

# Collective Worship

## Secondary Assemblies Day 4

# Freedom Week SECONDARY

Just Enough UK and The Clewer Initiative

### Aims:

- Help children see how modern day slavery can affect them personally
- Look at an example of modern day slavery that teenagers often face - County Lines
- Look at the ways to protect yourself and look after each other
- Know how to spot if someone is trying to take advantage of you

### Beginning Activity:

Hands up if you think modern day slavery might affect your life.

### Collective Worship:

Often the story of slavery starts with a fake job offer, a potential, a better life. But not always. People can be taken away from families or just plain and simply kidnapped.

What does vulnerable mean?

*Click to the definition on the board.*

Sometimes modern day slavery happens to someone who is vulnerable: preyed on, tricked. Sometimes they are just born into slavery. Their father was a slave and therefore they are a slave now too. Maybe they are born into a debt that has to be paid off. Or maybe it is just someone who thought they had a new job.

It could be someone who knows all the dangers, but believes it won't happen to them. Or someone who thinks after a few years they will be able to do what they want.

Take a moment to think:

How much life is lost when we think about those who are trapped in slavery. Just in recent news...

'Modern slavery victim rescued from shed he lived in for 40 years'

'10 men held for 16 years'

'Woman held for 8 years'

'Woman born into slavery, rescued at age 50'

'Children working in mines aged just 7 since they were 2'

### Vulnerable

*'vʌln(ə)rəb(ə)l'*

1. exposed to the possibility of being attacked or harmed, either physically or emotionally.  
*"we were in a vulnerable position"*
2. (of a person) in need of special care, support, or protection because of age, disability, or risk of abuse or neglect.



Total up those figures alone and that is 260 years. Imagine losing 260 years. And that is just a few people. Look at all the time that is lost. The people we will never meet because great minds are kept locked away. Experienced people are held. They are not allowed to blossom or to reach their potential.

Vulnerability comes in many forms. And anyone at any point can be vulnerable. Children are automatically considered vulnerable, not because they are weak, but because adults have tricks in order to manipulate and bribe children and teenagers to become someone they don't want to be. At some point teenagers may be wanting a better life, a better part time job, more money, more attention, more love. And there are bad adults who try to provide those things - short term. In order to trap you in the long term, and potentially ruin your life.

**A Modern Slavery Story (Click through the slides when the words in bold come up).**

You're sitting on a **train**, you're 14, it's 8am and you have a backpack, school uniform and are scrolling through facebook on your phone. The ticket collector comes around to check your ticket, you pass it to him, he stamps it, and moves on. He doesn't notice you're a little tense, or that you are on a long train going to the **countryside** out from the city. Maybe he thinks you're going to school.



That's what he is meant to think.

But you have been working already for 3 hours. Soon you will arrive in the countryside town that is to be your destination.

Inside your **bag** there are not books, nor is there a PE kit. No, your bag is full of class A drugs. Your boss has told you the address of the drug den you have to go to. The amount of drugs you are carrying puts you in danger, you were told to carry a knife. The looming fear of 4 years in jail is a distant thought as you walk to the house.



You have to sell these drugs, if you don't make the amount you need, you can't go home. Your boss threatened you, he knows where your family lives so you do not argue.

You met him on social media, he had bought you a lot of stuff and promised to make you money. Yes, you do make a *little* money but your life is full of fear, danger and strangers. You don't know who to tell, or who will believe you that you're is being forced to do this.



You have missed weeks of school this year already.

**Ask the pupils:** 'How would you feel?'

Every day, children are exploited around the UK by gangs making them work illegally. They target children when they are vulnerable and take away their opportunities. The majority of these children are UK

## 1/3 of Slaves in the UK are under 18.

Children are a gift from the Lord;  
they are a reward from him.  
Children born to a young man  
are like arrows in a warrior's hands.  
How joyful is the man whose quiver is full of them!  
He will not be put to shame when he confronts his  
accusers at the city gates.

~Psalm 127:3-5

### Look Out For...



- A stranger approaches you while you're alone
- Their self-description or story is inconsistent
- They pay only in cash and say things like they *don't have a credit card* and ask to use yours to avoid being tracked
- Forces you to take drugs or consume alcohol
- Lures you in with friendly conversation
- Shows signs of aggressive behavior
- They can't show you legal papers for a new job
- They are vague with details of the job role

### You Should...



- Never reveal private information to a stranger
- Get to a safe spot as soon as possible.
- Ask friends to use 'GPS Tracker'
- Talk to a teacher or parent/guardian if you're worried
- Be wary of someone you don't know randomly offering you a job
- Report to the police if you see someone trying to get you into a dangerous situation, or if you know someone else is in one.
- Call Childline on 0800 1111

nationals, but anyone could be put into modern slavery. 1/3 of modern slaves in the UK are children.

Modern slavery should not be a part of our lives. Children especially are considered a **gift**. So we should protect children and look after them, not subject them to forms of modern day slavery or other horrors.

### Think about:

Although slavery can seem far away we need to look out for how to protect ourselves when someone might be trying to convince us to work for them without proper pay or to commit crimes.

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This is what modern slavery can look like. You may assume it is mainly adults that are tricked into modern day slavery. Equally, it isn't just those who are away from sight. Has anyone noticed a friend going missing for days at a time? Say something. Protect them. If we work together we can stop this type of modern slavery from reaching our school.

## 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.

Everyone will now recite 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,  
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Deliverers of others.

JUST ENOUGH GROUP..



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