A Common Goal

Video, colour, 14 mins. 18 secs.

No matter what country they're from, kids all over the world like to play games. Through playing games like soccer, kids learn to play by the rules, to play as a team. But in the game of life, people don't always play by the rules, and the playing field often isn't level.

Using a kids' soccer game as a metaphor for the world today, A Common Goal introduces the United Nations, its history, achievements and goals to children 8 to 12 years old. The activities of the UN General Assembly and Security Council are explained, as well as concepts such as "peacekeeping" and "human rights". Using illustrative footage from around the world, students are also introduced to the wide range of UN activities to assist disadvantaged people -- to help "level the playing field".

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