

Y Re: Special banks for saving and spending

Do you know what a piggy bank is? It's a money box in the shape of a pig. Y Re has one. But she has a very special piggy bank.

Y Re lives in Vietnam with her husband and baby. When she was ten years old, she left school to help her family grow food. Her dream is for her own children to go to school to learn to read and write and to do maths. But school costs money.

Y Re and her husband grow enough rice, corn and cassava to feed themselves. But there is not much food or money left over.

So Caritas and the people of Kontum (Kontum is the

name of Y Re's village) began a special bank. Y Re borrowed from the bank and bought some pigs. Now she has a real piggy bank.

Y Re learns to look after her animals to make them fat. Y Re is very proud that she has been able to sell her pigs at the market and make some money. Y Re has learnt to write down how much money she earns and spends and saves. She learns about staying healthy too.

Everybody works together to build a better life.

Your Project Compassion money helps make the dreams of people like Y Re and the people in her community come true.



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Art

Make your own papier-mache piggy bank and write the words Project Compassion on it. Fill up your piggy bank and help Y Re and her friends in Vietnam build better lives.



Maths/English

Do you get pocket money? Be like Y Re and make a list of how you spend it. Perhaps your mum or dad could help you. Don't forget to put some money in your piggy bank. So that we learn to *Play Fair* and share with people like Y Re and the people of Kontum, you could put some money into your Project Compassion box too.



Dear God, some children do not have the chance to go to school. Help me to make the most of the chances that I have been given and to work hard towards building a world where everyone has chances. Amen.