

Freedom Week

Collective Worship 2



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Day 2

The Road to Freedom

KEEP
CALM
and
LET'S
RECAP

So we have left
slavery behind....
right?

Just Enough and the Clewer Initiative

Aim

- Pupils will understand that we are all equal and irreplaceable
- Pupils will understand that everyone has the right to freedom and being treated fairly.

Preparation

Start by preparing a bowl of fruit to have at the front. Include in the bowl at least 5 fruits that are different colours, shapes, sizes and from different parts of the world. Ideally the bowl will be clear so the students can see what is inside.

Recap

What did we learn yesterday? About Slavery and Greed
Is slavery illegal? Yes - who made it illegal in the UK? William Wilberforce.
What was the final question? Does slavery still happen?
You had all yesterday and today to think about it. What did you conclude?

Thoughtful Activity

Start the assembly by asking for five volunteers to come to the front. Take it in turns to blindfold them and for them to pick a piece of fruit out of the bowl and guess which fruit it is. When they guess correctly (as they will have



probably seen the option before they are blindfolded) ask each person/the assembly the following questions about the fruit:

- What do we know about this fruit? (e.g. colour, size, taste, smell)
- What qualities does this fruit have? (e.g. vitamin C for an Orange)
- Where is the fruit originally from in the world?
- Hands up who in the assembly likes this fruit?

After all fruits have been discovered ask the volunteers to sit back down. Ask the pupils why we might have done that exercise? (*Canvas answers*).

Explain that the items in the bowl were...

- Different colours
- Different sizes
- Different shapes
- Had things we love about them
- From different parts of the globe
- Have different benefits

But that they are all... What? (Food, Fruit). Therefore although they are different, they are the same, and all held in the same... (Bowl).

Explain that people can be considered to be so varied, different colours, shapes, sizes, genders. With different talents and different things to offer, from all parts of the world. But what are we all?

We are all the same, all human with the same rights. We all deserve to be treated equally.

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So, why might we have looked at fruit in relation to slavery? *Everyone's the same. Therefore those who were in slavery are still people.*

When William Wilberforce campaigned for rights of slaves and to ban slavery he wanted everyone to have... *freedom.*



Freedom is a breath of fresh air, it is not *only* the act of being locked away or not. Freedom is choice, freedom is belief in the future, freedom is decisions -, whether they are easy or not remains to be seen. But freedom can be simple; freedom is simple. Freedom is ability. Freedom is hope, and knowledge that the future is bright. Freedom can be walking down the street, or it can be choosing to run for Prime Minister. It can be going to school, or choosing who you marry. Freedom is one of the biggest gifts we will ever get, and we are all so blessed for having freedom, and for giving others freedom too.

Freedom is endless.
Freedom is limitless.

So whilst we sit and enjoy our freedoms and remind ourselves about how 'lucky' we are. I want you to think about this: this is not just luck, these are our human rights. We are *all* the same, even if we don't know each other.

Freedom is something we all deserve and all should have, right from the moment we are born. No one is born deserving more freedom than someone else, and there is no one who should have it taken away.

Whilst we protect our own freedoms we must protect others freedoms too. Slaves in the Transatlantic Slave Trade were eventually granted their freedoms. Some bad people still make money off keeping others trapped in 'jobs' this is called Modern Slavery and it happens today.

How many people are held in slavery around the world?

What if I told you that there are 40-45 million estimated (according to the Global Slavery Index) people in slavery **today**.

That's the same as...

8x the size of London **OR** The population of Chile and Romania put together!

People today have their freedom taken away in a variety of forms. It could be the control of their life (e.g. what job they do). It could be the control of their money (e.g. taking wages). It could be the freedom of choosing who they want to marry. It can be the lack of freedom to leave the house when they want, or how they are treated by others.

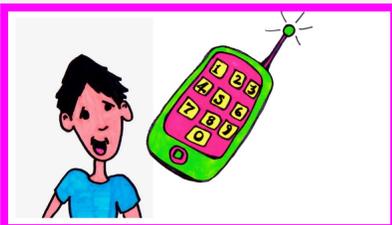
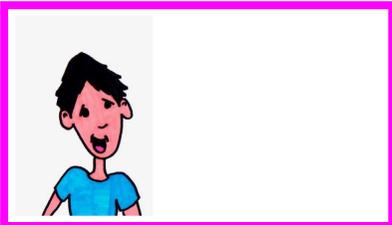
We all need the same things, we are humans. We need love, comfort, food, shelter, family, fun, enjoyment. We are not on this earth to work for someone else's happiness. We are not put on this earth so that we can suffer forever. No one is.

Not.
One.
Person.

This is Radu, he was a modern slave. He was from Romania and found his freedom in 2017 when he escaped from slave owners in London. He had his passport taken away from him and was made to work in a car wash for 12 hours a day without pay. When he tried to quit he was threatened by the slave owners. One night, Radu managed to escape and go to the police, who helped him stay safe.

If anyone tells you that slavery is okay, they are wrong. And we know that about *everyone*. If someone you cared about, a family member say, was taken away, their freedom removed, made to work, made to suffer, made to be miserable, forced to another country or area, what would you do? Would you sit back and do nothing? Of course not, we would tell someone or firstly, call the police.

So, Radu was held in London, which can seem like a very big, busy area.





Wait, does modern
day slavery happen
in my area?

But does slavery happen closer to home, in our area too?

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.

Time to recite together the Freedom Prayer.

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.