



### **Let Hope Flow this Christmas**

*You will need a bar of chocolate or some chocolate bars.*

Take a moment to sit with the children and ask them about how they are getting ready for Christmas. Do they have jobs to do? Presents to buy? Decorations to make?

At Church we mark Advent as the time for waiting. What are we waiting for? You might like to talk about the things you have to do to get ready. Sometimes when we are getting ready, we need some help. I want to tell you about a boy called Caleb who needs help and then I will give you this to help you get ready for Christmas. *Show them the chocolate!*

If you have brought chocolate for everybody, ask them to share it.



I want you to meet Caleb. He lives along way a way in a place called Uganda. Can you see any grass? Do you know what grows on the trees? If you look very carefully there are green bananas at the front of the picture.

Caleb is 13. He lives with his grandmothers and other relatives.



Most days it is his job to get the water the family needs. It is a hard job and the water is heavy. Every day he and his grandmother pray for their own rainwater tank, so they have clean, safe water.



The children who have no water tank collect the water from a spring. When it dries up, they have to walk even further to the river and then carry it home. It can take more than half the day so there is no time to go to school.



Worse, the water is dirty. It can make you very sick.



His grandmother has been saving all the money she can for a new tank. Our partner the Centre for Community Solidarity will tell the people who will build the tank what to do and supply materials like cement and chicken wire.



The weather is getting drier in Uganda where Caleb lives and sometimes the rain is so hard it washes everything away. No matter what happens, Caleb and his grandmother need their own tank to collect clean water that is safe drink. With our help they will be able to build it very soon. By making a gift to this year's Christmas Appeal, you can help Caleb and his grandmother build their own tank and help many families get clean water. Do you think you can help?

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Here is what their new tank will look like – last year we gave money to help this family build one.

Now to give you some energy, I have chocolate to share. But before I do I want to see how you go at carrying this big bucket of water *[make sure it is a bit bigger than is comfortable for the children to carry]*. See if you can carry it around the church... Let us pray for people who need safe water this Christmas.

You can read more about Caleb: <https://cws.org.nz/get-involved/give/christmas-appeal/our-featured-partners/christmas-day/>