

All-age talk



Jars of
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You can use this all-age talk to inspire your group to get involved in the Jars of Change appeal.

Download the accompanying PowerPoint at wateraid.org/uk/lent



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We all want equal chances to succeed in life, whether it's a decent education for our children or promotions at work. Where we are born is just one of the factors that has a huge impact on our opportunities. Another is whether we are born a girl or a boy. Today I'm going to share two stories with you. Both are 16-year-old girls, but right now, they have very different prospects.

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Introduce Seido, a 16-year-old girl growing up in the Oromia region of Ethiopia. Seido lives with her parents and five younger siblings in a small village without any clean water. The family has to rely on a water source far away from where they live, and it's the girls and women who are responsible for collecting the water the family needs. Seido's dream is to be able to go to school. But she has never been to fulfil it. Instead, she made the choice to stay at home and support her mother by collecting water, so that her sister and four brothers could get an education.

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Every day, Seido walks to the water source, accompanied by her donkey. It takes her five hours to reach the brown, muddy water. When she arrives, she fills six jerry cans, loads them onto her donkey, and then begins the long walk home again. Collecting water takes the whole of Seido's day, and she does this every single day. Climate change is making her job even tougher. When it doesn't rain, the usual source she relies on dries up, and Seido has to walk yet further to river, taking her 13 hours in total.



Seido, filling up jerry cans with dirty water from the source far away from where she lives.



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No one should have to sacrifice their future because of a lack of clean water. But across the world there are millions of girls like Seido, who are denied the chance to learn, and forced to give up life-changing opportunities, because they are born in places without clean, accessible water.

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Now introduce Malala, another 16-year-old girl, who is growing up in a village in Madagascar. Unlike Seido, Malala goes to school every day. She absolutely loves it, and is working hard to become a teacher. When Malala needs water, she just goes to one of the nearby community water points, turns the tap on, and fills her container with clean water. Malala doesn't even need to think about water anymore – it's there, and will continue to be there for the long term. That's because not long ago, WaterAid worked with Malala's community to install clean, running water across the village for the first time.

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This Lent, your church is supporting WaterAid by joining the Jars of Change appeal. By giving up something for Lent, and collecting the money saved, you can all help bring clean water to Seido's village, and many more, over the coming months. You can give girls like Seido the chance of a completely different future. One with clean water, health, education and so many more opportunities.

Malala doesn't have to worry about clean water anymore and she can now enjoy school and work hard.



Malala after school with her sister Rova.