

Freedom Week

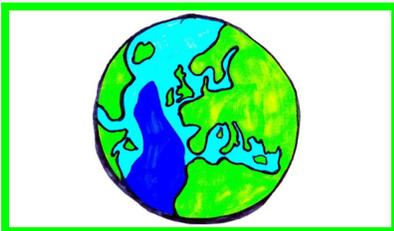
Collective Worship 5



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Day 5

A Slave-Free World



Just Enough and the Clewer Initiative

Aims

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

Preparation

This Collective Worship does not need any preparation.

Thoughtful Activity

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.

How about some of the things that aren't so great? (Prompt that one of these could be modern day slavery).

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

Ask children to think about this question throughout the collective worship.

Recap _

KEEP
CALM
and
LET'S
RECAP

...Will Modern Day
Slavery ever get
better?

How many slaves work
for you?

My result was...

30



I want you to think about everything we have learnt this week, because I am going to tell you a story about our world and at the end we will see if we can remember everything.

Yesterday we asked if modern day slavery will ever 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, then action and determination.

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The earth is the mother of all people, and all people should have equal rights upon it. - Chief Joseph (Native American Chief).

"For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil.' Tims 6:10

What does a slave free world look like?

Let me ask you all this question.... How many slaves work for you?

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!

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?

(Computer electronics, medicines and shower lotions, clothes, food) (vegetable harvesting and the fishing industry commonly use underpaid workers).

Are any of these shocking?

There are many ways that I can see us getting 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 if we think a slave free world would be somewhere that is...



Sad or Happy?
Equal or Divided?
Calm or Stressful?

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

Psalm 82:4



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. From holding people against their will.

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 day 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.



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. And neither should you.

Time to recite together the Freedom Prayer.

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 Phararchs
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.