

The aim of this “Bite” is to make children (and the adults helping them) think about the other parts of the world they live in, and how people lead their daily lives. It can lead to discussion of many issues, but an obvious link is to the Millennium Development Goals. There are several different ways of making “worlds” and it is good to give everyone as much choice as possible. If you do this, adults will enjoy the activity too. Hang up your worlds to make an impressive display, and get the makers to explain their “worlds” to others.

Ingredients:

- **Basics materials:** Visit a scrapstore to see what you can get - card, sticks, string, wool or equivalent, material etc. If you want to use willow try begging some withies from Carymoor, or sometimes the scrapstore has bendy sticks.
- **Templates:** for the quadrant or octant worlds it helps to have pre-cut circles, about 40cm diameter. For simple worlds, paper plates save cutting out.
- **Making equipment:** Scissors, pencils, stapler, felt tip pens, possibly poster paints if you are prepared for the mess, PVA glue and spreaders.
- **Old magazines** for appropriate pictures: Oasis, New Scientist, Geographical etc.
- **Posters** or other material relevant to the issue you want to focus on.



The usual health and safety warnings apply for scissors, staplers, glue etc – keep anything unsuitable for small children out of their reach and under supervision.

Method: 5 – 20 mins (see notes below)

Age range: 3 (with lots of help) to adult

- **Preparation:** It is vital to try some worlds out beforehand – hang these around your stall as examples.
- **Simple “plate” world** – small children can stick pictures onto a paper plate broadly illustrating your global theme. Use both sides and hang as a mobile.
- **Quadrant world:** Use four circles. Fold each in half and stick them together, as shown. Each quadrant can be used for a different “scene” or message.
- **Octant world:** Use 8 circles. Fold a circle in half and half again. Cut along one of the fold lines to the centre and overlap and stick together two of the quarters. Make 8 of these and then stick them all together to make a sphere.
- **Willow world:** 2 or 3 people need to work together, making different diameter circles and fitting them together to make a world. Use brightly coloured strips to tie them together then hang items, photos, words etc on to give a message. Older children and adults enjoy this, but mind the stick-ends.

Global issues raised: Millennium Development Goals or Children's Rights work well. Let the makers choose a “message” they want to interpret and then use their imagination and the wide variety of materials you supply to fire their imaginations.

Additional resources: Posters, leaflets, books about your chosen theme.

Where to use this global bite: Fêtes, fairs, coffee mornings. Holiday schemes and club meetings are better for the more complex interpretations. Older children often enjoy making a willow world together at a fete or fair while their parents visit other stalls.