

# World Water Day

## World Water Day Activities for Schools

Save the Children

The following classroom projects can be kicked off on World Water Day to educate and engage students on the devastating impact of the global safe drinking water and sanitation crisis. These activities can be implemented in one day or over the course of the World Water Day week and can benefit Save the Children or the larger World Water Day coalition that we are a part of.

### Suggested Online Resources

[www.waterday.org](http://www.waterday.org)

#### *Education/Awareness*

Bring in an empty plastic water jug. Throughout the day/week the student will need to put a ticket into the jug every time they use or drink water. This would include flushing the toilet, washing hands, or drinking from the fountain. This is to raise awareness, not a competition.

At the end of the day/week, students will count how many tickets they have collected. Students will share with each other how many times they used water during that time period and discuss the challenges they would face if they did not have water available at home or in school. Students would be encouraged to learn more about how children in other parts of the world are impacted by lack of clean water and sanitation and report back on what they have learned.

#### *Optional Advocacy Activity*

Students create a video message to President Obama or one of their legislators telling them what they have learned about water this week and why it is important for the U.S. government to do its part in supporting efforts to bring clean drinking water and sanitation to children and families around the world. Videos can be posted on policy makers' social media channels, sent via email or sent to Save the Children to be posted on our blog after World Water Day (email to [goodgoes@savechildren.org](mailto:goodgoes@savechildren.org)).

#### *Optional Fundraising Activities*

*Water Jug Fundraiser*



This exercise is similar to the activity above except this activity involves fundraising. The students set up a water jug at home (and possibly at school as well) and encourage their family and guests to put a small amount of change in the jug every time water is used. Change collected could be donated to [Save the Children](#) or other members of the World Water Day Coalition [www.waterday.org](http://www.waterday.org).

### *Relay for Water Fundraiser*

Students ask family and friends to “sponsor” them in a relay race. Each “sponsor” can donate an unspecified amount of money to [Save the Children](#) or other members of the World Water Day Coalition [www.waterday.org](http://www.waterday.org).

Students choose teams and compete on their school track. Each team will fill a plastic jug with water and pass it to their next team member. This activity represents how long and hard children often have to walk to access clean water.

### **Recycling for Change Fundraiser**

Homeroom classes will compete to see who can bring in the most empty water bottles to be recycled. The money raised from recycling can be donated to [Save the Children](#) or other members of the World Water Day Coalition [www.waterday.org](http://www.waterday.org). As an incentive, the winning homeroom could receive a small prize or pizza party.

