

# Collective Worship

## Secondary Assemblies Day 5

# Freedom Week SECONDARY

Just Enough UK and The Clewer Initiative

### Aims

- Pupils will consider what they can do to help create a slave free world

### Collective Worship

#### A story in focus:

This is Zach Hunter. In 2014 he was learning about the American Civil rights movement. He turned to his mother one day and said 'I wish I was around in this point in history, so that I could have stood up to stop slavery and made a difference'.

What Zach learnt next changed his world. His mother said to him 'Zach, today there are still slaves in the world. They live in every country, and work in almost all industries, men, women, children, elderly, young, vulnerable and disadvantaged, privileged and unfortunate.'

Zach started to fundraise for charities who work on the front line, rescuing slaves, supporting them after they have been rescued and protecting others. Zach became the global student spokesperson for The Amazing Change. He even wrote a book about how to change the world. Zach is one person, but together we can achieve so much more. If one person can make a massive difference, we all can.

Today we are going to look at why and how to do that.

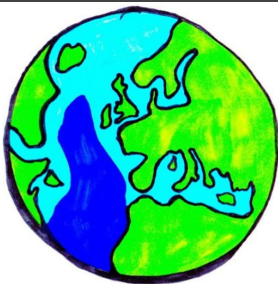
**Start by asking the assembly to think about what they love about the world** - Our world is a wonderful place. We have amazing landscapes, cities and activities to do.

What are the things that aren't so great? (**Prompt that one of these could be modern slavery**).

... What would the world look like if there were no more slaves? A slave free world

I want you to think about everything we have learnt this week.

It may be easy to feel as though modern slavery may never get better, but sometimes we have to remember that our own actions are so powerful, I hope you have learnt that this week. The first step is hope, followed by action and determination.



## How many slaves work for you?

My result was...

30

(Teacher to fill in their figure from [www.slaveryfootprint.org/my-footprint](http://www.slaveryfootprint.org/my-footprint))

Let me ask you all this question.... How many slaves work for you?  
(ask the assembly to answer)

We might think that it would be a really small number, 0 in fact because that's what I thought. I don't have anyone working for me that I know of, I buy my food from shops that pay a good wage, and buy organic cosmetics. But still, I filled in a questionnaire that estimated how many slaves work for me, and my answer was 30. That's almost the same as a class in our school!

*(Use the link on the slide to calculate your your slavery footprint)*

Let's be honest, 1 slave is too many. I didn't realise the probability that my everyday objects were made by slaves.

Which common things that we buy might be made by slaves at some point... can anyone guess?

**Ask pupils to guess, and click through the board at the end with the four examples.**

(Computer electronics, medicines and shower lotions, clothes, food, vegetables and fishing industry are very commonly using underpaid workers).

Are any of these shocking?

There are many ways that I can see us achieving a slave free world. One is laws, change things we find acceptable as a world. The second is that we should not own people, or subject them to this treatment. Next is to hold companies accountable for the practices in their business. The next is to pay everyone for their work.

Hands up what do we think a slave free world might look like?  
(select a few students for answers).

What is the price of freedom? Freedom is priceless. Whatever we may 'lose' from everyone having freedom is absolutely worth it. I would pay an extra £5 for a t-shirt if it meant that no one had to sleep on the floor of the factory to make it. But, and this is important, I would not pay an extra £5 for a t-shirt if it was made in the **same** factory of the shop that sells a t-shirt for £5 less, where the money just goes to another **owner**, another person making profit from modern day slavery.

Often factories produce multiple clothing brands, meaning that the cost difference between the brands does not reflect the fair pay of its employees. Instead, it means those who run the clothing company (the middle man) earns more profit, whilst still exploiting people in that factory.

4 Rescue the weak and the needy;  
deliver them from the hand of the wicked.

~Psalm 82:4

Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves;  
ensure justice for those being crushed.  
Yes, speak up for the poor and helpless, and see  
that they get justice.

~Proverbs 31:8-9



### Freedom Prayer

#### Voice 1

On this holy ground of worship  
In this sacred place of prayer  
We have heard the voice of freedom  
Crying 'Let my people go.'

#### All

Father/God of freedom,  
Who leads us into life,  
Deliver us from every evil:  
And make of us  
Deliverers of others.

### Freedom Prayer

#### Voice 2

Where chains restrain God's chosen children  
Where humans trade in kin and skin  
May our words pass on your promise  
Of a land where liberty is sweet

#### All

Father/God of freedom,  
Who leads us into life,  
Deliver us from every evil:  
And make of us  
Deliverers of others.

### Freedom Prayer

#### Voice 3

Give us faith to face the Pharaohs  
Who line their pockets from this plague  
Send us as salvation's sponsors  
Willing servants; slaves to love

#### All

Father/God of freedom,  
Who leads us into life,  
Deliver us from every evil:  
And make of us  
Deliverers of others.

More expensive doesn't always mean better for the world, but we can research the companies we buy from and what they do to try and stop modern slavery.

Maybe those people held in modern day slavery are not constantly fighting against the injustice, but that doesn't mean they want to be there.

We are on this earth to make a difference and be the change we want to see. We are taught right from wrong, how to look after ourselves and stay safe. The next step is to help others, and reach justice for them.

Read Proverbs 31:8-9 to the assembly.

The UK introduced The Modern Slavery Act in 2015 so that every big company has to take a step into showing what they are doing to combat slavery. That is one form of action, there are many more for us to follow.

Maybe they can't see an exit, they can't see how it can get better. That's where you step in. And that's where I step in too, and we can all work towards a slave free world. One day - *this (point to board)* will be on the news.

The best gift to give? **Freedom**, whether you know someone in these situations or not. I refuse to accept that this is the way it has to be. We can make the change possible.

Everyone will now recite the freedom prayer.