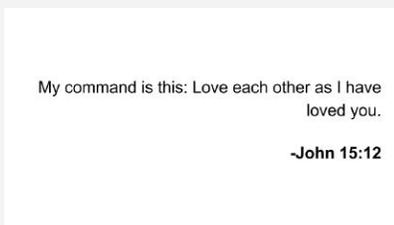


Collective Worship Stand Alone Assembly

What is modern slavery?



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Aims

- To provide an overview of modern slavery
- To help pupils understand that modern slavery still exists in the world and the UK
- To be able to spot the signs of modern slavery
- To know how to keep themselves safe
- To understand how to help those in modern slavery

Preparation

This Collective Worship does not need any preparation.

Collective Worship

Jesus, in John, said 'My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you.'

The depth that this passage goes into can seem never-ending. Yet each time the same conclusions will show up again and again. Love your friends, love your neighbours, love everyone. Treat everyone the same. Do not hurt one another. Do not cause pain to one another.

Jesus always loved. God is love. The reason love is so important in this world is that when times are tough, we always pull together.

Story

You may have heard on the news about natural disasters occurring in different countries. In 2017 there was a hurricane in California, USA. It caused around \$100 billion of damage, and hurt many people. Even in times of need such as this, people came together to help each other.

A travel site decided to open up their holiday rentals to those who had nowhere to live.

One woman went into labour during the storm. It was dangerous enough - let alone to be giving birth! Her neighbour owned a truck which would be able to take her to the hospital. Due to the strong winds, all her neighbours formed a human chain to make sure she made it into the vehicle safely.

These are just a few stories of when people will help each other. These are examples of being good citizens and helping the world.



With all these examples, it has been obvious when someone is in trouble or need of help.

Can you help when you do not know the problem that needs sorting?

It's much easier to help when you are aware of a situation, and have the ability to help. We are going to look at one of these situations today.

Before I tell you what the topic is, I want to tell you that I **LOVE** my job.

Ask the pupils: Why might I like my job?

I like it for many reasons, because I get to meet all of you, I get to help out, I love to teach, I make the world better. Another reason I love my job is because I get paid.

Now I'm going to talk to you all about people who work a lot longer than I do, they work really really hard, they don't choose the work that they do, and they don't get paid.

What is this called?

Slavery.

Ask the pupils: Hands up if you know what slavery is? (ask some pupils to answer)

Modern Slavery

Slavery is when someone controls someone else's life, what they do, their freedom and their money.

Ask the pupils: Put your hand up if you think slavery happens today.

Slavery still happens today, all over the world and it is called Modern Slavery.

Slavery is illegal in every country in the world. In the UK it became illegal in 1833 to own a slave. So, why does it still happen today?

There are some people in the world who do not love another. Unfortunately that means that they feel as though they can treat others very badly.

These bad people are very greedy. They want to make lots of money and they do not care how they do it. They think that if they don't pay someone to do work, they can make more money.

Activity

Ask a member of the assembly to stand up or come to the front, act as though you are a business owner, pretend to offer them everything they've ever wanted and wait for their reaction

Ask the volunteer: If someone promised you everything you ever wanted, would you believe them if they offered it to you?



Often, people hope for a better life and they would believe the person offering them their dreams. We have to be careful who we trust. Remember stranger danger).

(round of applause for the volunteer)

What happens sometimes in the world is that people are convinced to go to a new country or a new area for a better life. What happens when they arrive is they realise they have been tricked and lied to. This is modern slavery. Often they can end up doing jobs such as:



- Working in farms
- Working in a nail bar
- Working in a car wash
- Working as a maid in a house

and they are not paid.



Who may be tricked into modern slavery?

There is no typical description of someone who is in slavery today. Any age, any gender, any nationality. However, there are ways to look out for someone who may be in trouble.

- 1) There is a suspicious person always around them
This could be the person holding them in slavery, they may not allow the slave to be by themselves.
- 2) They may struggle with the language
If someone can't speak the language it doesn't always mean they are a slave, however if someone can't speak the language they can't ask for **help** from others around them very easily.
- 3) Documents missing
Sometimes the person may have had their passport or ID taken away from them. This means they have no proof of who they are, and they can't travel.
- 4) Emotional and hurt
They may be sad or angry if they are being treated badly. They may be missing home and have been hurt.

These are the people we need to look out for and try to help. There are many individuals helping to rescue those in slavery, however if we do not know that it exists, how can we help stop it? This is why we are talking today about modern slavery.

For God is not unjust. He will not forget how hard you have worked for him and how you have shown your love to him by caring for other believers, as you still do.

-Hebrews 6:10

God is not unjust, he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them.

You may feel as though you are young and do not have a lot of influence to do anything about situations as big as this. Let me tell you that whatever small thing you do is 'okay'. If you are worried about someone in your community or street, let someone know. Then we can help save people trapped in this situation.



Right now there are 40.3 million people trapped in slavery around the world. They can be found in every country, they may be scared or worried. We have to remember to love all of those people.

As it says in 2 Corinthians in the Bible, 'Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God.'

Those in modern slavery today need comfort and someone to look out for them.

So, what do we think we should do if we see someone who we think might be a slave?

Tell an adult; a parent or teacher

Call the police on 101 and report what you have seen. If it is an emergency ask an adult to call 999 for you.

Before we finish, can anyone tell me a story about when they helped someone in need? Or if they saw someone they think might have been involved in slavery?

Ask pupils to say 'I can stop slavery' all together.

Now we will recite the freedom prayer together.

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.

