONE TRIBE

In 2012, a team of geneticists made a dramatic claim. Based upon their excavation of the bones of domestic cattle in Iran and lots of DNA analysis, these scientists posited that **the 1.4 billion cows alive on Earth are all descended from a single herd of wild oxen that lived 10,500 years ago.**

Whether you find this intriguing or preposterous, their claim has some resonance for us as the body of Christ. **2.3 billion people call themselves Christians, each one claiming their connection to a single man who lived over 2,000 years ago -- a man who was also God.** The mystery that allows each of us to claim this birthright is affirmed in the Bible where we are called "a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people."

Hear those words: we are not a "chosen person," but a chosen race. We are not God's only child, but one of many. **You might call us a holy herd.**

Now all humans form herds. Like cows, we live in groups to meet our social needs and find safety and support. But Christ's tribe is called to more. His disciple John tells us "*By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another*" and also reminds us that Christ came that we might all "*have life and have it abundantly.*"

It can be tempting to only think of our selves and the smaller herds with which we associate: our families, our churches, our communities. But God calls us to consider all of His people, the entire herd.

Giving to brothers and sisters around the world, caring for their safety and well-being as well as our own, brings abundant life to every member of our tribe. **Love is the hallmark of our herd.**



If costumes aren't your thing, get 23 clean litre milk bottles and **challenge kids to fill them with change.** If a cow can make 23 litres of milk in a day, surely your students or congregation can fill 23 litres with change in a few weeks! Also, kids love to use the change-counting machine at a grocery store!

For more ideas, visit www.worldrenew.net/kidsfundraisingideas

p.s. The math problem on the front?

The answer is 15 years.



MOO-RE FUN!

Add some fun to your lesson with a video, book, or game!

For elementary kids, check out the short and informative video **4 Reasons Cows Are Awesome!** from the Animal Science for Kids series on YouTube. The narrator is super-energetic and the info comes fast and furious -- try a listening game where kids shout out facts *after* the video and someone writes them all down.

For older children, Carmen Agra Deedy's book **14 Cows For America**, which tells the story of a Masai tribes gift to America after 9/11, can prompt interesting discussions about giving.

And, if you just need to get kids up and moo-ving, a "**Cow, Cow, Bull!**" variation on the classic Duck, Duck, Goose can get young and old up and running and letting off some steam.

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