

Do they know it's Christmas? – Band Aid

You will hear a Christmas song by Band Aid that was recorded in the 1980s to raise money for relief efforts in Ethiopia. For questions 1 – 10, complete the sentences with a word or short phrase.

Do they know it's Christmas?

They say that people shouldn't feel (1) at Christmas time.

You should hug people and say (2) for people who suffer at Christmas.

Band Aid reminds us that although we are (3) at Christmas,
some people live in fear.

Band Aid sings that (4) are the only water flowing
for some people at Christmas.

Band Aid compares Christmas (5) with chimes of doom.

At Christmas, there is no possibility of (6) in Africa.

Band Aid claims that because there is no (7), nothing grows in Africa.

The central question in the chorus is whether people in Africa know that it
is (8) time at all.

They suggest that we raise (9) to show respect for people
with less than us.

In order to let people know that it is Christmas, Band Aid suggest that
we (10) the world.

ANSWER KEY

1. afraid
2. a prayer
3. having fun
4. tears
5. bells
6. snow
7. rain (or rivers)
8. Christmas
9. a glass
10. feed

LYRICS

[Paul Young]

It's Christmas time
There's no need to be afraid
At Christmas time
We let in light and we banish shade

[Boy George]

And in our world of plenty
We can spread a smile of joy
Throw your arms around the world
At Christmas time

[George Michael]

But say a prayer
Pray for the other ones
At Christmas time it's hard

[Simon LeBon (Duran Duran)]

But when you're having fun
There's a world outside your window
And it's a world of dread and fear

[Sting]

Where the only water flowing
Is the bitter sting of tears

[Bono & Sting]

And the Christmas bells that ring there
Are the clanging chimes of doom

[Bono]

Well tonight thank God it's them
Instead of you

[Boy George & Others]

And there won't be snow in Africa this
Christmas time
The greatest gift they'll get this year is life
Where nothing ever grows
No rain or rivers flow
Do they know it's Christmas time at all?

[Marilyn & Glenn Gregory]

Here's to you

[Paul Young]

Raise a glass for everyone

[Marilyn & Glenn Gregory]

Here's to them

[Paul Young, Marilyn & Glenn Gregory]

Underneath that burning sun
Do they know it's Christmas time at all?

[Chorus: All]

Feed the world
Feed the world
Feed the world
Let them know it's Christmas time again

Feed the world
Let them know it's Christmas time again

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