



Total time: 45–50 minutes
Age range: 6–10 years

Teacher's Guide for Primary School Students

The United Nations at 80

Let's celebrate the UN's birthday together!



Learning Outcomes

- To know what the UN is and why it was created
- To discover some of the ways the UN helps people
- To imagine what the UN should do in the future

Resources

- Simple student handout (below)
- Paper, crayons, pencils
- Printable icons (peace dove, globe, book, child, tree)



Lesson Steps



Step 1: What is the UN? (5–7 mins)

Ask: Have you ever heard of the United Nations?

Explain simply:

What is United Nations?

The United Nations (UN) is like a big team of countries. It started in 1945 to help people live in peace, be healthy, go to school, and care for our planet. Today, 193 countries are members of the UN. The UN has many special agencies, and each one does important work

For example:

- WFP (World Food Programme) delivers food to families who don't have enough food
- WHO (World Health Organization) helps people stay healthy
- UNESCO protects culture and history and supports education

There are over 30 UN agencies working around the world to make people's lives better.

The UN and Mongolia

Mongolia became a member of the UN in 1961. Since then, the UN has been good friend of Mongolia.

- It helps improve education and health for children and families.
- It supports protecting the environment and nomadic traditions, and helps Mongolia prepare for climate change.
- It creates more opportunities for young people so they can build their future.
- The UN also helps Mongolia achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Show the UN logo. Say: This year the UN is turning 80 years old – a very big birthday!

Video about Explaining about the UN and its core mandate to children in animation. https://youtu.be/Rn_fD-OfcMg?si=5ik5Q1nCzH4ApNOv



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Step 2: How Does the UN Help? (10 mins)



Introduce 5 areas (use icons/pictures):

**Peace – stopping wars
and keeping people safe**



**Health – giving vaccines
and clean water**



**Children's Rights – making
sure every child is safe and
cared for**



**Education – helping
children go to school**



**Planet – protecting nature
and fighting climate change**

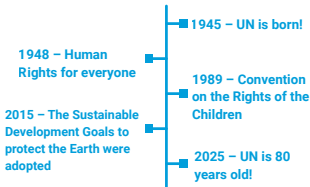


Ask: Which of these is most important for kids like you?



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Step 3: UN Birthday Timeline (10 mins)



Share 4–5 key “birthday gifts the UN has given the world
Activity: Give students timeline cards to place in order.



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Step 4: Create the Future (15 mins)

- Invite students to imagine the UN when it turns 100 (in 2045)
- Choices:
 1. Draw the world you want (peace, school, clean earth)
 2. Write a headline ("No more wars – UN brings peace everywhere!")
 3. Make a birthday card for the UN with a wish for the world

Step 5: Celebrate (5 mins)

- Let's Celebrate the UN's Birthday Together in a Fun Way!
- Options / Ideas:
 1. Song or Poem: Children can sing or recite a short song or poem about peace and the world together
 2. Art Exchange: Children can exchange their drawings of the "World of the Future" with a friend and explain their artwork
 3. Sharing in School or Community: Encourage students to share their poems, songs, or drawings online (if appropriate), mentioning #UN80 and UN web pages





Student Handout /6-10 years old/

The United Nations Turns 80!

What is the UN?

The United Nations (UN) is a team of countries. It works to:

- Keep peace
- Help health
- Support schools
- Protect children
- Care for our planet



Activity 1 – Match the Picture

Draw a line between the UN job and the picture.

Keep peace

Help health

Support schools

Protect children

Care for our planet





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Activity 2 – The UN's Birthday Timeline

Choose one event and express your understanding through a drawing.

1945 – UN is born!

1989 – Children's Rights agreed.

2015 – Global Goals created.

2025 – UN turns 80!



Activity 3 – My Wish for the UN at 100

Inside the circle, draw your wish: How do you want the world to be in 2045, when the UN celebrates its 100th anniversary?

