

Activity Objective

This activity relates to the purpose and effect of fundraising focusing on the importance of public donations and teaches pupils how to raise money for good causes. Lessons will focus around the history, ethos and evolution of Help for Heroes and how each donation, no matter how small, goes a long way. This aids curriculum subjects including history, social enterprise and mathematics.

Lesson Structure

Learn about Help for Heroes (Research & Discussion)

Start by establishing a conversation with the children about the history of Help for Heroes referencing its early days and its evolution in 10 years. Our supplementary 'Fact Sheets' will make it easy for you to offer the pupils bite-size information.

Separate the children into small class groups:

- Give children reference materials and ask them to look at how Help for Heroes spends its donations
- Children should focus on the help provided to individuals and families
- The task is for pupils to research and report their findings

As part of this task it is important for the pupils to understand Great British Values in the context of charity and fundraising.

Art & Design

Children can develop dexterity skills – cutting, drawing, sticking and design. Follow the instructions on the money box design.

The children could choose either a fully designed version or one that they can customise.

To customise the money box, they could draw something from the following list:

- Picture relating to our Armed Forces; perhaps Military vehicles, uniform or Regimental badges
- Draw a picture of their hero
- Self-portrait
- Write inspirational words that would describe a hero
- Their own creation

Once the design is completed, they can use it to fundraise. See our fundraising section.

Mathematics

- Coin denominations – when the money has been returned to class, ask the children to sort and calculate the different denominations of coins and notes in pounds and pence.
- Measurement – lay the coins out in the playground. How far would they reach?
- Weight – how much do the coins weigh individually and all together?

British Values

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Did you know?

Help for Heroes is founded on the belief that those who put their lives on the line for us deserve a second chance at life for them and their families.

- Ask the children to discuss why we think this is important
- Ask the children to do some research in to Help for Heroes and list the different ways we help people
- How do the children feel knowing that money that they raise can help to improve someone's life?
- Discuss why charities are important
- Giving time and raising money to help people can be very rewarding and can improve lives. You can improve lives just by being nice to someone or by being extra helpful
- Could the children be more helpful to the people who are in their lives?
- Perhaps they could help other children in their group or help the teacher by being tidier!

Fundraising Opportunity

- Keep the money box at home for a term and ask family and friends to put their spare change in the box.
- Collect certain types of coins, for example all 10p's (or something larger!)
- In terms of fundraising, it must be made clear to the children from the outset on the basis that we do not know their socio-economic status that this task is not compulsory; however if the children wish to volunteer then that's tremendous.

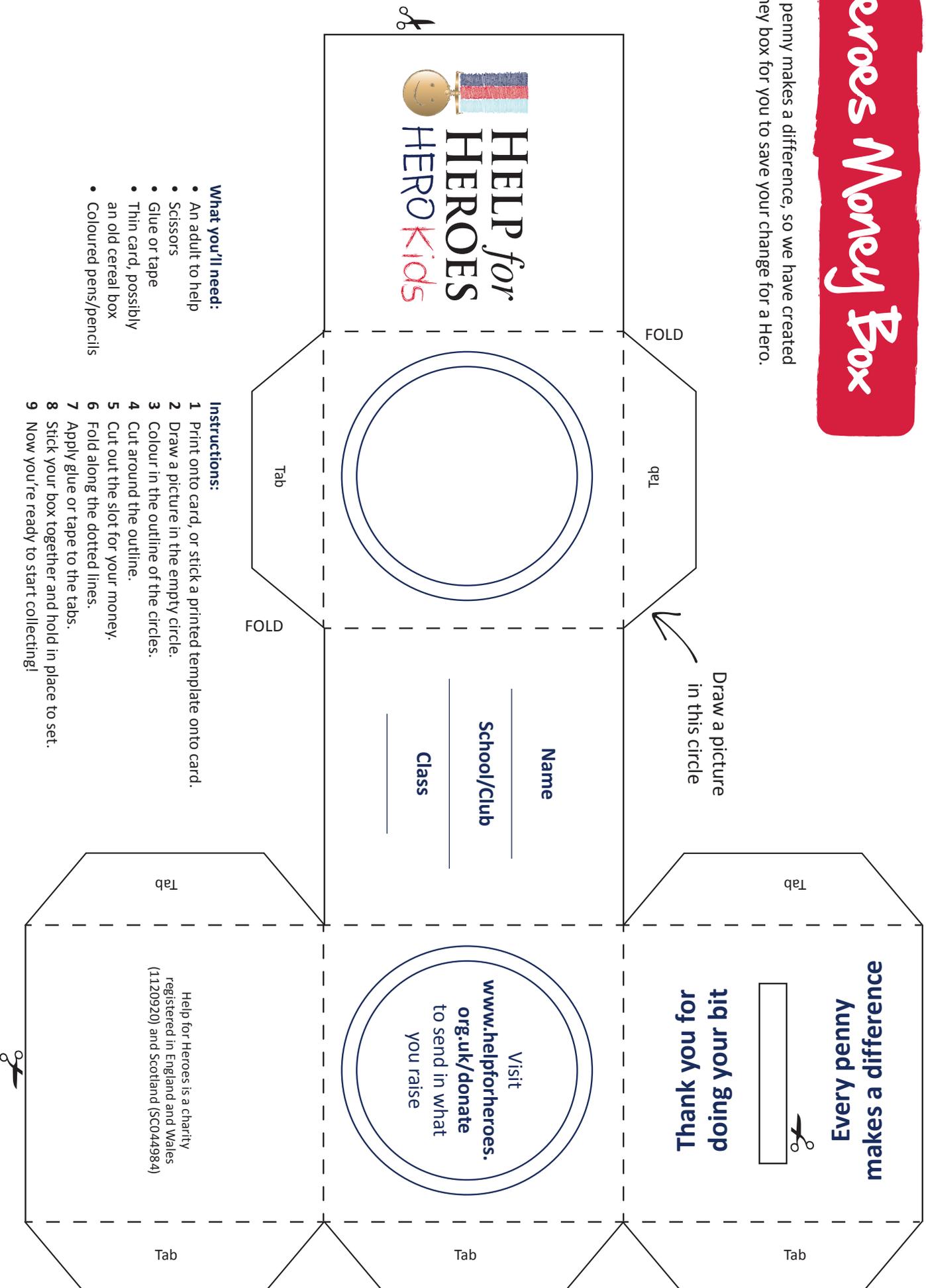
Teachers Notes

Use our Reference Document for information on Help for Heroes and our Armed Forces.

Visit helpforheroes.org.uk

Heroes Money Box

Every penny makes a difference, so we have created a money box for you to save your change for a Hero.



- What you'll need:**
- An adult to help
 - Scissors
 - Glue or tape
 - Thin card, possibly an old cereal box
 - Coloured pens/pencils

- Instructions:**
- 1 Print onto card, or stick a printed template onto card.
 - 2 Draw a picture in the empty circle.
 - 3 Colour in the outline of the circles.
 - 4 Cut around the outline.
 - 5 Cut out the slot for your money.
 - 6 Fold along the dotted lines.
 - 7 Apply glue or tape to the tabs.
 - 8 Stick your box together and hold in place to set.
 - 9 Now you're ready to start collecting!